

Family Information

Meeting This Saturday - July 29th

There will be a meeting for teachers and group leaders this 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.

Upcoming Study In Tuesday Women's Bible Class

In September, the Tuesday women's on-line class will begin a study of 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. The workbook costs \$20; Karen Susenna can order one for you, as long as you let her know by August 6 (Sunday). If you have any other questions about the class, see Karen.

Sunday Afternoon Class

The Sunday afternoon Bible class is on a break and will resume in a few weeks.

Wednesday Outreach Meeting - August 2nd

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

Men's Lunch - August 20th

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

Kids Craft and Story Time - August 26th

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.

Combined Worship - September 10th

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

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 Class	4:00 PM

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

Classes & Groups

Adult Classes and Groups

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him or Leisha for locations, details, and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Virtual) - 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 (Virtual) - 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:	\$4660	\$4304
Designated:		\$573



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Called To One Hope

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called. - Ephesians 4:4

This world is full of false hopes and disappointments, yet our Heavenly Father has given us a new hope, the one hope of redemption and salvation through his Son. This world provokes people to strive and dispute with one another, yet God gives us a better hope, freely offered to everyone who trusts in him and the message of Jesus. Our Father in heaven is the Father of us all -

... one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. - Ephesians 4:6

The capybara is related to the guinea pig and resembles a very large guinea pig (capybaras are about 4 feet long and 2 feet tall, and they can weigh as much as a human being). Capybaras live in the rainforests of South America, where food is plentiful (their name means "leaf eater" or "grass eater") yet where there are also many dangers. Despite their size, they are peaceful animals; their main defense from predators comes from staying together and looking out for one another.

Capybaras usually live in groups of 10-20 animals; they are known for their friendliness with one another, and particularly their care for one another's young. Similarly, God provides the body of Jesus with abundant spiritual nourishment, while in this world we also face numerous spiritual hazards. So God calls us also to look out for one another, and to encourage one another to walk humbly in the grace and light of Jesus -

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. - Ephesians 4:7

Not only are capybaras known for their care for one another, they are remarkable in their kindness to other animals. Biologists often give them nicknames like "living furniture" and "nature's chairs", since birds, monkeys, and other animals often ride, play, or rest on capybaras' backs. The capybara also interacts regularly with other animals, including turtles and rabbits.

As these peaceful animals live in harmony with so many different creatures, God enables us to appreciate and care for others who may at first seem much different from ourselves. For we all have the same need for God's grace, guidance, and care; and God has met all of our deepest needs through Jesus -

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. - Ephesians 4:2-3

Our Heavenly Father has called us to the one hope of eternal life with him, a hope far better than this world can ever offer, a hope that transcends this world's circumstances and appearances; and God's words are true, and his promises are trustworthy.

- Mark Garner, July 2023

On The Shores Of Galilee

Oh! I love to think of Jesus,
When I read the story o'er,
How the Savior, worn and weary,
Trode the Galilean shore;
How He taught His loved disciples,
As they walked beside the sea,
In the sunshine of His presence,
On the shores of Galilee.

Oh! I love to think of Jesus,
As He journeyed day by day,
Hand in hand with those who loved Him,
In that land so far away,
And the waters murmured softly
As the sunlight kissed the sea,
Oh! how sweet to walk with Jesus,
On the shores of Galilee.

Oh! I love to think of Jesus,
When the twilight shadows fall,
And the shining stars of heaven
Smile in beauty over all.
Then I hear a sweet voice saying,
"Come, My child, come unto Me;
I will ever walk beside you,
On the shores of Galilee."

- Alice Toland Criss, 1857-1938

Poet and songwriter Alice Criss (known to her friends as Allie) wrote several hymns, and she was also part of a missionary society.

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, Peggy Kaiser writes about storing up spiritual treasures in our hearts.

Storing Up Spiritual Treasures

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:19-21

How do you store up treasures in heaven? I am not sure how to answer that question. However, I do know how to store things in my basement. My basement is filled with plastic containers that are somewhat organized with labels on each box. I have toys, Christmas decorations, craft supplies, old computer hardware, and memorabilia from my childhood. We store things for lots of reasons and usually hold onto items long past their use. There is a new trendy lifestyle called minimalism. It is intentionally living with fewer possessions focusing only on the ones you need. Living with less may be the right choice if you're feeling overwhelmed with clutter, if you are looking for few distractions or looking to cut back on spending.

There was someone in the Bible that Jesus asked him to become a minimalist. We refer to him as the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-29). Jesus knew that his financial portfolio was a huge obstacle in truly grasping the importance of eternal life. Heaven is not earned by keeping the commandments but by knowing Jesus and allowing Jesus to make his home in your heart. The man had great wealth and claimed that he was keeping all of the commandments even from an early age. Jesus knew that his attitude and wealth was a barrier to his obedience.

Jesus doesn't want anything to prevent us in knowing him. Jesus will never ask us to be a spiritual minimalist. He wants us to store up multiple containers of spiritual treasures in our heart.

Let us store our hearts with the living, walking and talking word of God. Fill our minds with the very nature of Jesus so that we will overflow with imperishable treasures that can never be taken away.

- Peggy Kaiser, July 2023