

Family Information

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule (Revised)

The Sunday afternoon Bible class will be taking a break for a couple more weeks. It will resume meeting in the near future.

Good News

Cobalt Kaiser (Peggy Kaiser's son) was baptized on May 24 in Camas, Washington. If you would like to drop him a message, his mailing address is 2319 East McLoughlin Boulevard, Vancouver, Washington 98661.

Crafts & Story Time

The Outreach Team is planning a Crafts and Story Time at the church on Saturday, August 26th, from 2:00-3:30 PM. See Caleb for more information.

Meeting For Teachers & Group Leaders On July 29

There will be a meeting for teachers and group leaders on Saturday July 29 from 10:30 AM until noon, followed by lunch. Anyone leading a Bible study or prayer group is asked to make plans to attend. We will be discussing Northland plans for the Fall. If you are unable to attend, please appoint someone from your group to attend. For questions, please see one of the elders.

Men's Lunch Next Month

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday, August 20, after morning worship. See Jeff for more information.

Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 2, 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.

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

Combined Worship On September 10

There will be a combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation (and possibly also with the Spanish congregation) on Sunday evening, September 10, at 6:00 PM. More details will be coming soon.

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. 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. In September, the class will begin a study of 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Contact Karen for more details, as well as to request a workbook.

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:	\$2907	\$4445
Designated:	\$	\$573



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By Day, By Night

Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. - Nehemiah 9:19

Because of God's great compassion, he does not abandon us in the wilderness of this world's empty thinking. Because of our Heavenly Father's great understanding, he knows our hearts and he knows what we need. Because of the Lord's faithfulness and care, he does not fail to guide us by day and by night when we put our trust in him and in the good news of Jesus -

By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night on the way they were to take. - Nehemiah 9:19

The words to the hymn "He Leadeth Me" were originally written when writer and college literature teacher Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918), who was also a part-time minister, was talking with some friends about Psalm 23 and the ways God guided and comforted them in difficult times. As they talked, Gilmore wrote a poem that summarized his thoughts; later it was published in a Christian magazine, where a composer read it and set to music as a hymn.

Joseph's poem begins, "He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught. Whatever I do, wherever I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me." For indeed wherever we go, God's Spirit lives within us, God's words are on our hearts, and our Father in heaven feeds us with the living bread of Jesus and the water of life -

You gave them your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. - Nehemiah 9:20

Gilmore's poem continues, "sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, over troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me." Truly both in peaceful times and in anxious times, God guides us by the hand when we put our faith in him, and he provides for the needs of our souls even in this world's spiritual famine -

For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. - Nehemiah 9:21

Joseph Gilmore's hymn has been translated into many languages, since it reminds us of the timeless truths of God's nearness and of our Heavenly Father's care for each of us; and as Joseph wrote, "Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me." For as he leads us, God sustains us and pours out spiritual blessings on us -

They ate to the full and were well-nourished; they reveled in your goodness. - Nehemiah 9:25

God nourishes our spirits by day and by night and he leads us by day and by night; it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

Thy Sovereign Bounty

They sovereign bounty freely gives
Its inexhausted store;
And universal nature lives
On thy sustaining power.

Holy and just in all its ways,
Is providence divine;
In all its works, immortal rays
Of power and mercy shine.

Whoever invokes the God of grace,
Shall find him ever near,
To all that humbly seek his face
He lends a pitying ear.

The praise of God, delightful theme,
Shall fill my heart and tongue,
Let all creation bless his name
In one eternal song.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

*This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms.
This one is based on Psalm 145.*

How Pure Is The Light

How holy the Bible! How pure is the light
That streams from its pages divine!
'Tis a star that shines soft
Through the gloom of the night,
Of jewels a wonderful mine.
'Tis bread for the hungry,
'Tis food for the poor,
A balm for the wounded and sad,
'Tis the gift of a Father—
His likeness is there,
And the hearts of His children are glad.

- George Thomas Congreve, 1821-1898

*English doctor George Congreve taught and organized children's Bible classes for many years,
as well as writing the words to several hymns.*

Treasures In Heaven

In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us of treasures in heaven, and he calls us to set our hearts on these things. This week, Renée Jackson writes about how God can transform our hearts when we trust in him and put our hope in the message of Jesus.

Treasures & The Heart

“Earth holds no treasures but perish with using, however precious they be; yet there’s a country to which I am going, Heaven holds all to me. Heaven holds all to me, brighter its glory will be; joy without measure will be my treasure, Heaven holds all to me.” The first verse and the chorus of the song “Heaven Holds All to Me” have always been one of my favorites.

In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus says “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroys and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Treasure is linked to the heart. What does your heart long for? Money, fame, possessions, security, power and influence? Or does your heart long for Jesus to be the greatest treasure in your life, both now and for eternity?

We find an example in Matthew 19 of the rich young ruler who chose his possessions and went away sad. The riches of this life and the cares of the world can hinder maturity in faith as people become preoccupied by earthly concerns and treasures rather than God and His Word.

We are storing up treasures on earth if the object of our affection is centered on ourselves and what we can accumulate. It can result in our ruin as well as falling away from faith.

However, if our greatest treasure is Jesus, we will desire to put our time, money, resources and talent on pursuits that glorify God and we will store up treasures in the kingdom of heaven.

To desire the treasures of heaven we need a new heart (transformed) that values Jesus more than wealth and possessions. We need to help the poor and those in need. Although we might not see any reward on earth for helping those in need, we know we are advancing the heavenly kingdom and giving God the glory. We must seek the Kingdom of God first, pursue Jesus above all things and surrender everything to Him. For all that Christ has done for us we should treasure Him and His kingdom first. He knows all that we need so we can seek the kingdom and His righteousness, knowing that everything we need will be added (Matthew 6:33).

Finally we must trust the promises of God and do not be anxious. Jesus lived his life in full obedience to the Father. His priority was always to do His Father’s will and we can trust Him to help us as we seek to live an obedient, holy life for the glory of God. He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us on earth. Our real prosperity, joy, and treasures are in heaven, where we are in Christ hidden in God, and Christ is our life and our everything.

- Renée Jackson