

## Family Information

### Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: **jelly**, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hot cereal, coffee, tea, saltine crackers.

**Easter Lilies**—On Easter Sunday we will once again have a beautiful display of Memorial Easter Lilies on the stage during Worship. Lilies can be ordered in memory of a loved one for \$6. The names of those who are being memorialized will be in the bulletin that morning. After morning worship on Easter you may take your lily home or give it to another loved one or someone who could use encouragement. If you would like to order a Lily in memory of a loved one you may do so at the desk in the lobby today. You may also see Tanya Roberts or Diana Morris to place your order. No orders accepted after March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Mother/Daughter Brunch** - There will be a Mother/Daughter Brunch on March 19th from 10-11 a.m. in the annex. See Jackie McDaniel for more information.

### Communion Servers For March

James Asante	Micheal Ayiku
Patrick Boateng	Stephen Boateng
Jonas Bosompen	Agabus Opoku
Alex Opoku	Francis Tekyi

**Welcome Home** - There will be a welcome home celebration for Kevin Taylor in the annex on Friday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Kevin is returning home from Kosovo and is excited to see some familiar faces. There will be pizza and cake as it will be a great night of fellowship and a great night of showing thanks to Kevin for his service. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, please direct them to Theresa Taylor or Steve and Rachel Fuller.

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### For The Month Of March

**Announcements:** Kevin Chivington  
**Visitors Table:** Allen  
**Greeter:** Chivington  
**Foyer Duty:**

## Northland Life Groups

Location	Contact Ph.	Leader	Meets
Thorne Home	(614) 818-5454	Ray Thorne	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm
Butler Home	(614) 890-7721	Tom Barnhardt	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
Coate Home	(614) 885-1988	Perry Coate	Every other Monday at 7:30 pm.
Church Building	(614) 475-0161	Roy Estep	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Weds 10:30 am.
Church Building	(614) 475-0161	Roy Estep	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm
Smith Home	(614) 898-7987	Billie Thorne	Every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
Chivington Home	(614) 823-5596	Kevin Chivington	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
McDaniel Home	(614) 785-1321	Jason McDaniel	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 7 pm.
Various Homes	(614) 523-2258	Troy Blair	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm.
Allen Home	(614) 764-8542	Wilbur Allen	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6:00 pm

### Elders:

Wilbur Allen  
Tom Barnhardt  
Frank Chappell  
Roy Estep  
Ray Thorne

### Evangelists:

Ron Adams  
Tom Barnhardt

### Youth

### Minister:

Troy Blair

### Deacons:

Brian Arnold  
John Bradley  
Lynn Champney  
Kevin Chivington  
Darrell Estep  
Jack Evans  
Mike Evans  
Lou Lawrence  
John Lindsay  
Jack Mauersberg  
Beryl McMasters  
Mark Morris

### Contributions

Last Week	\$7375
Average	\$6481

Russia	\$299
Average	\$271

Youth	\$185
Average	\$216

### Attendance

Sunday Class	151
Sunday Worship	267
Weds	136
Life Groups	40

### March

- 6 Spring Classes Begin  
L. G. Leaders 4:30 pm  
All Groups at Building at 5:30 pm
- 9 Spring Wednesday Night Classes Begin
- 10 Christian Women's Fellowship
- 11 Welcome Home Celebration For Kevin Taylor, 6:30 pm In The Annex
- 16 50's Plus Meeting
- 19 Mother/Daughter Brunch  
10-11 a.m. In The Annex
- 20 50's Plus "Eat Out Sunday"
- 24 COCS Grandparent's Day
- 26 Children's Easter Celebration
- 27 Easter

### Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening LifeGroup	5:30 p.m.
(Communion Served)	
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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## The Desire To Love The Lord

My light, you see my conscience,  
because, 'Lord, before you is all my desire',  
and if my soul wills any good, you gave it me.  
Lord, if what you inspire is good,  
or rather because it is good, that I should want to love you,  
give me what you have made me want:  
grant that I may attain to love you as much as you command.

I praise and thank you for the desire that you have inspired;  
and I offer you praise and thanks  
lest your gift to me be unfruitful,  
which you have given me of your own accord.  
Perfect what you have begun,  
and grant me what you have made me long for,  
not according to my deserts but out of your kindness  
that came first to me.

Most gentle Lord,  
my prayer tends towards this –  
that by remembering and meditating  
on the good things you have done  
I may be enkindled with your love.  
Your goodness, Lord, created me;  
Your mercy cleansed what you have created from sin;  
your patience has hitherto borne with me,  
fed me, waited for me,  
when after I had lost the grace of my baptism  
I wallowed in many sordid sins.  
You wait, good Lord, for my amendment;  
My soul waits for the inbreathing of your grace  
in order to be sufficiently penitent  
to lead a better life.

Anselm of Aosta  
(11<sup>th</sup> Century AD)



Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.

