

## Family Information

### Women's Prayer Group Updates

The women's prayer group will not meet this Wednesday or next week. There will be prayer gathering on Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30-6:30 PM at the Northside Food Pantry located at 4664 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43231 (located north of our building). This is a ministry of Vineyard Columbus to pray for our neighbors, community and each other. See Peggy Kaiser for more details. The women's prayer group will resume meeting on Mondays, beginning June 12.

### 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.

### Lifewise Academy Update

Next 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.

## 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.

**Wednesdays** at 6:30 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. The group is not meeting this week, due to the prayer gathering at the Northside Food Pantry. It will also take next week off, and on June 12 the group will resume meeting on Mondays. See Peggy if you have any questions.

**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>	\$5298	\$4553
<b>Designated:</b>	\$100	\$117

### 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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## The Bread Of Life

*Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.*  
- John 6:27

As Jesus had compassion on the crowds and fed thousands of people with a few loaves and fish, he has compassion on us all and he encourages us to seek spiritual food that will lead us to eternal life. As God had compassion on the Israelites and fed them with manna from heaven, our Heavenly Father has compassion on us all, and he has sent his Son to give us spiritual nourishment - *Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."* - John 6:32

Ambrose of Milan (approx. AD 339-397) was born to a prominent family, who had him go to Rome to study law and public speaking. Eventually Ambrose was appointed as governor of a region in northern Italy, and there he was asked to help with some problems in the church in Milan. Yet the more Ambrose learned about the message of Jesus, the more it captivated him, and he soon devoted himself to writing and speaking about Jesus and the Scriptures.

In one of his poems, Ambrose writes, "Radiance of the Father's glory, bringing forth light out of light, light of light and source of all light, daylight, illuminating days." For our Heavenly Father is indeed the source the source of light, the source of truth, the source of understanding, the source of compassion, the source of life itself - *For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.* - John 6:33

God and his words nourish our souls and renew our minds, as Ambrose wrote, "True sun, come down upon us, shining with brightness eternal, and pour forth into our minds the Holy Spirit's brilliance." And Jesus is the bread of life, who came to feed our spirits with living bread and to satisfy our souls with living water - *Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* - John 6:35

As Ambrose of Milan also said, "Let our nourishment be Christ, let our refreshment be the faith, let us with joy drink in the Spirit." God gives enduring hope and peace to those who open our hearts and minds to him, and he gives eternal life to those who walk humbly by faith in Jesus - *For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.* - John 6:40

God and the purposes of his heart will endure forever.

- Mark Garner

## Salvation's River

Down at the cross, on Calvary's mountain,  
Where mercies flow,  
I plunged in the redeeming fountain,  
Washed whiter than the snow.  
When nothing in the whole creation  
Could purchase peace,  
My Savior brought His free salvation,  
Gave me complete release.

When lost in sin, my all I squandered,  
Far from the fold;  
My Savior sought me where I wandered,  
Gave me His wealth untold;  
All bonds of sin and Satan rending,  
Christ made me whole;  
I'll ne'er forget that joy transcending,  
When Jesus saved my soul.

- Russell Kelso Carter, 1849-1928

*Schoolteacher and doctor R. Kelso Carter also wrote the words to about 100 hymns.*

## I Cannot Always See The Way

I cannot always see the way that leads to heights above,  
And sometimes I forget He leads me on with hand of love,  
But yet I know the path must lead me to Immanuel's land,  
And when I leave life's summit I shall know and understand.

I cannot always trace the onward course my ship must take,  
But, looking backward, I behold afar its shining wake  
Illumined with God's light of love, and so I onward go,  
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm the course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which He builds my life,  
For oft the sound of hammers, blow and blow the noise of strife  
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows and oversees.  
And that in all details, with His good plan my life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand the Master's rule;  
I cannot always do the tasks He gives in life's hard school;  
But I am learning with His help to solve them, one by one.  
And when I cannot understand, to say Thy will be done.

- Gertrude Benedict Curtis, 1861-1911

*Writer and schoolteacher Gertrude Curtis also spent over 20 years doing mission work in Japan.*

## 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, Tara Neiswonger writes about the renewal and rebuilding God can give us in our relationship with him as well as in our relationships with one another.*

## Deepening Our Relationship With God

Of the many positives I am grateful for at Northland, one is the emphasis on relationship, with each other and foremost with our God. The Christian path is primarily the building and deepening of a relationship with God and the full life this relationship emboldens.

Isaiah 58 digs into relationship, compared to ritual, as I understand it. Isaiah asks the question of his readers if they feel their fasting ritual has pleased the Lord. He seems, to me, to be asking what is the intent of their action. This leads me on an internal query of what is my intent in my actions, my intent in my study of His word, my praying, my writing of these sentences, my daily interactions.

We live to deepen our relationship with Him and glorify Him thru our actions.

Isaiah calls for action or intent to show justice and mercy. He lists out actions in verses 6-7 - to free those who are wrongly imprisoned, stop oppressing those who work for you, share your food with the hungry, welcome poor wanderers into your home, give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

I take from this my relationship with God is akin to my relationships with those around me. God shows a relationship of action in care and concern that goes beyond generosity. I read in this that I am to align my intentions, not only my actions, but my motives with God's directive and example of loving kindness and grace.

- Tara Neiswonger