

## 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. The collection ends today, Sunday December 12.

### Sunday Morning Class - New Series

The Sunday morning Bible class is starting a new series this week, "It Is True", based on Luke 24. The classes are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. in E44 at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come; and for those who prefer to watch on-line, see the link in Caleb's Friday e-mail.

### Sunday Evening Worship Schedule

The Sunday evening worship session at 4:30 PM will not be meeting for the next several weeks. It will resume meeting in February. See Mike Paden or Jeff McVicker for further information.

## 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.

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.

### Directory Update

Marie McMasters has moved to a room on the first floor at Willow Brook Christian Home on Lazelle Road. Her new room number is 143 and the phone number is 614-896-3443.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5751	\$4488
<b>Designated:</b>	\$155	\$92

**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.*

## Eternal Life In The Son Of God

*This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. - 1 John 5:11-12*

God gives eternal life to those who walk humbly in the light of his Son; the Lamb of God came from above full of grace and compassion and truth, and eternal life is in him. Eternity is beyond mortal minds to understand fully, yet God has promised eternal life to those who are in his Son, who came to meet the deepest needs of our souls - *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13*

We have within us a need that only our Heavenly Father can meet, and as Helen Keller (1880-1968) writes about this, "I believe in the immortality of the soul because I have within me immortal longings." Our desire for lasting meaning and true hope and enduring peace and our other inmost needs are all fulfilled in Jesus. In this world, we will face fears and sorrows and disappointments, yet the One who was born of God keeps our souls safe when we put all our faith in him - *The One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. - 1 John 5:18-20*

The Son of God has come and has given us understanding, he gives us the Holy Spirit, and our Heavenly Father gives us glimpses of what eternal life means. C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) said, "The present is the point at which time touches eternity," for even amidst this world's haste and distractions, whenever we have the chance to pray and read scripture and ponder God's words, this can be a foretaste of eternity.

Moreover, God teaches us about eternity in ways large and small, as philosopher Simone Weil (1908-1943) wrote, "Stars and blossoming fruit trees: Utter permanence and extreme fragility give an equal sense of eternity." The very vastness of the skies and the multitude of the stars give us a hint of how truly glorious our Creator is, and give us a glimpse of his full splendor.

Then too, something like the sublime, tender beauty of a blossom can be a corner of eternity, the outer fringes of the greater and lasting and unfading beauty we shall see in God's heavenly realms.

*And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. - 1 John 5:20*

Jesus was in very nature God, he brings us eternal life, and God's promises are trustworthy.

- Mark Garner



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**From The Northland Archives**

*This poem was written by Jennifer Cvelbar; it appeared in the Northland bulletin on July 13, 1997. Jennifer and her family were members at Northland during the 1990s and early 2000s.*

**The Cross**

DESPAIR  
 PAIN AGONY  
 TERROR  
 BREATHING  
 MY GOD MY GOD WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?  
 SIN FORGIVENESS LOVE BLOOD COMPASSION  
 HELP MOTHER JOHN PETER MARY MARTHA  
 THIRST IT IS  
 FINISHED  
 DEATH  
 SILENCE  
 QUAKE  
 TEARING OF  
 CLOTH SURELY  
 THIS WAS  
 THE SON OF  
 GOD THREE  
 DAYS LIGHT  
 MEN IN WHITE  
 HE'S ALIVE  
 JOY HAPPINESS  
 SOARING SPIRIT  
 SALVATION

*Jennifer Cvelbar*

**MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #2**

The words in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 25 unused letters, and reading from left to right beginning at the top of the diagram, they will spell out the mystery verse from this week's mystery book.

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|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| AGREED     | ELIPHELET | INDEED        | PERTAINING     |
| ANCIENT    | GARMENTS  | INDIVIDUALLY  | PRAISE         |
| CAPABLE    | HEAVEN    | ISHMAIAH      | REQUIREMENTS   |
| CHARGE     | HEBRON    | NETOPHATHITES | RESPONSIBILITY |
| COURAGEOUS | HODESH    | OLDEST        | UNDERSTANDING  |
| COURSE     | HONEST    | PASTURELANDS  | UNFAITHFULNESS |

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 D O R R H M Y H A T I E N R  
 N A U I E G R A H C S A O E  
 I O T N E I C N A R T A H D  
 C E T G N I N I A T R E P N  
 S S E N L U F H T I A F N U

The answer, and a new puzzle, will be in the bulletin next week. Last week's mystery verse answer: *I will live among you, declares the Lord. - ZECHARIAH 2:10*

- Mark Garner