

Family Information

New Birth

From Caleb: Ashley and I are so thrilled to welcome our daughter Amelia to the church! She was born happy and healthy Tuesday evening (March 28). Truly, we cannot express enough love to you all for your support and prayers.

Open House On April 29

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.

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class Schedule

The Sunday morning auditorium Bible class has been taking a break for a couple weeks, and the class will resume meeting next Sunday, April 16.

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon Bible class has been taking a break for a couple weeks, and it will resume meeting next Sunday, April 16.

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.

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.

Ladies Devotional & Brunch This Saturday

The Ladies Devotional and Brunch is this 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.

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

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.

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 - 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:	\$3138	\$4508
Designated:	\$0	\$10



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Clothed With The Imperishable

*As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.
- 1 Corinthians 15:48-49*

We are of the earth, yet Jesus came to make us citizens of heaven. We are mere flesh and blood, yet the Son of God has come from heaven to make us God's own children, and he has prepared an eternal inheritance for those who humbly walk by faith - *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. - 1 Corinthians 15:50*

English poet John Donne (1572-1631) spent most of his younger years travelling and preparing for a diplomatic career. Yet sadness (his wife and three of their children passed away young) and poor health led Donne to devote himself to prayer and understanding the message of Jesus. He became known for his writings about how Jesus has triumphed over sin and death itself.

John writes in one of his best-known poems, "All mankind is of one author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language", for "No man is an island, entire of itself", so "never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." For God has called us to put our trust in his promises instead of in this world's ways.

In another poem, John wrote of how Jesus cleanses us with his lifeblood, "Moist with one drop of thy blood, my dry soul shall . . . be freed by that drop", and he expresses the hope this brings to those who put our faith in the good news of Jesus, "May then sin's sleep, and death's soon from me pass, that waked from both, I again risen may salute the last, and everlasting day." Jesus has indeed swallowed up death, so that we may be clothed with the imperishable -

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: Death has been swallowed up in victory. - 1 Corinthians 15:53-54

John Donne also wrote, "Death be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for, thou art not so", for Jesus has given an enduring hope to those who follow him; as Donne writes, "One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die." Jesus has won the victory that human thinking and human strength couldn't have won - *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:56-57*

Thanks be to our Heavenly Father, for his compassion and grace and wisdom and splendor.

- Mark Garner

Welcome Easter Day

Rifts of blue are gleaming
Through the clouds of gray,
Streams again are hastening
On their seaward way;
Silence turns to singing,
Gloom is swept away;
Welcome, happy Easter,
Welcome, Easter Day!

Easter, Easter,
Day of life and light.
All things with rejoicing
Hail thy coming bright.
Easter, Easter,
With glad promise rife,
Telling out the story
Of a risen life!

'Tis no time for sadness,
'Tis no time for gloom,
Nature's world is radiant
In a robe of bloom.
Life and joy triumphant
Rise from sorrow's tomb.
Welcome, happy Easter,
Welcome, Easter Day!

Join in glad rejoicing,
Dark despair has flown,
Death is captive taken,
Hail the Risen One.
Silence reigns no longer,
Joy is on the throne.
Welcome, happy Easter,
Welcome, Easter Day!

- Alice Jean Cleator, 1871-1926

Hymnwriter and schoolteacher Alice Cleator's family emigrated from England and came to Ohio when she was a child. She wrote the words to over 200 hymns.

Rebuilding The Ruins

In the Old Testament, Scriptures like Isaiah 58, Isaiah 61, and Amos 9 tell us of God's promises to rebuild the Israelites' ruins. Likewise, God can rebuild the ruins in our hearts and souls when we humbly turn to him and trust in the message of Jesus. This week, Dot Duncan writes about all of the ways that God has repaired and restored each of us.

And Such Were Some of You, But You Were Washed . . .

My sisters and I study the Bible on Monday nights. Currently, we are studying gratitude. One of the assignments we are working on is creating a Praise History. What is a Praise History? A history of events and/or circumstances that have occurred in a person's life. This history included good times and troubled times, things that God helped you through. Circumstances that you can look back on and praise God for bringing you through them.

As I was writing down those things that I thought were significant, I did not include shameful events or circumstances that occurred in my life. I really could not bring myself to be that open and honest with my sisters.

As I recalled some of those events, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 came to mind. It reads . . . Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers . . . nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards . . . will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God. And such were some of you [before you believed]. But you were washed [by the atoning sacrifice of Christ], you were sanctified [set apart for God, and made holy], you were justified [declared free of guilt] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God [the source of the believer's new life and changed behavior]. (Amplified Bible)

You see, I found my name listed among the people in I Corinthians 6:9-11 before I came to know Christ. The statement, "And such were some of you" reminded me of God's ability to cleanse us from unrighteousness, then setting us apart for His noble use (making us holy). God wasn't satisfied with just cleaning us up and setting us apart as His people; He decided to give us a full pardon through Christ our Lord. Treating us as though we've never sinned.

One would think that He had done enough! No! He left the Holy Spirit to live in us so that we would share the hope we have in Him with others. The bonus in all of this is one-day Jesus will return to get His righteous ones to live with Him forever.

Writing the Praise History, reminded me of some of the sins I had committed against God. But it also reminded me God can take a ruined life that is on a course of self-destruction, and transform it into a godly one. God can take a ruined life and transform it into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. How do I know? "And such were some of you"!

- Dot Duncan