

Family Information

This Morning's Schedule

Instead of following the usual schedule, this morning there will be a combined class at 10:00 AM, followed by a combined worship time with the Ghana congregation from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Clothing Closet Updates

The Clothing Closet is now open once per month, by appointment only, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It will be open on November 15 and on December 13 (due to the holiday); for appointments call 614-918-7925 from 5:30-8:00 PM Monday. We are also looking for helpers to sort and hang clothes on Wednesdays when the Clothing Closet is closed.

Clothing Closet - Current Needs

The closet clothing now needs winter coats (of all sizes), gloves, winter hats, and scarves. Thank you for anything you can donate.

Scripture Reading On December 16

On Saturday December 16, everyone is welcome to join us from 6:30-7:30 PM as we read the book of Hebrews from beginning to end. You will also have the chance to read part of the letter if you'd like to. See Caleb for more details.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Saturday December 2 from 10:00-11:30 AM. Members of the Ghana and Spanish congregations are welcome to attend. Topics will include finances and missions.

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.

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, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

On Line Bible Studies

Carols & Cookies

There will be a Christmas Carols & Cookies event on Sunday evening, December 3, from 6:00-7:30 PM.

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 on 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Contact Karen for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5623	\$4339
Designated:	\$	\$295



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Ponder The Loving Deeds Of The Lord

*Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction.
- Psalm 107:17*

This world holds many false hopes and the accuser sets many snares for us; yet if we wander or stumble, our Heavenly Father is always near, and he heals our spirits when we turn to him with our hearts. We are sheep who need a shepherd, so the Son of God came to be our good Shepherd, who comforts us in our troubles and protects us from spiritual foes too strong for us - *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.* - Psalm 107:19

As Daniel Defoe's 1719 novel "Robinson Crusoe" begins, the main character decides to reject both God and his family, choosing instead to pursue a life of restlessness and self-interest. Young Crusoe goes to sea and soon faces a series of mishaps; one time he is so terrified by a storm, he promises God to follow him if God will deliver him. Yet, when he is safe, Robinson ignores his promise, and he soon gets involved in immoral, malevolent schemes.

Then he is shipwrecked alone on an island, where he loses any hope of surviving. Later, as wreckage floats ashore, he finds a Bible; when he starts reading, God's words begin to affect him. One day he reads, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver (thee), and thou shalt glorify me" and "Wait on the Lord . . . and He shall strengthen thy Heart", and he says, "It is impossible to express the comfort this gave me. In answer, I thankfully laid down the Book."

Similarly, God's words comfort our spirits and reassure us that God is near, and God heals the wounds of our souls when we humbly walk by faith in the message of Jesus - *He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.* - Psalm 107:20

In the novel, Robinson realizes that God has already provided him with the means to have food and shelter, and as he learns more about the good news of Jesus, he says "I began to conclude in my mind that it was possible for me to be more happy in this forsaken, solitary condition that it was possible I should ever have been in any other particular state in the world."

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds.
- Psalm 107:21*

Robinson Crusoe also regrets his ingratitude for his family's care for him. He says, "All our discontents about what we want appeared to me to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have." So he faces the many events to come with a changed perspective and a renewed spirit.

Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord. - Psalm 107:43

Truly, our Heavenly Father has done many caring deeds of compassion and grace and understanding for us, and it is good to ponder them.

- Mark Garner

Worthy Of All Adoration

Worthy of all adoration
Is the Lamb that once was slain,
Cry in raptured exultation
His redeemed from every nation
Angel myriads join the strain.

As the sound of many waters
Let the full Amen arise.
Hallelujah ceasing never,
Sounding through the great forever
Linking all its harmonies.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

A Brighter Dawn Is Breaking

A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For Thou, O King, most highest,
The power of death defiest.

And Thou hast come victorious,
With risen body glorious,
Who now forever livest,
And life abundant givest.

In sickness give us healing,
In doubt Thy clear revealing,
That praise to Thee be given
In earth as in Thy Heaven.

- Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

British writer and hymnist Percy Dearmer also served as a missionary for several years, and he was a Red Cross chaplain during the first World War. Later in life, he also taught college classes on religious art.

One Sacrifice For Sins

By one sacrifice for all time, Jesus has made it possible for everyone to come to God with a humble heart and receive forgiveness of all our sins, an eternal home with God, and much more. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about the many ways that Jesus meets our spiritual needs.

The Holy One Has Come

A popular theme of several movies and books is the search for "the One". In science fiction movies, "The One" has the power to defeat the bad guys and restore order and peace to the people. This chosen One has been prophesied about for many generations. There is great anticipation about when he will be revealed. The oppressed and imprisoned people are putting all of their hope in the arrival of "the One".

In romantic stories, "the One" has the power to love and rescue. They provide the other person with happiness and fulfilment. If you can find your soulmate then your life will be complete and perfect.

I am no different than those characters in these stories. I search out for people who can give me attention and purpose in life. I look for things that provide comfort and safety. We are so fortunate that we no longer have to wait and search for "the One".

He has already arrived to provide salvation, released us from oppression & imprisonment, and restored us to a relationship with God. We no longer need doubt that there might be someone else out there that can make us perfect and complete. We read in Hebrews that our great high priest, has offered for all time one sacrifice for sins. For by one sacrifice, he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:11-14 - "Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."

We no longer need to be searching for "the One". He has come and provided all that we need in this life and in the future of eternity. We can put our attention and energy into knowing Him and discovering His exciting purpose for our lives.

- Peggy Kaiser