

## 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.

### Puzzle Pieces

On the bulletin board next to Caleb's office you will find a collection of puzzle pieces. Please write your name on one of the pieces! This symbolizes the connection of our spiritual family.

### 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.

#### 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

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

**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

### 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.

### 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.

### Current On-Line Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - 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
<b>General:</b>	\$2823	\$4662
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$10



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## The Promise Comes By Faith

*The promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. - Romans 4:16*

Our Heavenly Father's promises come by faith instead of by the law, so that they may be fulfilled for those who believe in the message of Jesus and follow him humbly. God calls Abraham the father of the faithful, for he walked by faith in God and in his promises - *He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. - Romans 4:17*

Jules Verne's 1872 novel "Around The World In 80 Days" opens in a London club, where the members are scoffing at an article that says that it was now possible to travel completely around the world in 80 days. One member, Phileas Fogg, thinks that the writer is right, and he accepts the challenge; he will pay the expenses himself and will pay them a large sum if he doesn't succeed.

Phileas knew that his plans would often need to be modified; yet as Fogg put his trust in modern transportation, we have faith in something much better, in God and in the good news of Jesus. Like Abraham, when we trust in God, he will strengthen our faith as we face this world's trials - *He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. - Romans 4:20-21*

Fogg faces many problems, including a British detective who mistakenly thinks that Phileas is a criminal. Yet Fogg calmly adjusts to every change, as he tells his assistant, "Never be in a hurry. You'll miss the best parts in life." When they are behind, Phileas meets and helps Princess Aouda, who in turn helps him arrive in England just in time, as they also become close. Likewise, when we walk in the grace and compassion of Jesus, God continues showing us kindness and mercy - *Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed. - Romans 4:18*

Unfortunately, the detective arrests Fogg before he gets to London; by the time the police realize he is innocent, it is too late, so he has apparently lost everything. Princess Aouda and Phileas are glad they still have one another, and as they go to be married, they realize they forgot that they gained a day by crossing the International Date Line; so they make it in time after all. Similarly, when we trust in God's promises, we can be sure that his path will take us to eternal life - *... for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. - Romans 4:24-25*

Our Heavenly Father knows us so well, and he is so gracious to us.

- Mark Garner

## Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord, for He is kind.

He with all commanding might  
Filled the new made world with light.

He hath, with a piteous eye,  
Looked upon our misery.

He the golden tressèd sun  
Caused all day his course to run.

Th'hornèd moon to shine by night;  
'Mid her spangled sisters bright.

All things living He doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need.

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Praise the Lord, for He is kind.

- John Milton, 1608-1674

*English poet John Milton wrote numerous well-known poems, including "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained". He wrote the poem above when he was 15 years old.*

## With Me All The Way

There's a song within my heart today,  
And rejoicing I go on my way;  
For I've found a friend and guide,  
And whatever may betide,  
He has promised to be with me all the way.

For my Savior will be with me all the way!  
Is the song my heart is singing all the day;  
Then what evil shall I fear,  
With my friend and guide so near?  
He has promised to be with me all the way.

Oh, this song shall be a song of trust,  
For His ways are always right and just;  
And I do not walk alone,  
Since He's called me for His own;  
He has promised to be with me all the way.

- Nellie Edna Place Chandler, 1869-1964

## 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, Karen Susenna writes about God's desire for us to know him closely and the ways God helps us to do this.*

## God My Father

I am learning a lot about God my Father. I am starting to call him "my" Father, rather than "the" Father. He is such a big God! He creates and rescues; he redeems and saves. And, at the same time, he is a close and intimate God. He lovingly formed each of us with his own hands; he is caring and concerned about us; he honors and loves each of us dearly. Isaiah 43 has been showing me the multifaceted sides of our God... of "my" God. Let me show you....

*"He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel" (verse 1a).*

He is Creator of all things, yet he personally formed you.

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." (verse 1b)*

He offers Redemption to everyone, yet he knows your name and calls you his own.

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you" (verse 2)*

He is Savior, yet he personally rescues you.

*"... you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you..." (verse 4)*

He loves all creation, yet honors and loves you personally.

*"Do not be afraid, for I am with you" (verse 5)*

He is Protector of all, yet he is very close to you – as close as your breath.

*"everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (verse 7)*

This God who uniquely formed us and called us, has given us a Purpose -- to glorify His Name!

It's a very big calling and it's a very personal calling. And, the only way we can accomplish that calling is to know who the Father is. To know how big He is and how personal He is.

When you realize this, it shall become your honor to call him "my Father".

- Karen Susenna