

Family Information

From The Elders & Ministers

This Sunday will bring below freezing temperatures. So we just want to make sure people are aware that there may be ice in the parking lot, so please exercise caution as you walk into the building. Feel free to drive underneath the overhang to drop people off.

While we pray and hope for "normal" church service life to resume at some point in 2021, we do not know when that will be, so please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back.

Collection For The Russia Ministry

From the elders: Several members have expressed interest in helping financially with the work in Russia to help Vlad Osinovsky in his ministry. We're extending the collection through this morning (Sunday, February 7). Please mark any contribution you would like to make as: Vlad or Russia on your contribution. Thank you.

Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

*Classes and devotionals are
Currently meeting on-line*

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos, Luis Valdez

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is "Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart" (based on Proverbs 3). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Phil will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session February 12 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details about the next session.

Wednesday evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. Contact him for details.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3245	\$4829
Designated:	\$0	\$61
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 338	



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Beyond All Question

*Beyond all question, the mystery from which true
godliness springs is great. - 1 Timothy 3:16*

Beyond all question, God's compassion and his mercy and his understanding are much deeper than human minds can imagine. Truly, our Heavenly Father's thoughts and his ways are too profound for us to fully grasp. Beyond all question, the message of Jesus brings hope and redemption and salvation to those who believe in the Lamb of God and follow him.

The Son of God appeared in the flesh like one of his flock, and he poured out his life-blood on the cross so that God's grace may flow abundantly to those who turn to Jesus; he swallowed up death and was raised from the tomb - *He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16*

The cross of Jesus shows us God's profound understanding of the needs of our souls and his deep compassion for us, as French philosopher Simone Weil (1909-1943) wrote "The cross of Christ is the only gateway to knowledge." And the resurrection of Jesus shows us that God's nature and his might and his glory transcend earthly circumstances and human understanding. These are truths beyond human minds to grasp fully, truths that speak to our souls.

Our Father in heaven has done wonders of grace that he foretold long ago, and he does wonders of compassion for us each day. And our Creator simply calls us to walk in the light and grace and love of Jesus - *Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. - 1 Timothy 4:8-9*

God's words are trustworthy sayings and his promises never fail. So God patiently reminds us to look beyond this world's appearances and its storms and its confusion, and to fix our minds on things above that will never change, as Weil writes, "to give up our imaginary position as the center . . . to awaken to what is real and eternal, to see the true light."

Though we are mere flesh and blood, and we can understand so little, God promises his Spirit to those who open our hearts to him; and he enables us, as Simone Weil says, to "love the perfection of the Heavenly Father even in the diffusion of sunlight." For our hope is in things above, things that will endure forever, not in this world's empty promises and false hopes - *That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God. - 1 Timothy 4:10*

Truly it is good to praise our Heavenly Father, the living God, who sustains us every step and who gives us hope all day long.

- Mark Garner

Walking To The Infinite

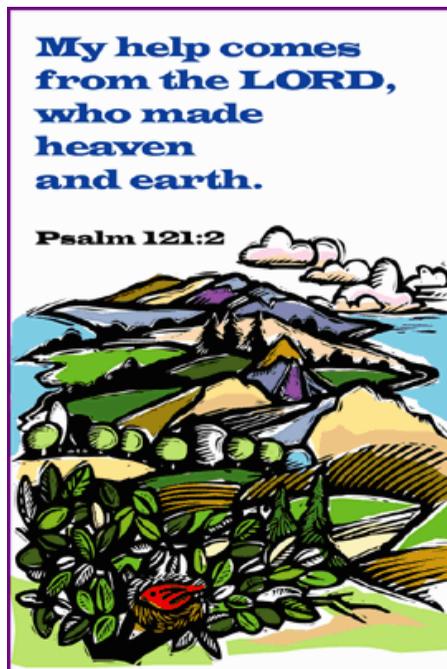
A great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind . . . the Lord was not in the earthquake . . . the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper . . . Then a voice said . . . - 1 Kings 19:11-13

How do I talk to the flower?
Through it I walk to the Infinite.
And what is the infinite?
It is that silent, small force.

It isn't the outer physical contact. No, it isn't that.
The infinite is not confirmed in the visible world.
It is not in the earthquake, the wind or the fire.
It is that still small voice that calls up the fairies.
Yet when you look out upon God's beautiful world
- there it is.
When you look onto the heart of a rose there you
experience it - but you can't explain it.

There are certain things, often very little things,
like the peanut, the little piece of clay, the little flower that cause
you to look within - and then you see the soul of things.

- George Washington Carver, 1864-1943



Immanuel, God With Us

Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Donna Smith writes about the closeness that God desires to have with us.

Abba, Father

For the past few weeks I have been reading and studying in the book of Galatians. As someone whose earthly father passed at an early age, it is comforting to read in scripture how God through Christ allows me the privilege of being His child and heir (Galatians 3:26-29). As the greatest Father, He has sent the Spirit of His son into my heart, who calls out "Abba, Father." This is an indication to me of a special and unique relationship. This is the same Spirit and relationship which Jesus promised, prayed, and spoke about in the gospel of John (John 14:23, 16:13 and 17:20).

As an awesome Father He has promised in His word to be with me and to strengthen me (Isaiah 41:10). I do not have to fear because He also promised to never leave me or forsake me. There is great peace in knowing He is my helper (Hebrews 13:5-6). I am confident that I need never fear abandonment. It says in Philippians 4:5 that He is near. I can go to Him in every situation.

As we are in the month of love I can't help but refer to a line from my favorite my favorite hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go". My Father has lavished a great love on us (1 John 3:1) which can be seen in the ultimate gift of salvation through the death, burial and resurrection of His son. Does this mean I get a free pass out of adversity and suffering? Anyone who knows me, knows this is not true. However, I am convinced, as it states in (Romans 8:38-39) none of these things have the power to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus my Lord. God is with me and us. "I rest my weary soul in Thee."

- Donna Smith