

Family Information

Next Work Day

The next work day will be on Saturday April 8th, from 9:30-12:30. We will be addressing some of the inside needs of the church building, and weather permitting, we can also work on some of the outdoor needs. All are welcome to help take care of our building! If you have questions please talk with Mike Evans, Art Silva, or Robbie McVicker.

Ladies Devotional & Brunch

Ladies, you are invited to a Ladies Devotional and Brunch on Saturday April 15th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the church fellowship room. This will be a casual time to have some great fellowship for the women. Please sign up on the church bulletin board to confirm your attendance.

Open House In April

The Outreach Team is organizing a church "Open House" on April 29th (Saturday), inviting anyone interested to come and see the building and rooms and interact with members of the church. It is essentially a "meet and greet" for anyone looking for a new church home. More details to come in the following weeks.

Room Reservations

While Ashley is on Maternity Leave, if you have any need to reserve a room in the church building while she is out, please fill out one of the reservation forms in the hallway (or e-mail Caleb for the form) and give it to an elder, and they will update the reservation list.

Pantry Help Needed

We're looking for volunteers for the Northside Pantry to escort shoppers. The time needed is Wednesdays, starting at 3:30 for 2-3 hours. If you can help, please see Jeff McVicker.

On Line Bible Studies

Updated Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Team Meeting will be on May 3rd. The team will coordinate in the meantime through emails and phone calls while Caleb and Ashley have their baby.

Children's Classes

We currently have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them begins after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details. The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

Current On-Line Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM (Note the new schedule and new time) - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him or Leisha for details and updates.

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 Acts. Contact Karen for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$2823	\$4662
Designated:	\$0	\$10

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

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.



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We Are Only Human...

We Are Only Human, Yet Jesus Brings Good News

We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news . . . - Acts 14:15

We are only human, yet the Lord is our living God who made the heavens and the earth, and he is mindful of each of us. We are mere dust and clay, yet God pours out spiritual blessings on those who believe the message of Jesus and turn to him with our hearts - . . . *telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. - Acts 14:15*

English mathematician and engineer Charles Babbage (1791-1871) is best remembered for his pioneering efforts to lay the groundwork that eventually would lead to the development of computers. Babbage also wrote many philosophical works, and in them he often wrote of his faith in God and in the good news of Jesus.

Charles was often humbled by the contrast between God's majesty and human limitations, as he writes, "The universe offers daily proof of the existence of power of which we know nothing, but whose mighty agency nevertheless manifestly appears in the most familiar works of creation." Indeed God's creations give us many signs of his splendor and his might and his care - *In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony . . . - Acts 14:16-17*

Moreover, in God's words and in the ministry of Jesus we can see our Heavenly Father's compassion and understanding, as Babbage writes, "The true value of the Christian religion rests . . . upon those doctrines of kindness and benevolence which that religion claims . . . not merely in favor of man himself but of every creature susceptible of pain or of happiness."

God nourishes the earth with water from heaven and provides food for every living thing; and when we open our minds and hearts to him, our Father in heaven nourishes our hearts and souls with living water from heaven and the living bread of Jesus - *He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. - Acts 14:17*

Charles Babbage also wrote of God's unfailing care, "The works of the Creator, ever present . . . give a living and perpetual testimony of his power and goodness . . . each new inquiry into the works of the Almighty gives to us more exalted views of his wisdom, his goodness, and his power." All this is from God, and he simply calls us to walk humbly by faith in Jesus -

They returned . . . strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. - Acts 14:21-22

We are only human, yet God and his compassion and the good news of Jesus will endure forever.

- Mark Garner

Light Of The World

Light of the world! Faint were our weary feet
With wand'ring far;
But Thou didst come, our lonely heart to greet,
Our Morning Star;
And Thou didst bid us lift our gaze on high
And see the glory of the glowing sky.

In days long past we missed our homeward way,
We could not see;
Blind were our eyes, our feet were bound to stray,
How blind to Thee!
But Thou didst pity, Lord, our gloomy plight,

And Thou didst touch our eyes and give them sight.
Where is death's sting, where, grave, thy victory?
Where all the pain,
Now that thy king the veil that hung o'er thee
Hath rent in twain?
Light of the world, we hear Thee bid us come
To light and love, in Thine eternal home.

- Laura Ormiston Chant, 1848-1923

English nurse and writer Laura Chant wrote numerous poems and essays, as well as a novel and several hymns.

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory,
Great things He has done;
So loved He the world
That He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life
An atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
That all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory,
Great things He has done.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

A New Heart & A New Spirit

In Ezekiel 36, God tells us that he will give us a new heart and a new spirit when we realize our need for him and turn to him humbly. This week, Phil Stafa writes about God's care for us and what we can learn about God from his promises in Ezekiel 36.

A Heart That Will Listen To God

The prophet Ezekiel lived in captivity in Babylon. He and his generation had been taken away from their homeland for almost 70 years. God did this to humble them and to help them to follow him again. They had developed a hard heart that refused to follow the words from his prophets or his law. In this chapter (Ezekiel 36) he starts by prophesying to the mountains and to the land. Obviously, the land never did anything wrong, but he speaks of how the land will bless his people again.

He reminds the people of why they had to be taken away, but among the promises of good things, the greatest of all is the gift is to remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Because Ezekiel's generation had stopped listening to his prophets, their hearts had become hard and it took a great act of grace and discipline from God to get their heart of stone back to a heart of flesh. A heart that would listen again to his instructions.

God gives the reason for his restoration of his people into their land by saying: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. He also did this so that the people would remain a nation, and that Jesus would be able to come through the line of David and live his life to become the ultimate sacrifice for sins, so that you and I could have a special relationship with his father.

God has the ultimate patience with us and is willing to help us even recover from a hard heart. When we examine ourselves, we can ask God to change our hearts in a positive way. He loves you just as much as he did his people in the time of Ezekiel. God will never be too far from any of us. Hopefully our hearts will never be so hard as to need to spend 70 years as a captive in a foreign land. But God loves you enough that he would do even that much if that's what it takes for us to back to him.

- Phil Stafa