

Family Information

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.

Planning Meeting For Joint Worship

There will be a planning meeting with the Ghana church on Sunday, June 25th at 2:15 pm to discuss our next joint worship. We're tentatively planning September 10th as the joint worship at 6:00 pm.

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.

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.

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.

On Line Bible Studies

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.

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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3819	\$4516
Designated:	\$485	\$119

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



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We Have Come To Share In Christ

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus. - Hebrews 3:1

We share in a heavenly calling, we have an imperishable inheritance, and we have enduring hope through the message of Jesus. Yet in this world we are surrounded by distractions and false hopes, so our Heavenly Father patiently reminds us to fix our thoughts on Jesus, and to put our hope in him instead of in this world's empty thinking - *Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. - Hebrews 3:6*

In the 1950's stage play and movie "Twelve Angry Men", a jury is beginning its deliberations on a case. Eleven jurors quickly make up their minds, but the last juror hesitates, so they start going over the evidence. This soon brings out some of the jurors' motives - one is worried about getting back to work, another has plans that evening and wants to get the case over with quickly, another admits that he didn't like one of the participants in the trial and wants him to lose the case.

Similarly, this world is full of uproars and noise that can easily confuse us, so our Heavenly Father makes it easy for us to hear him through his words, and he simply asks us to listen to them and let him write them on our hearts - *So, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. - Hebrews 3:7-8*

In the play and movie, as they set aside their distractions, they begin to see that things aren't as clear as they thought. They begin to work together; one juror notices a mistake in a witness's testimony, another's personal experience helps clarify a point, and another sees something they had overlooked in the evidence. In a similar way, God calls us to open our hearts and minds to him and to his words, so we can encourage one another daily with God's promises - *See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily. - Hebrews 3:12-13*

At the end of the play and movie, they have sorted through the evidence carefully, they come to a conclusion together, and they leave humbled and changed. In an even deeper way, when we fix our thoughts on Jesus instead of on human teachings and human abilities, God can guide us each step, and he reassures us that we have come to share in his Son - *We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. - Hebrews 3:14*

God's grace and compassion overflow through Jesus,
 and his promises are trustworthy.

- Mark Garner

Fountain Of Mercy, God Of Love

Fountain of mercy, God of love,
Whose gifts all creatures share,
The rolling seasons as they move
Proclaim Thy constant care.

When in the bosom of the earth
The sower hid the grain,
Thy goodness marked its secret birth,
And sent the early rain.

The spring's sweet influence, Lord, was Thine,
The seasons knew Thy call;
Thou mad'st the summer sun to shine,
The summer dews to fall.

These various mercies from above
Matured the swelling grain;
And now the harvest crowns Thy love,
And plenty fills this plain.

O ne'er may our forgetful hearts
O'erlook Thy bounteous care,
But what our Father's hand imparts
Still own in praise and prayer.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

- Alice Ludlow Flowerdew, 1759-1830

English schoolteacher and poet Alice Flowerdew was also later the head of a boarding school for many years. This is her best-known poem.

Rebuilding The Ruins

As God promised to rebuild the Israelites' ruins (for example, in Isaiah 61 and Amos 9), God can rebuild the ruins in our souls when we humbly turn to him and trust in the message of Jesus. This week, Mike and Lynn Paden write about an example of how Jesus rebuilds someone's life.

Take Up Your Bed And Walk (Luke 5:12-26)

He must have had very good friends, the kind who would do whatever they could for him. He was unable to walk and lived on a cot. Once his friends heard that Jesus was in town, they wanted to bring their friend to see Jesus. Of course, everyone else in town wanted the same. So the friends hoisted him up onto the roof, they peeled off the covering and lowered the paralyzed man directly in front of Jesus. Seeing the friends' faith, Jesus said, "friend, your sins are forgiven." The religious leaders questioned in their hearts, how can he say this, only God can forgive sins.

Jesus, knowing their thoughts asked, "is it easier to say "your sins are forgiven or take up your bed and walk?" Of courses, it is easier to say your sins are forgiven, because it is unprovable. But to say take up your bed, would involve a real miracle. However, for Jesus, it's harder to say your sins are forgiven, because it meant that He would have to die on the cross.

In the story of Jesus, we can easily see ourselves as the broken man. We can see a manifestation of our sin in broken lives. We need a redeemer we need Jesus.

We can see ourselves as the questioning people. Who can save us, who can redeem us, who can rebuild our broken lives? Only God. Only Jesus.

We can see our love and faith at work as faithful friends and believers bringing the lost and broken the Good news. Jesus forgives sin and rebuilds us anew.

Wherever we see ourselves in this story in our life's journey, we can be assured that in a broken world of sin, we have a redeemer a builder of our broken lives and broken spirits.

Our Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Prince of Peace and Lord of lords. Praise him.

- Mike and Lynn Paden