

Family Information

Service Project Meeting

Discussions for the Service Project team will begin Wednesday November 3rd, 6:30 – 7:30. This meeting is to focus our service efforts based on the resources we have. This includes supporting the Child Care, clothing closet and pantry along with other ideas that may be suggested. There will be a signup sheet on the prayer request table. Please signup so we can select the correct size room. If you have questions or want to be involved but can't attend the discussion, please contact Jeff McVicker.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend

Daylight savings time will end next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6. (The time change takes place at 2:00 AM on November 7.)

Sunday Morning Class Resuming On November 7

The Sunday morning adult Bible class will resume meeting in-person next Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 AM, in room E44, and everyone is welcome to come. The study will be "An Inheritance That Can Never Fade" (based on 1 Peter 1), and it will be taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. For those who prefer to join on-line, the access information will be included in Caleb's weekly e-mail that Friday.

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

Today will be the last meeting for the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, and we'll finish the current series, "How Much The Lord Has Done For Us" (based on Mark 5). This week, Leon will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join. Next Sunday, we'll resume meeting in-person.

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: Luis Valdez

On Line Bible Studies

Sunday Evening Worship & Study Begins November 7

Starting on Sunday, Nov. 7 in E44, a new in-person Bible study period will run from 4:30-5:30. It will follow a video series by Ray Vander Laan on the life and ministry of Jesus filmed in the actual sites where some of the events took place. After a song or two, we will have a preview of the video lesson by focusing on relevant biblical passages. Following the video we will discuss the lesson. The period will end with opportunity to share communication, prayers and fellowship. All are invited. See Jeff McVicker or Mike Paden for more information.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. 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.

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
General:	\$3757	\$4462
Designated:	\$5	\$59



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Victory Rests With The Lord

*There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.
The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.
- Proverbs 21:30-31*

Human plans may lead to temporary success, yet they cannot bring lasting peace or meaning, for Jesus alone could win the victory over death and sin. Human thinking and human strength may produce outward results, yet only our Heavenly Father can renew us inwardly. The Lord alone knows our hearts and our inmost thoughts, and he alone can meet our deepest needs - *A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.* - Proverbs 21:2

In her lifetime, Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983) went from managing a successful business to enduring the distresses of being imprisoned in a concentration camp, and afterwards she lived a life of devotion to Jesus and his message of God's good news. In all of this, Corrie often said, "When I try, I fail. When I trust, He succeeds." For whether our times are peaceful or troubled, sorrowful or hopeful, God is our only sure foundation.

As ten Boom reflected on all that she had gone through, she wrote, "This is what the past is for - every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see." Indeed, God constantly nourishes us with his words, he teaches us through our lives and through one another, and he gives us his Spirit who lives within us and who helps us understand God's ways.

When we walk closely in prayer with our Heavenly Father, when we store up his words in our hearts and ponder them, and walk in the grace and compassion of Jesus, God guides us on paths that lead to eternal life - *The wise store up choice food and olive oil . . .Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life.* - Proverbs 21:20-21

In this fallen world, we face both its harshness as well as our own flaws and weaknesses. As Corrie ten Boom pondered this, she said "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest." For if we take refuge in God, when we fix our eyes on things above, God gives us rest for our souls, and he pours out the riches of his spiritual blessings on us - *The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.* - Proverbs 22:3-4

Jesus has overcome this world's futility and emptiness, and God rejoices in walking with those who walk humbly and reverently in the light of his Son.

- Mark Garner

Come Now, & Seek God

Come now,
turn aside for a while from your daily employment,
escape for a moment from the tumult of your thoughts.

Put aside your weighty cares,
let your burdensome distractions wait,
free yourself awhile for God
and rest awhile in him.

Enter the inner chamber of your soul,
shut out everything except God
and that which can help you in seeking him,
and when you have shut the door, seek him.

Now, my whole heart, say to God,
I seek your face,
Lord, it is your face I seek.

- Anselm of Aosta (1033-1107)



Psalm 104:3

A Sure Foundation For All Our Times

Whether we are in times of hope or fear, joy or sorrow, peace or confusion, God and the message of Jesus are always a sure foundation. This week, Renée Jackson writes about it means for us to have our foundation on the solid rock of Jesus.

Our Foundation On The Rock

When we build on the firm foundation of Christ, we can withstand whatever comes our way. Building a sure foundation means investing, inspecting and ensuring the foundation is maintained. In Matthew 7:24–26, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

Jesus is teaching the important truth in that it doesn't really matter how the building looks on the outside, it's the foundation – it's what most don't see – that is what truly matters. A building will either stand or fall depending on the foundation it is built upon. We will either stand firm or fall depending upon the foundation that we believe. When we build on the firm foundation of Christ, we can withstand whatever comes our way.

We may be blessed with power, possessions and have a semblance of stability for our lives. But then something comes along like an automobile accident, a cancer diagnosis or a worldwide pandemic, and our stability becomes uncertain. Isaiah 33:5–6 reads, "The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high, he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." The prophecy in Isaiah 33 came to God's people in difficult if not uncertain times. This does not mean God's people will never go through hard times. Rather, in the midst of those times God offers justice and righteousness.

How can we stand steady in faith when the storms of life hit us? We need to invest in a sure and solid spiritual foundation. If we are to invest in a sure spiritual foundation, we need to look to God. We need to be willing to invest time and learn all we can about God and what we are building our future upon: Jesus. Genesis 1:1, "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. "He spoke everything into existence, so who better to go to than God and the Scriptures when considering a sure, spiritual foundation?"

When our times feel certain, when things are going as we planned, it's easy to trust in our circumstances or our own ability to control them. But in uncertain times, we recognize our limitations. We realize just how much we need God to be "the stability of our times." Having a sure foundation means investing, inspecting and ensuring the foundation is maintained by studying the Scriptures, meditating, allowing the Holy Spirit complete access to our hearts and souls. Only in him will we find a solid, trustworthy foundation on which to build our lives.

We often sang the song, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less "at my congregation in Cleveland. The chorus of the song is "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand." 1 Corinthians 3:11, "for no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

- Renée Jackson