

## Family Information

### Today's Schedule

Today, the 9:00 Bible class in E44 and the Sunday afternoon 4:00 worship assembly in E44 will not be meeting. Both of them will resume meeting next Sunday, July 10.

### Wednesday Service Meeting This Week

There will be a service meeting this Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 PM. The first Wednesday of every month will be devoted to children's ministry, including Sunday ministry and our Child Care. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

### Family Fun Friday This Week

This Friday July 8th from 6:30-8:30 pm will be Northland's Family Fun Friday at the church building - if you'd like to participate or have questions, see Caleb.

### What's The Point Of 2 Samuel?

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 2 Samuel?"

### Camp Updates

July 17th through July 23rd is Northland's camp week with Bill Hopkins at Fort Hill. If you sign up today the cost is \$190; after that the cost is \$200. July 24th through 30th is Northland's 2nd camp week with Nick Strawser at NWOCYC, and the cost is \$200. If you plan to go to either of these, sign up in advance to avoid possible registration delays. If you have any questions or if you can help out in any way for either week, see Josh Evans.

### Wednesday Singing Practice

Northland's praise team is looking for additional people. Anyone who would be interested, can sing, preferably can read music, and would like to join us for a practice, please let Don or someone in the praise team know, so we can plan for you. We usually practice Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, in the auditorium.

### 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

### Children's Classes

We now have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them will begin after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details.

The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. The classes already have teachers, so this is a good opportunity for training. These positions are staggered so that no one needs to serve for extended periods. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

### Parking Reminder From The Elders

Please note that the access roads along the front and sides of the building need to be clear to allow easy access for emergency equipment, and it is a fire code violation to park in these areas. We can continue to park temporarily in these areas for loading and unloading, as long as we move afterwards. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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 in Philippians. Contact Karen for more details.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5051	\$4469
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$43



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## Our Struggle Is Not Against...

Our Struggle Is Not Against Flesh & Blood

*Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. - Ephesians 6:11-12*

In this world, we face sorrows and troubles and fears, yet our deepest struggle is not against flesh and blood. In our walk with our Heavenly Father, we must also face spiritual foes who are too strong for us, and whom we cannot overcome by human strength or human ability. God patiently reminds us instead to let him clothe us with spiritual 'armor' - *Therefore put on the full armor of God. - Ephesians 6:13*

In science and literature, the mongoose (a mammal about 1-2 feet long; the name 'mongoose' comes from its name in the languages of India) is known for its ability to face and overcome the world's most venomous snakes. They live in areas where they often have to face snakes like cobras, when size or strength alone cannot protect an animal from their strong venom.

Instead the mongoose relies on different defenses. They are remarkably agile, and they also possess a specialized type of protein that can neutralize enough snake venom to withstand one or two snakebites. Similarly, God also protects those who trust in him from the deceiver's cruel snares and venomous reproaches - *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. - Ephesians 6:14-15*

While mongooses can withstand a snakebite or two, they are not completely immune to snake venom; so they must remain alert and study the snake's moves carefully, and they only take on these snakes when their paths cross. Similarly, God teaches us his truths through the Word, Jesus extinguishes the accuser's taunts, and our Heavenly Father also reminds us to walk by faith in Jesus rather than trusting in human reasoning that can lead us astray - *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. - Ephesians 6:16-17*

God equips the mongoose, as well as a few other animals, to withstand venomous bites and stings as long as they use their defenses aptly. Likewise, God equips us to stand against spiritual foes when we remain close to our Heavenly Father, put our faith in him, and prayerfully put our times in his hands - *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. - Ephesians 6:18*

It is good to be near God.

- Mark Garner

## Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feed on Thee today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Thy grace divine.

The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n,  
The filial joy of heirs of Heav'n,  
Grant as we share this wondrous food  
Thy body broken and Thy blood.

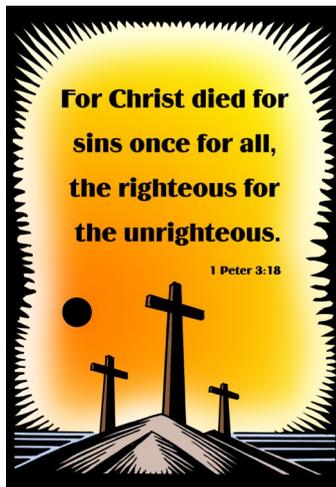
Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word;  
All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,  
All that Thou art we here receive,  
And all we are to Thee we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we  
United by our life in Thee,  
Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come  
To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
To keep us steadfast to that day  
That each may be Thy welcomed guest  
When Thou shalt spread Thy heavenly feast.

- Henry Eyster Jacobs, 1844–1932

*College Latin and History teacher Henry Jacobs wrote several books about church history as well as a number of biographies.*



## Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

*Jesus is often described as our good Shepherd, for all of the ways he cares for us, guides us, and protects us. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about all the ways over the centuries that our Heavenly Father has been a Shepherd for those who put our faith in him.*

## God, Our Good Shepherd

I have been reading "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People". The editors of "The Story" have chosen passages from the Bible that create an overall flow of the BIG picture of the Bible. As I have been reading, I see God shepherding his people over and over, in all situations. Just like a shepherd cares for his flock, God leads, guides, protects, provides, and deeply cares for His people. This same Heavenly Father who shepherds his people through many situations, also wants to shepherd us through our lives and into an eternity with Him. Some examples of are as follows:

God shepherded Adam and Eve away from the Garden of Eden, to protect them from eating from the Tree of Life.

God shepherded Noah, his family and a pair of all animals into a vessel that carried them away from wickedness and corruption.

God shepherded Abraham away from his hometown idol worship into a relationship with the one and only true God.

God shepherded Joseph into Egypt where his misfortune turned into a blessing for his family and future generations.

God shepherded Moses and His people out of the land of slavery and into a covenant relationship with Him.

God shepherded the Lamb of God (Jesus) through his slaughter in order that we might be healed of our guilt and wrongdoing.

How has God been a shepherd in your life? How will you allow Him to shepherd you in the future?

- Peggy Kaiser