

## Family Information

### Work Day On August 20

There will be a work/clean-up day on Saturday, August 20th. If it rains, then the following Saturday, August 27th, will be the backup date. See Mike Evans for further information.

### Next Wednesday Service Meeting

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 PM. The third Wednesday of every month will be focused on outreach opportunities, meaning anything to do with non-Northland members. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

### What's The Point Of 1 Kings?

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 1 Kings?"

### 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.

#### 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 in Philippians. 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>	\$3790	\$4444
<b>Designated:</b>	\$75	\$41



**4581 Cleveland Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43231  
(614) 410-5860**

Website  
ncocfamily.org

August 7, 2022  
Volume 31, Number 32

## With The Lord At Our Right Hand

*Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing. - Psalm 16:1-2*

With the Lord at our side we can find refuge from this world's disorders and storms; with our Heavenly Father near we can find peace and hope amidst this world's confusion and harshness. The Lord alone makes our futures secure, and he gives an eternal inheritance to those who seek him with our hearts - *Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. - Psalm 16:5-6*

A Byzantine official named Symeon (949-1022, his full name is unknown) had been born to a prominent family, and he had risen to become an imperial senator in the Byzantine Empire. Yet at the same time, Symeon was learning about God and God's desire for us to know him through his Son, so he eventually decided to devote himself completely to learning about and teaching and writing about the message of Jesus.

He became known to history as Symeon "The New Theologian", for in his writings he focuses on the nearness of God and what it means to us. As Symeon writes in a poem, "You have flooded my heart with the light of your way . . . Now I am joined soul and spirit present in your Presence." For indeed the Lord is at our right hand, ready to give us guidance and care and grace when we call on him in truth - *I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. - Psalm 16:7-8*

God is near with us all, and he waits patiently for each of us to open our hearts and minds to him. Symeon's poem continues, "Your Presence that has waited long in me . . . Your Presence all at once revealing your Paradise alive with every good green thing." For the presence of our Heavenly Father is all around us, and each of his creations tells us about him.

As Symeon wrote, "Each little flower speaks a truth: humility and joy, peace, oh peace, kindness, compassion, the turning of the soul, and the flood of tears and the strange ecstasy of those bathed in your light." God makes known to us the path of life, and it leads us to eternal life with him - *You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. - Psalm 16:11*

For God has prepared an eternal home for those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner

## He Is Just The Same Today

Have you ever heard how Jesus walked upon the stormy sea?  
While the little ship was tossing on the sea of Galilee;  
How he rescued sinking Peter filled with terror and dismay;  
Weary sinner, let me tell you, He is just the same today.

Once while resting on a pillow, in the vessel fast asleep,  
There arose a mighty tempest, on the wild and angry deep;  
Peace, be still, the Lord commanded, every angry wave did stay;  
O, I'm glad to tell you, sinner, He is just the same today.

Surely you have heard how Jesus prayed in sad Gethsemane,  
How he shed his precious life blood on the cross of Calvary –  
How he cried, salvation's finished, as his Spirit passed away;  
Come, ye weary, heavy laden, He is just the same today.

- Henry Harrison Hadley, 1841-1903

*Ohioan Henry Hadley suffered several severe injuries, including the amputation of his leg, while serving in the Civil War. While recovering, he turned to Jesus; later, he started a ministry helping those struggling with alcoholism and similar problems, and he also wrote the words to about a dozen hymns.*

## Golden Harps Are Sounding

Golden harps are sounding, angels voices sing,  
Pearly gates are opened, opened for the King;  
Jesus, King of glory, Jesus, King of love,  
Is gone up in triumph, to His throne above.

He who came to save us, He who bled and died,  
Now is crowned with glory at His Father's side.  
From the grave arisen, nevermore to die;  
Jesus, King of glory, is gone up on high.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

*Frances Havergal wrote this while she was visiting a school, where the students had encouraged her.*

## 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, Donna Smith writes about how the scriptures teach us about our Shepherd and our need for him in many ways.*

## The Good Shepherd

As part of my grade school curriculum, I was expected to commit quite a few things to memory. A few examples are poems, quotes, speeches, songs and scriptures. Some of these I still remember clearly and others I am reminded of only in special circumstances or life events. It seems the ones which inspired or were useful for inspiration were the easiest to hold in memory.

One of the earliest scriptures I was required to memorize was Psalm 23. Of all the scriptures, I've memorized, this one is the easiest to recall. Even when overwhelmed, stressed, fearful, discouraged, or weary, I always seem to be able to recall The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want. As a primary or grade school student I did not understand exactly what the passage meant. I didn't really begin to grasp it's true meaning until after becoming a Christian in 1979. However, back prior to January 1979, I would never have admitted this. I am not afraid to admit that I continue learning more about its meaning even today.

After having been a Christian for a while, I began to see the shepherd theme throughout the bible. I read in John 10 the account of Jesus referring to himself as the good shepherd. It was in this chapter I really began to see myself as a sheep in need of a good shepherd. In John 10:11 I'm taught that the good shepherd is willing and did later in scripture lay down his life for me. It is easy to see from verses 14 and 15 that Jesus really knows me and sees me as valuable.

In my life I have been distracted by many hired hands, thieves and robbers. These have presented me with very attractive counterfeit pastures. In true sheep fashion, I've wandered away from the flock. Jesus, as the good shepherd, (Matthew 18:12) has always come looking for me. Also, as in Psalm 23:3 He has restored my soul and guided me in paths of righteousness. The distractions are numerous but, in His word, He provides guidance for me to be able to dwell in His house forever. (Psalm 23:6) In John 10:28, I am assured that as a follower of Christ I have eternal life and no one can snatch me from Him. With the good shepherd I have a love that will indeed not let me go.

- Donna Smith