Isaiah 12:2

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If You Walk Close To Me You Won't Get Wet!

Last night our little dog decided it was time to go outside. I tried my best to discourage her and get her to wait until later, but she was adamant, she needed to go out right then. The problem was that it was raining, not just a light shower, but it was really coming down hard.

I got all of my weather gear on to try and stay dry, put the dog's coat on her and out we went. I was carrying an umbrella and tried to keep her on a short leash to keep some of the rain off of her. I told her, "If you walk close to me you won't get wet!"

Well, as I have come to expect, she didn't do it, she kept running off smelling new and interesting things and getting wetter and wetter. We might question, "why didn't she stay near me, why did she insist in going her own way even though she knew she was getting wet. Well, I guess the answer is first she is just a dog and she doesn't understand everything I tell her or that it may be for her own good. Second, she has a mind of her own. I can try to control her, but unless she wants to do what I say she can be pretty obstinate about it.

When we got back in the house I got a small towel and dried her off pretty well, but she was still damp and cold. She wanted me to hold her and warm her up and I told her, "you dumb dog, it's your own fault and now you want me to make it better".

That true story pretty much illustrates our relationship with God doesn't it? He says, "If you will just walk close to me things will be all right". We, for the most part understand what he says, but often choose not to do it. Then when things go wrong in our life we come running back to him for comfort. Seems like that is a problem common to mankind. Jesus said of the people of Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me".

Unlike the dog and me through, God doesn't tell us how dumb we are (even if I was just kidding), he welcomes us back with open arms! God loves us so much that he sent his son to die for us, that's just how badly he wants us to stay close to him.

The next time you are tempted to wander away from God or go your own way remember this: Even though he has the power to do so, God won't make you love him or obey him or stay close to him! Why, because he loves us and wants us to love him back in the same way and do the right things. We will stay close, not because we are forced to, but because we love God enough to want to stay close to Him!

Well, the dog and me are working on our relationship just as I am working on my relationship to God. How about you?

Russ Lawson,  
Greenville (Ohio) Church of Christ

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**Teens** - No F.O.G. this Sunday due to 1st Sunday services.  
High School Hang Out this Sunday after services.

THE ALPHA & THE OMEGA  
AN INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION

Week Two: Overview of Revelation

The book of Revelation was written first and foremost to convince and remind believers that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, who shall prevail over death, over sin, over evil, and over Satan. The visions in the book were given to the apostle John, who at the time was quite old, and who very likely was the last remaining living link to the days when Jesus walked the earth. John presents a series of visions, which are prefaced by some introductory remarks to the original addressees of the book. The book can be broadly outlined as follows:

The apostle first introduces himself and the purpose of his book, with some remarks to the seven churches in Asia to whom he is sending his book (Revelation 1-3). In this section, John describes the first of his visions, and he also makes a series of comments and exhortations specific to each of the seven congregations. John is then given a glimpse of heaven (Revelation 4-5), in which he can see God's throne, a number of unusual creatures, a scroll with seven seals, and the Lamb. He then watches as the seven seals are opened (Revelation 6:1-8:5). These reveal a series of horses, the souls of martyrs for the faith, an earthquake and other upheavals, the sealing of 144,000 believers, and more.

The apostle then sees seven angels sound seven trumpets (Revelation 8:6-11:19). These produce, amongst other things, a number of woes upon the earth, a small scroll, and two witnesses. This is followed by a series of images of conflict (Revelation 12-14), in which John sees a woman and child, a dragon, two beasts, the Lamb, and more. Next, the apostle sees the seven angels pour out seven bowls of wrath (Revelation 15-16), which produce a series of plagues on the earth, followed by a battle at Armageddon. It is then time for "Babylon" to be judged and destroyed (Revelation 17:1-19:10). Babylon is represented by a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, and when she falls, there is rejoicing in heaven.

Then comes the climax (Revelation 19:11-20:15), as a rider appears, followed by some final battles, and then Satan's fate is revealed, along with a general resurrection, a second death, and a process of judgment. The book then closes with imagery of a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21-22). These include the new Jerusalem; the river of the water of life; and a final exhortation to remember that Jesus is coming soon.

Even before we discuss exactly what all of these events and images mean, the main themes of Revelation can be perceived by considering the symbolic story that it tells. The themes help us to remember the primary emphasis of the book, and once you have a good grasp of the main themes, the images and symbols also become clearer and less mysterious.

Revelation emphasizes first of all the assured triumph of the gospel. This in turn is certain because of God's absolute power, and because of the certainty of his judgment, both of which are illustrated vividly in Revelation. Then also, Revelation teaches us some profound lessons about life, death, and hope. It teaches us to distinguish between the temporary and the permanent, between the physical and the spiritual. Next week, we'll take a more careful look at these and other related themes.

- Mark Garner

Be Continually In Prayer

**Gerald Hopkins** - Please continue to pray for him. He will be having a heart catheterization on March 8.