

Family Information

Camp Weeks

Camp week at NWOCYC starts today, and is from June 11-17. Please pray for those going or helping. Camp week at Fort Hill is coming up from July 16-22. If you are interested to come as staff, or if you have kids who want to come, please let Josh Evans know.

Women's Prayer Group Schedule

The women's prayer group will resume meeting at 6:30 PM on Mondays this week, beginning tomorrow (June 12). See Peggy Kaiser if you have any questions.

Men's Lunch On June 25

There will be a Northland brothers' lunch Sunday June 25 after morning worship (at 11:45 AM). All men are invited to attend, provided you sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We will be selecting a restaurant in the area. Please sign-up ASAP so we can reserve your seat.

Worship At Willow Brook Next Sunday

Willow Brook Christian Home (at 55 Lazelle Road) is resuming having local congregations organize their Sunday afternoon worship times. Next Sunday, June 18, it will be Northland's turn. See Caleb for details.

Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5, at 6:30 PM. The Outreach Team is currently meeting once per month, on the first Wednesday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

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.

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

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 6:30 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. This week, the group resumes resume meeting on Mondays (beginning tomorrow, June 12). See Peggy if you have any questions. 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; in the near future the class will begin a study of 1 Peter, with the theme "Living Stones". 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:	\$4332	\$4476
Designated:	\$270	\$134



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We Will Find Our Joy In The Lord

If you call the Sabbath a delight . . . and if you honor it by not going your own way . . . - Isaiah 58:13

Every day Jesus gives us a Sabbath-rest for our souls; every day he gives us refuge from this world's emptiness and chaos, and it is a delight to our spirits. Our Heavenly Father patiently calls us to walk humbly by faith in the message of his Son, instead of relying on human talents and ambition, so that we may find our joy in knowing and being with the Lord our God - . . . *then you will find your joy in the Lord.* - Isaiah 58:14

Red pandas (adults are up to two feet long with tails up to 18 inches long; they are sometimes called "lesser pandas") live in forests of the Himalayas. They are particularly fond of living in trees and eating bamboo (giant pandas also eat mainly bamboo, though they are not closely related). They need to eat a lot of bamboo, so as adults they spend most of their time by themselves, though as newborns they are well cared for.

Usually two to four red pandas are born at a time; their mother will stay with them up to a year. As cubs, red pandas are particularly playful with one another and with their mother (in captivity, red panda fathers also like playing with their cubs); their mother treats them equally and teaches them to treat their siblings well.

Similarly, God teaches us to help one another with our physical and spiritual needs, and to share spiritual nourishment in this world's spiritual famine and to give one another shelter from this world's storms of confusion and noise. The Lord is near with us all, he surrounds with his presence those who put our trust in him, and he hears our faintest prayers - *Share your food with the hungry . . . provide the poor wanderer with shelter . . . The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer.* - Isaiah 58:7-9

God shows his care to the red pandas - even as adults they like doing acrobatics in trees; they can do this because God gives them long bushy tails and highly flexible ankles (they can even climb down trees headfirst). Their rust-colored fur also camouflages them among branches and moss and lichens; moreover, their hands are designed to make it easy for them to grasp and eat bamboo.

As these endearing animals find contentment in the life God gives them, when we turn away from worldly thinking and walk in the light of Jesus, our Heavenly Father carries us each step and supplies us with a feast from his heavenly pasture - *And I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.* - Isaiah 58:14

God is so caring and understanding, and his compassion endures forever.

- Mark Garner

Lord, We Know That Thou Art Near Us

Lord, we know that Thou art near us,
Though Thou seem'st to hide Thy face;
And are sure that Thou dost hear us,
Though no answer we embrace.

Not one promise shall miscarry
Not one blessing come too late
Though the vision long may tarry
Give us patience, Lord to wait.

While withholding—
Thou art giving In Thine own appointed way
And while waiting we're receiving
Blessings suited to our day.

O the wondrous loving-kindness
Planning, working out of sight,
Bearing with us in our blindness,
Out of darkness bringing light.

Weaving blessings out of trials,
Out of grief evolving bliss;
Answering prayer by wise denials
When Thy children ask amiss.

And when faith shall end in vision,
And when prayer is lost in praise,
Then shall love, in full fruition,
Justify Thy secret ways.

- Jane Fox Crewdson, 1808-1863

English writer and poet Jane Crewdson began writing poetry during a long illness. Some of her poems have been set to music as hymns; this one was set to music written by English poet Charlotte Barnard (1830-1869), who also wrote music for hymns, ballads, and other songs.

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, Caleb Dillinger writes about the ways God can graft any of us into his spiritual "tree", his family.

Grafted Into The Family

There is a genre of books and movies and shows and video games called "post-apocalyptic". In this genre, an apocalypse happens (zombies, nuclear war, aliens, magic, natural disaster, etc.), and then there are survivors who must go on. The world is in ruins. The question is almost always posed: How do you rebuild what's been ruined? Normally the answer lies in taking the remnants of what used to be and building something fresh and new upon it. That happens to align with the theology the apostle Paul offers in terms of the church.

In Romans 11, Paul talks about Israel falling away from faith and some of the branches being broken off. BUT, he points out how the Gentiles have been grafted into the spiritual tree.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." (Romans 11:17-19)

The original "building", or in this case, tree, is Israel. It's still the nourishing tree, even if branches have been broken off. Don't attack it to lift yourself up, because you need it! The church cannot despise Israel because Israel opened the way for the church to exist. God's people never stopped being his people; but the group got a lot bigger by the will of God.

Ruins cannot stop God. Branches falling away cannot stop God. The next time you feel like you've been cut off, you've fallen away, you've done something irredeemable, remember that God can take anything and graft it back into the faithful tree. That includes you!

- Caleb Dillinger