

## Family Information

### Holiday Schedules

**Sunday** Morning Bible Class in E44 - The class resumes meeting this morning.

**Sunday** Morning Bible Class in the Auditorium - The class is meeting through the holidays.

**Sunday** Afternoon Worship (4 PM) - The class is taking December off, and will resume sometime in 2024.

**Monday** Women's Prayer Group - The prayer group is taking a break this Monday, January 1, and will resume meeting on January 8.

**Tuesday** Women's Bible Study - The Bible study resumes meeting this Tuesday, January 2.

**Wednesday** Outreach Meetings - The group will meet this Wednesday, January 3.

**Friday** TGIF Bible Study - See Leisha or Mike Evans for updates.

### 2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 offering envelopes are now available to be picked up in the foyer for those who have requested them. The names are written on each box. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please see Ashley Dillinger.

### Outreach Meeting

There will be an Outreach Meeting this Wednesday January 3, from 6:30-7:30 PM. The Outreach Team is now meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

### Men's Lunch

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday January 21, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at Smokey Bones, 3939 Morse Crossing. See Jeff if you have any questions.

### 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 Wednesday, January 17; 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.

### 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

### Worship At Willow Brook

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time on January 21 at 2:00 PM at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road). Everyone is welcome to come.

### 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.

### 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
<b>General:</b>	\$16707	\$4721
<b>Designated:</b>	\$200	\$271



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## Let Us Worship And Adore Him

This season we remember that Jesus broke into this world to bring life and love to His people. As we sing hymns such as "Let Us Worship and Adore Him", let's look to Isaiah 6 for an example of worship and adoration.

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim and they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (Isaiah 6:1-4).*

Isaiah was consumed by the greatness, power and holiness of the Lord. The Lord filled the temple, and when the seraphim started worshipping, the temple shook and was filled with smoke. And, as Isaiah sees the true greatness of the Lord, he recognizes, in comparison, his own unworthiness.

*"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." (Isaiah 6:5)*

He doesn't run from the Lord, which might be a natural human reaction. He stays in the Lord's presence. He is honest and confesses his sin.

*Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." (Isaiah 6:6-7)*

The Lord knows that Isaiah, like the rest of us, has a sin problem -- a problem none of us can take care of on our own. Once Isaiah recognizes his sin, the Lord, via the seraphim, take away the guilt of the sin, as well as the sin itself.

The Lord then asks, "Whom shall I send?". Isaiah immediately replies, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

What a beautiful picture of worship. Recognizing the greatness of the Lord, recognizing and confessing our sin, and in freedom surrendering our will to His call in my life. And, that call is anything and everything that communicates His life and love to the world. And, as we walk in His call, we return again to worship and the cycle continues.

In the New Year may we have our hearts open to Come Worship and Adore Him.

- Karen Susenna

## Great News That Causes Great Joy

*Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem . . . He went there to register with Mary . . . While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born. - Luke 2:4-6*

As Mary and Joseph anticipate the birth of Mary's son, first they must travel to Bethlehem just to comply with an imperial edict, and then no one has a room for them after the taxing journey. Yet it is in these circumstances that Jesus, the Lamb of God, is born - *She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. - Luke 2:7*

Writer Edmund H. Sears is best remembered for writing the words to the hymn "It Came Upon A (or The) Midnight Clear". Sears had originally hoped to pursue a career of ministry, yet a series of incapacitating illnesses forced him to change plans, so he devoted himself to writing about the Scriptures and the message of Jesus.

When Edmund wrote the poem that would become the well-known hymn, he was discouraged by the events of the times and was anxious about the future, yet he found both consolation and hope in thinking about the Son of God coming to live among us. Sears's poem begins, "It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold, Peace on the earth, good will to men, From Heaven's all gracious king."

The message of Jesus is truly glorious, full of grace and truth; and as Jesus rests in a place meant to be used by animals, so also an angel brings the good news first to some lowly shepherds - *There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them . . . the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you great news that will cause great joy for all people. - Luke 2:8-10*

Edmund also took note that the times when Jesus was born were also full of fear and sorrow, and he was comforted by knowing that the good news of Jesus was true in every era and in every nation, as he writes, "Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world."

Jesus did even more than proclaiming peace and good will; he is our Savior and Lord, who brings redemption and overflowing grace to those who open their hearts and minds to his message -

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. - Luke 2:11*

Our Savior has been born, he is Jesus the Messiah, our light in this world's gloom and confusion; and he has prepared a place for us in God's heavenly city.

- Mark Garner

## MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #4

The words in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 22 unused letters, and reading from left to right beginning at the top of the diagram, they will spell out this week's mystery verse.

ABNER	CLOSER	FIELDS	OLDEST	SECOND
AHIMELECH	COMMANDERS	FOREST	ORDINANCE	SERVANT
AMMONITES	CONFUSION	HARDEN	PARTRIDGE	STRIKE
ANOINT	DANGER	ISRAEL	PHILISTINE	TELAIM
BRONZE	EDOMITE	INTERCEDE	PRIESTS	
CAPTAIN	ELUDED	KENITES	REALIZE	
CURSED	ENEMIES	MATTER	SCATTER	

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The answer will be in the bulletin next week. (Last week's mystery verse answer: *They will call him Immanuel.*  
- MATTHEW 1:23

- Mark Garner