

Family Information

Sunday Afternoon Class Resumes Next Sunday
The Sunday afternoon Bible class has been taking a break, and it will resume meeting next Sunday, August 13.

Workbooks For Upcoming Study In Tuesday Women's Class

On September 5, 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 today (August 6). If you have any other questions about the class, see Karen.

What's The Point Of Isaiah?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Isaiah?" The entire series is being posted to Northland's web site (ncocfamily.com) - under "Resources" there is a link that will take you to the series.

Men's Lunch On August 20

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

Crafts & Story Time On August 26

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.

Willow Brook Schedule

The next two times that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at 2:00 PM at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) are September 17 and October 29.

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

Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

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

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 soon.

Current Mid-Week Studies

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 (On-Line) - 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 (On-Line) - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is in Titus. On September 5, 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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3696	\$4391
Designated:	\$	\$573



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A Land That Yields A Valuable Crop

You do not even know what will happen tomorrow . . . - James 4:14

This world's circumstances and its ways change constantly, yet God and his understanding and his words will endure forever. We never know what tomorrow will bring, yet we know that each day our Heavenly Father will be near with us and he will guide us every step when we put our trust in him. So the Lord patiently reminds us to walk by faith in him and in the message of Jesus - *You ought to say, If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.* - James 4:15

The world's second largest fish is the basking shark, which can be over 35 feet long (average length 25-30 feet) and can weigh over 10,000 pounds - more than twice the size of the better-known great white shark. Yet basking sharks are peaceful, patient animals, and they are harmless to humans; they only eat plankton, microscopic organisms that float in seawater. When they feed, they often move very slowly along the surface, as if they were basking in sunlight, giving them their name.

They don't swim quickly, and they need to eat a lot, so God designs them so that they can live at this calm pace. Their mouths are quite large, over 3 feet wide, and they have several rows of filters that sends food directly to their narrow throats. Without rushing, basking sharks patiently fill their stomachs each day just by moving slowly and keeping their mouths open.

Likewise, God simply asks us to keep our minds and our hearts open as he guides us, so that he can give us spiritual nourishment from his words, from the things he has made, and from others he puts in our lives. For our Heavenly Father has brought us to a land that yields a valuable crop of the fruit of the Spirit when we walk humbly and patiently in the light of Jesus - *See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.* - James 5:7-8

Basking sharks have very large livers full of light oils that give them extra buoyancy in addition to the liver's other functions; also, for protection their skin is abrasive like sandpaper, and they can secrete a caustic fluid to repel parasites that otherwise might take advantage of their slowness. As God takes care of these patient creatures, he shows his care and kindness to those who faithfully follow Jesus as we endure this world's harshness and chaos - *As an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord . . . You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.* - James 5:10-11

For the Lord is indeed full of compassion and mercy and understanding and grace and truth.

- Mark Garner

All Glory Be Thine

Thou only art holy,
Thou only the Lord;
Truth, mercy and judgment,
Shine forth in Thy Word.
Thou rulest and reignest
All others above;
Thy throne is eternal,
Thy scepter is love.

Thy reign everlasting,
Thy kingdom divine,
Henceforth and forever
All glory be Thine.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Prayer

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of the eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Nor prayer is made by man alone;
The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal throne
For mourners intercedes.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself has trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray!

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Besides writing many poems, British writer James Montgomery was also the editor of a newspaper for over 30 years, as well as writing the words to several dozen 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, Dot Duncan writes about the treasure living within us, the "treasure in jars of clay".

For We Have This Treasure In Jars of Clay (2 Corinthians 4:1-7)

As Christians, I believe most of us read the Bible. Maybe not every day, but we do read it! However, do you believe it is God's treasure in you? I have read 2 Corinthians 4:7 many times, and thought the author was talking about the Holy Spirit.

Upon closer inspection, I believe he is speaking to us about the treasure of the Word of God and the power it has in our lives as the Body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:7 reads, *We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.* NIV, (BibleGateway.com).

The Word of God is Divine and Holy, filled with power. What does the Word of God do for us?

- 1) By the mercy of God, we do not become discouraged, faint-hearted, or weary (4:1).
- 2) It gives us the power to no longer engage in secrets thoughts, desires, and feelings that are contrary to God (4:2).
- 3) The Word removes spiritual blindness and lights the way to Christ (4:3-4).
- 4) It reveals Christ as the Savior of the world and that He's the divine image of God, the Father, (4:4).

And,

- 5) The Word empowers us to teach Jesus Christ as Lord and that we are merely His servants (4:5).

Divinity living in frail human beings! I cannot explain this phenomenon. However, I believe God put His treasure, the Gospel of Light, in jars of clay (frail humans). This promise is for all of mankind, to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord.

- Dot Duncan