

Family Information

2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2023 can be picked up in the church office for those who used envelopes or gave online. If you would like your statement mailed to you, see Ashley Dillinger or email office@ncocfamily.org.

Women's Winter Fellowship Schedule

There are two more winter women's fellowship times, "Just A Little Walk With Jesus", on Saturday February 24 and Saturday March 23. Each will be from 10:00 AM to Noon. See Robbie for more information.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

The closet clothing continues to need winter coats (of all sizes), gloves, winter hats, and scarves. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer. Thank you for anything you can donate.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday February 28 from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. It will also be open on Wednesday March 20. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki if you are available to help.

Next Outreach Meeting - March 3

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Sunday, March 3 after the morning worship assembly. Outreach Meetings will now take place on the first Sunday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Worship Schedule At Willow Brook

In a few weeks, Northland will again be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road), on Sunday March 10 at 2:00 PM.

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, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Midweek Bible Studies

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon class is currently taking a break, and it will resume meeting later this winter. See Mike Paden if you have any questions.

Current Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - 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.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker is currently meeting in the meeting room just off the foyer.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (Online) - 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:	\$5,223	\$4,362
Designated:	\$100	\$60



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By One Sacrifice

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. - Hebrews 10:10

Human efforts and good intentions couldn't wash away our transgressions, and they couldn't ever have made us holy. Yet when we humbly turned to Jesus, in his unfailing care God forgave our sins, and he also sanctified us through and through. By one sacrifice, the Lamb of God has done what human abilities, human learning, and any number of sacrifices couldn't ever have done -

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. - Hebrews 10:11

Writer Elvina Mable Hall (1822-1889) is best remembered for the hymn "I Hear The Savior Say" (sometimes titled "Jesus Paid It All"), which came about in an unexpected way. One Sunday morning at church, Hall began thinking about the contrast between human weakness and God's strength, and she jotted down her thoughts. She made them into a poem, starting, "I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small; child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

The Son of God has become our heavenly high priest, who meets the deepest needs of our spirits. With one sacrifice, he cleanses and sanctifies everyone who puts their faith and hope in him -

But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. - Hebrews 10:12

As Elvina pondered all the ways that Jesus can change us inwardly, she wrote, "Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone, can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone." This world is full of empty promises, yet God can transform our hearts and minds when we put our trust in the message of Jesus instead of in this world's ways. Not only has Jesus cleansed us, he also made us holy; he has given us God's Spirit, and he has made us part of God's own family -

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. - Hebrews 10:14

The same morning, Hall showed the poem to some others in her congregation. Soon she learned that another member, who was a musician, had written a melody that seemed to go with it, producing the hymn. As Elvina had written, "And now complete in Him, my robe His righteousness, close sheltered 'neath His side, I am divinely blest", for God blesses us in so many ways, and he rejoices in showing us his grace and compassion -

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord . . . Then he adds: Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. - Hebrews 10:15-17

And our Heavenly Father gives us the priceless blessing of eternal life with him.

- Mark Garner, February 2024

Come Unto Me

Hear the blessed Savior
Calling the oppressed,
"O ye heavy laden,
Come to Me and rest.
Come, no longer tarry,
I your load will bear,
Bring Me every burden,
Bring Me every care."

Are you disappointed,
Wandering here and there,
Dragging chains of doubt
And loaded down with care?
Do unholy feelings
Struggle in your breast?
Bring your case to Jesus—
He will give you rest.

Have you by temptation
Often conquered been,
Has a sense of weakness
Brought distress within?
Christ will sanctify you,
If you'll claim His best.
In the Holy Spirit,
He will give you rest.

"Come unto Me,
I will give you rest;
Take My yoke upon you,
Hear Me and be blessed.
I am meek and lowly,
Come and trust My might.
Come, My yoke is easy,
And My burden's light."

- Charles Price Jones, 1865-1949

Hymnwriter and public speaker Charles Price Jones, often known as C.P. Jones, began following Jesus when he was about 20. He wrote both the words and music to several hundred hymns.

Bread That Comes From Heaven

The Old Testament tells us how God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven, and the New Testament teaches us that Jesus came down from heaven to bring us the bread of life. This week, Renée Jackson writes about the ways Jesus satisfies the needs of our spirits.

He Is Our Bread Of Life

"I am the bread of life," is one of the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus written in John. He combines I Am metaphors which express his saving relationship toward the world. *"Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35*

Bread is considered a staple food - a basic dietary item. Some use the phrase "breaking bread together" to indicate sharing a meal. By equating himself with bread, Jesus is saying he is essential for life. The life Jesus is referring to is not physical but eternal. He is contrasting what he brings as the Messiah with the bread he miraculously created the day before when he fed over 5,000 people.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6. When Jesus says those who come to him will never hunger and those who believe in him will never thirst, he is saying he will satisfy our hunger and thirst to be made righteous in the sight of God. Jesus satisfies our hunger and thirst for righteousness. He is our bread of life.

Jesus identified himself as the bread of life, the living water, and the way. He did not present himself as a source of salvation, but as the only way to salvation. Without him, without the bread of life, there is no hope for salvation. The Bible says God has placed the desire for eternity in our hearts. *"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11.* Our dilemma is we have a desire we cannot fulfill, no matter what we do. That is where Jesus comes in. He, and He alone, can fulfill that desire in our hearts for righteousness. *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21.*

Jesus satisfies our hunger and thirst for righteousness. *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare." Isaiah 55: 1-2.* Jesus wants us to come to him because he is the bread that satisfies. He is the Bread of Life.

- Renée Jackson, February 2024