

## Family Information

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### Child Care

If you know of families looking for child care for their children, please refer them to our child care. With our 2 newest teachers, we are now able to take more children.

### What's The Point Of Joshua?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb Dillinger and Mark Garner have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Joshua?"

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#### Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM  
Sunday Spanish Worship 10:00 AM  
Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM  
Sunday Evening Worship 4:00 PM

*For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.*

**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:** Luis Valdez

## On Line Bible Studies

### Current On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details and the current schedule.

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. The current study is on Colossians. Contact Karen for more details.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3710	\$4273
<b>Designated:</b>	\$5	\$27



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## See What Great Love...

### See What Great Love God Lavishes On Us

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! - 1 John 3:1*

See what great compassion God has shown us; we were sheep who needed a shepherd and who couldn't find the path, so he sent his Son to be our good Shepherd and to be the Way. See what abundant grace our Heavenly Father pours out on us; he cleanses us of our sins, and he reassures us that he is always near. See what deep understanding God has; he knows our hearts and thoughts and he meets our deepest needs, and in his unfailing love, God calls us his own children - *The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God. - 1 John 3:1-2*

Lady beetles (also called ladybugs or ladybird beetles) got their name in the Middle Ages. Farmers learned that these colorful beetles were quite helpful in controlling aphids and other insects who chronically damaged their crops, and the beetles' bright shells reminded them of clothing that Mary the mother of Jesus was sometimes depicted as wearing in religious art. Seeing these creatures as a gift from God, they called them "Our Lady's beetles."

Also, God protects ladybeetles. Their bright colors make them easy for predators to spot, so they can emit a warning scent that diverts most would-be attackers, while any persistent predators soon find out that lady beetles taste very badly, so they learn to avoid them. As our Heavenly Father shows this care and protection to these tiny animals, he shows us far greater care and love; and someday we shall see him and our Savior Jesus in their full splendor and holiness and glory - *But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. - 1 John 3:2-3*

Lady beetles are also ingeniously constructed to be compact and sturdy. When they are at rest, their wings are protected by thin, firm shells (called elytra), and they can also withdraw their heads inside their bodies, similar to turtles, giving them further protection against attacks, as well as protecting them from other hazards. During cold months, they can live off accumulated reserves, and they huddle together to conserve warmth.

See what care God gives to each living creature; and see what greater and more lavish love and care he gives us. He sustains us each step, he protects us from spiritual foes too strong for us, and his Son has appeared to take away our sins and to give us the hope of eternal life with him - *He appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. - 1 John 3:5*

God is love and God is light, and when we walk in the light of Jesus, he purifies us and sanctifies us through and through.

- Mark Garner

## Thine Eye Can See

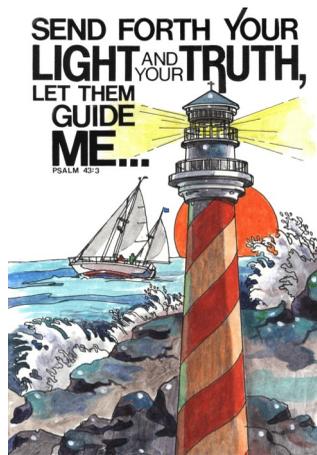
Dear Savior, all I think or do  
Thine eye can see;  
My many wants, my trials, too,  
Thine eye can see;  
Where'er I dwell it matters not,  
My home a palace or a cot;  
Thank God! whatever be my lot,  
Thine eye can see.

Do clouds obscure my morning sun?  
Thine eye can see;  
Do friends forsake me, one by one?  
Thine eye can see;  
Have I no home, no resting place?  
Still opened are Thine arms of grace,  
The tear of sorrow on my face  
Thine eye can see.

When evening shadows o'er me creep,  
Thine eye can see;  
When on my pillow calm I sleep,  
Thine eye can see;  
I thank Thee for Thy watchful care,  
How sweet Thy tender love to share,  
And know that every grief I bear  
Thine eye can see.

- Mary Ann Pepper Kidder, 1820–1905

*Poet and story writer Mary Ann Kidder began writing poetry in her teens. She lost her eyesight at 16, but recovered it the following year. She regularly had her poems published in numerous literary publications; besides her poems and short stories, she wrote the words to at least 200 hymns.*



## Renewed Inwardly Day By Day

*This world's futile thinking may perplex us, and its empty ways may hard press us, so in our Heavenly Father's unfailing care he renews us inwardly day by day. This week, Steve Carver writes about the ways that God can renew us from this world's disappointments, fears, and sorrows.*

### Where Do You Want To Go On Your Next Vacation?

Why do we take vacations; why does our culture expect us to take them? One reason, from a worldly vantage point, is that vacations can refresh us and enable us to be more productive. They give us a chance to temporarily escape the often tiring routine of everyday life with all its responsibilities, stresses, and strains. They give us a chance to connect or reconnect with people, activities, and/or locations that are meaningful to us. They give us an opportunity to unwind and "recharge our batteries."

But there is a kind of world weariness that vacations, hobbies, exercise/sports, or other types of activity can do little or nothing to alleviate. This kind of struggle can include: a disappointment or betrayal in/by our own actions or that of others, guilt, unforgiveness, anger, anxiety/worry, conflict, and loss or illness of a loved one, to name a few. We can find ourselves crying out with the disciples in Matthew: *Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (Matthew 8:24-25).* How do we find a safe harbor to help us recover from such deep wounds and renew our psyche and spirit?

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. (Lamentations 3:22-24)*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)*

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)*

So, where and with whom can we go on our metaphorical vacation, one that will help us find the rest and renewal that we all crave from our heavy world weariness? As Peter said,

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:68)*

- Steve Carver