

Family Information

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 areas of service, ongoing maintenance, building usage, security, and finances.

Carols & Cookies On December 3

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

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.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet is now open once per month, by appointment only, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It will next be open 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.

On Line Bible Studies

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.

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:	\$5621	\$4367
Designated:	\$180	\$290

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

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

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

Yours, Lord, Is The Greatness...

Yours, Lord, Is The Greatness, & Yours Is The Glory

David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. - 1 Chronicles 29:10

David has seen the abundance God has provided for the future building of the temple that his son Solomon will carry out, and he is moved to thank and praise the Lord for his understanding and care. When we too pause and consider all the things that our Heavenly Father has done for us and has provided for us, we too can realize that God alone is worthy of glory and greatness - *Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. - 1 Chronicles 29:11*

French writer Carmen Bernos de Gasztold (1919-1995) is best known for her two collections of prayers by animals ("Prayers From The Ark" and "The Creatures' Choir"). In these prayers, she shows the animals' awareness of their dependence on their Creator, as well as making observations on human nature and our need for God.

In one of de Gasztold's prayers, a ladybird beetle (or ladybug) prays, "How I love each blade of Your grass. I love to land there, resting the happy whirr of my wings . . . Thank you for having made me . . . a mite of comfort and laughter." We too may seem insignificant in this world's eyes, yet God cares about each of us, and he gives us many blessings both physical and spiritual - *Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. - 1 Chronicles 29:14*

In another of Carmen's prayers, a mole thanks our Heavenly Father for the care God has shown it, "A hidden life, Lord, though not a poor one - my velvet coat shows that", and also asks God to "keep me from the vanities of the world, and guide the strivings of my little paws so that they reach some secret paradise." For in this world, we are exiles who need God to guide us and protect us - *We are foreigners and strangers in your sight. - 1 Chronicles 29:15*

In another prayer, a lark expresses its desire to be closer with God, for it realizes that our Heavenly Father alone gives our lives lasting meaning and hope, "O my God, I am here, I am here. You draw me away from earth, and I climb to you . . . let my exultant nothingness soar to the glory of your mercy." Similarly, God reminds us to keep our hearts and minds on the message of Jesus - *Lord . . . keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. - 1 Chronicles 29:18*

Greatness and glory and majesty belong to God, and it is good to praise him and give him thanks.

- Mark Garner



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We Thank You, Lord

We thank You, Lord,
For everyday provisions,
For daily food,
For clothes and shelter too,
For health and strength
And grace for every trial.

We thank You, Lord,
For giving us salvation.
You sent Your Son
That we might be forgiven.
Far as the east
From west, our sins have vanished.

Now justified,
We're citizens of Heaven.
You've sealed us with
Your promised Holy Spirit;
We thank You, Lord,
For love so freely given!

- Susan Helen Peterson, 1950-2004

Writer, hymnist, and editor Susan Peterson worked for a time with a missions group, and she spent a year on a mission. Later, she worked for a group of Bible translators, and she was also active in teaching visually impaired adults.

Our Souls With Pleasing Wonder View

Our souls with pleasing wonder view
The bounties of Thy grace;
How much bestowed, how much reserved,
For them that seek Thy face!

Here mercy hides their numerous sins;
Here grace their souls renews;
Here Thine own reconciled face
Doth heavenly beams diffuse.

Since time's too short, all gracious God,
To utter half Thy praise,
Lord, to the honor of Thy name
Eternal hymns we'll raise.

- Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

English writer, teacher, and speaker Philip Doddridge was the youngest of 20 children, and he was orphaned at age 13. Besides teaching philosophy and theology, he was a minister for a few years, and he wrote several books and over 300 hymns.

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, Tara Neiswonger writes about the contrast between Jesus' one sacrifice with the many sacrifices that humans and human priests have made.

Made Whole With God

A through line runs from the sacrificial laws of the Old Testament to the one perfect sacrifice of the New Testament. The Old Testament required sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin, the word sin coming from a meaning of failing or missing the mark. The Old Testament Mosaic law was a framework for outlining how and when the mark was missed with the various sacrificial offerings an annual reminder of sin, of a person's failure to follow the law perfectly. It takes me a very quick read of Old Testament law to realize I would never achieve perfection in terms of following the law.

As we move into the New Testament, Christ steps forward as the one perfect sacrifice, a sacrifice for all sins, an act of obedience to the will of God. It is thru this perfect sacrifice we, as believers, are made holy, made whole with God. We are set apart, for a specific purpose, by His sacrifice. Hebrews 10:14 tells us, because "*by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy*".

I Peter 1:15 goes on to say "*but just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written, be holy because I am holy.*" For the grace and mercy shown by this perfect sacrifice, we are called to move forward in faith as Paul writes in verse 21, and "*since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.*" And he adds in verse 24, "*and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*"

- Tara Neiswonger