

Family Information

Child Care Help

The Child Care industry is suffering from a shortage of teachers. We are in desperate need of teachers. If you know someone that is interested, please let the elders know. We will provide training and help with the necessary certifications.

As a result of the shortage our current staff is having to put in a lot of extra hours. We are asking the congregation to contribute to the Child Care so we can give our staff Christmas bonuses. If you wish to contribute, please mark your contribution for Child Care. We will also be using this contribution to purchase Christmas gifts for the Children. We will be collecting until Sunday 12/12.

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

The Sunday morning Bible class is meeting today at 9:00 AM in room E44. Next Sunday, November 28, the class will take a break for the holiday weekend, and it will resume on December 5.

From the Food Pantry

If your family could be served by a bag of food, or if you know someone in need, please let us know. We would love to help in this way. Just call the church office or talk with one of the elders and we'll make sure you are taken care of.

On Line Bible Studies

Gratitude Box

This month there is a decorated box called "The Gratitude Box" on the table immediately on your left as you come in (usually where Visitor Information is). There will be blank note cards next to the box (and an instruction sheet beside it). If you are willing, just fill out a piece of paper telling the church what you are thankful for. This box will be there for the entirety of November and the answers will be anonymously read on the last Sunday (November 28th). Feel free to provide multiple answers! No need to share your name, just tell us what you are thankful for!

Current 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. The current study is on the book of Galatians. 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
General:	\$2477	\$4494
Designated:	\$5	\$94

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship	12:00 PM
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship	4:30 PM

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

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

The Kindness Of The Lord

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us. - Isaiah 63:7

God has done more kindnesses for each of us that we can imagine; it is good to give thanks to the Lord and praise him. The Lord has done more deeds of grace and compassion for each of us than we could ever realize; it is pleasant and fitting to give him thanksgiving and glory and honor.

Yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. - Isaiah 63:7 (concluded)

The muppet character Count von Count used to teach children how to count on the children's television series "Sesame Street". The Count would count anything from building blocks to bats to the number of times a telephone rang, for as he often said, "I love to count things." We too have many things to count and give thanks for, from the things God gives us to the ways he protects us to the spiritual blessings he gives us, beginning with the salvation that Jesus brings - *He said, Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me; and so he became their Savior. - Isaiah 63:8*

When Count von Count counted something, it was much more than simply determining the number; for as he counted, he would pause with each thing he counted, often repeating the number and chuckling "ah ah ah", as he enjoyed the process. Likewise, as we 'count' the kindnesses and blessings that our Heavenly Father has given us and done for us, we too can take the time to ponder and appreciate each of them, for each of them shows us his unfailing compassion and care - . . . *he who set his Holy Spirit among them . . . who divided the waters before them . . . to gain for himself everlasting renown . . . who led them through the depths . . . they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord. This is how you guided your people. - Isaiah 63:11-14*

When Count von Count finished counting something, sometimes he was rather disappointed about having no more of them to count, so the Count would begin looking for something else to count. Yet we will never run out of God's kindnesses and blessings to count; he gives us life and breath and everything else, he guides us each step, his Spirit lives within those who walk by faith in his Son, and he saves us from spiritual foes too strong for us - *In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them. - Isaiah 63:9*

In our Heavenly Father's unfailing compassion he carries us every moment; in God's overflowing grace he has redeemed us from this world's empty ways, and he has prepared an imperishable inheritance for us.

- Mark Garner



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My God, I Thank Thee

My God, I thank Thee, who hast made
The earth so bright,
So full of splendor and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right.

I thank Thee, too, that Thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round,
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

I thank Thee more that all our joy
Is touched with pain,
That shadows fall on brightest hours,
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide,
And not our chain.

For thou who knowest, Lord, how soon
Our weak heart clings,
Hast given us joys, tender and true,
Yet all with wings;
So that we see gleaming on high
Diviner things.

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast kept
The best in store;
We have enough, yet not too much
To long for more:
A yearning for a deeper peace
Not known before.

- Adelaide Anne Procter, 1825-1864

When Adelaide Procter was a teenager, Charles Dickens began publishing her poems in a magazine that he edited. Some years later, after Procter's poems became well-known, Queen Victoria said that Adelaide Procter was one of her favorite poets.

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, Franklin Agyei writes about Jesus, a solid foundation who gets us through this world's storms.

Jesus Christ, Our Solid Foundation

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus is talking about two similar houses which were built on two different foundations. One is built on the rock and the other on the sand. It is only the storm which can tell which of these houses has a solid foundation. These foundations represent the message of Christ who is our Rock and Salvation and the message of the world.

Jesus says here that two men built houses. One was wise, the other foolish, but you could not tell them apart by the outward structure. They become differentiated when the storms come, because it is at that point the foundation is tested.

Storms are a normal part of life. James 1:2 describes it as, *To consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials.* The trials of life are nothing unusual. They are a normal part of living. As we walk on this earth, we will encounter them. The true Christian can consider these trials, these storms of life, as joyful encounters because, as James continues, *knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And if we let endurance have its perfect result, we will be made mature and complete, lacking nothing (James 1:2-4).* It is not joy in the storm, but joy over the product the storm produces, which is maturity.

Therefore, let us hold fast to the Word of God and let our foundation be on Jesus Christ alone.

- Franklin Agyei,