

Family Information

Spring Picnic This Saturday

The church picnic with the Ghana congregation will be held this Saturday, May 20 at Blendon Woods Metro Park, from 4:30-9:00 PM. The location will be the Sycamore Picnic Area (our usual spot).

Camp Weeks

Fort Hill is coming up from July 16-22, and Nick Strawser's week at NWOCYC is from June 11-17. If you are interested to come as staff, or if you have kids who want to come, please let Josh Evans know.

Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 PM. For now, the Outreach Team will meet once per month, on the first Wednesday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Women's Prayer Group Schedule

For the month of May (only), the women's prayer group is meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (instead of on Mondays), for May 10 through May 31. The same on-line access code will be used. See Peggy Kaiser if you have any questions.

Lifewise Academy Update

On Sunday June 4, after the morning assembly Nick Strawser will be having a meeting where he will talk about how Lifewise is going at the Spring Road congregation. If you are interested, see Bobby or Emily Graham for more information.

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.

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.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (new schedule for May 10 through May 31 only) - 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:	\$4418	\$4552
Designated:	\$	\$58



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Happy Mother's Day

Motherhood is such a responsibility, a huge blessing and a marvelous privilege. I thank God that I had just begun my walk with God right before becoming a mother. I know I would have loved my children as all moms do. I believe that just by having that small taste of God's love in my youth gave me a little more insight into a deeper self-sacrificing love for my children . . . especially by the 3rd time!

Although I made mistakes with my children, I can't imagine loving them like they deserve to be loved without our God and Father in my life. He makes our motherly love possible. God is not just a loving God, He is the essence of love. 1 John 4 says "*God is Love.*" His nature, His whole being is LOVE! We are able to love our children with a portion of that great self-sacrificing love because He first loved us.

In my more "mature years" I have come to gain a deeper understanding, although it is still a small understanding compared to God's infinite, holy, pure and perfect love. In John 3:16 we see the magnitude of God's love for us. "*For God so love the world that He gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" That little word "so" is so BIG! In fact, infinite. God is an infinite God who loves you and me infinitely. I marvel and ponder at His deep, pure and righteous and never-ending love. This allows me to love my children and others with a deeper and an actionable love that I wouldn't have a clue of without Him.

Now that our children are grown, my privilege of motherhood continues . . . perhaps even in a more challenging way than when our children were younger. A lot less direct input but much more prayer. I pray for them to yearn for God and to seek His Truth and to then be followers of Christ, not just admirers of Christ. I also pray that as I continue to walk with God, I will love my children more like He would . . . with a deeper and more actionable love that would be reflective of God's perfect love. Our deepest gratitude as mothers goes to God for his example of His Agape love!

- Robbie McVicker

There's Music In My Soul Today

There's music in my soul today,
A music rich and sweet,
Which fills my life with melody
And makes my joy complete!
For I have heard the whisper of
A voice that speaks to me
Of pardon, which my Lord bestows,
And love beyond degree.

He tells me of the tender care
That guards me night and day;
He tells me of a loving hand
That leads me all the way;
He speaks the word of comfort when
My heart is sore oppressed,
And whispers of the heav'nly land,
Where I shall find His rest.

He bids me fear no evil thing
But trust His watchful care;
He bids me cast on Him the load
I find too great to bear;
He points me to the better land
Where burdens are laid down,
And promises that I shall wear
In Heav'n a victor's crown.

- Mary McCrae Culter, 1858-1940

*Writer Mary Culter wrote books on several different subjects,
as well as writing poetry and the words to several hymns.*

He Maketh All Things New

"The former things are passed away."
Yes, to the servants of the Lord
Even the cares of yesterday
Are in the compass of that word;
The morning hours their glory bring;
His mercies freshen with the dew;
After the night arise and sing;
Behold, He maketh all things new.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Walking In The Name Of The Lord

*The mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. - Micah 4:1*

Jesus has opened the gates to the Lord's heavenly mountain, so that anyone who believes Jesus' message may come near to God with a humble heart. Jesus is our good Shepherd who laid down his life for us, and he gathers the lame and the exiles and the down-hearted and the weary - *In that day, declares the Lord, I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles. - Micah 4:6*

Giraffe mothers have a long gestation period of 15 months, and at birth giraffes are about 6 feet tall and weigh about 150 pounds. Yet after devoting all of the time and energy to carrying their calves, the mother's job is just beginning, for giraffe calves face constant danger and must learn quickly. Likewise, we too face many dangers in this world, physical and especially spiritual, so God calls us to put our trust in him, so that he may show us his paths that are good for our souls - *Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord . . . He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths. - Micah 4:2*

Newborn giraffes are able to learn how to stand, walk, and run; yet they need encouragement from their mothers to use their legs. Shortly after birth, a giraffe mother begins gently nudging the newborn, both comforting it and encouraging it to stand up; for a newborn must start using its legs at once so it can develop the strong, fast legs it will need. Often, the newborn doesn't respond, and its mother gives the calf a kick, just firmly enough to lift it, to help it learn to stand and walk.

This isn't harshness; it is an act of the giraffe's care and understanding of her newborn's needs. When the calf stands up, the mother will then comfort and reassure it. Likewise, when we get distracted by this world's empty ways and its false hopes, our Heavenly Father patiently guides us back to the path; and when we wander off too far, he may firmly yet caringly remind us to stay close with him, so that we can have the lasting peace that comes only from knowing God - *Everyone will sit under their own vine . . . and no one will make them afraid. - Micah 4:4*

For the first several weeks of a giraffe calf's life, its mother will sleep very little, just an occasional brief nap standing up, while other giraffes watch the calf. Similarly, our Heavenly Father never sleeps or forgets us, and he calls us to walk in his name and in the grace and care of Jesus - *All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. - Micah 4:5*

The Lord is our God forever, who gives us life and breath and everything else.

- Mark Garner