

Family Information

Special Contribution Today

Today we're continuing the special contribution to help Clarissa Smith and Donna Smith with Clarissa's medical expenses. You can include it in your contribution envelope, and in the Benevolence Fund part, indicate the amount for Donna Smith. You can also give cash to one of the elders.

Women's Fellowship This Saturday - February 24

The next winter women's fellowship time, "Just A Little Walk With Jesus", is this Saturday February 24, from 10:00 AM to 12:00. There will also be one on Saturday March 23. 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.

Outreach Meeting On March 3

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Sunday, March 3 after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Men's Lunch On March 10

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday March 10, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at the Bob Evans at Huber Village. See Jeff if you have any questions.

Worship Schedule At Willow Brook

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road), on Sunday March 10 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. Northland will next be at Willow Brook on May 12.

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:	\$2,277	\$4,014
Designated:	\$300	\$105



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Christ Will Shine On Us

Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:2

Jesus showed us his overflowing grace and unfailing compassion by giving himself up on the cross for us. We were sheep who needed a shepherd to help us find the path amidst this world's haze and distractions, so the Lamb of God came to be our trustworthy light of life -

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. - Ephesians 5:8

The sugar glider is a cute, small marsupial (their bodies are usually about 6 inches long, plus a tail of about 6 inches) that spends most of its waking hours at night, and it lives in trees in Australia and New Guinea. Their eyes are quite large and protrude from each side of their faces, giving them a large field of vision; their ears swivel in different directions, giving them very good hearing.

As God shows his care to these little mammals in giving them the ability to find their way through dark woods, our Heavenly Father also opens our spiritual eyes and ears, so that we can understand his words and so he can give us guidance as we face this world's confusion and false hopes -

Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth). - Ephesians 5:8-9

Sugar gliders have a furred membrane (called a patagium) attached to their limbs, and they can glide for over 150 feet to escape danger. Their hind feet have opposable toes, so they can firmly grasp tree branches both when landing as well as when feeding; and their front feet have one long, sharp toe, which helps them with both tasks.

Sugar gliders face extreme seasonal changes in temperature and food sources, so their digestive systems are designed to allow them to eat and store large amounts of sugars. They can also slow down their metabolic rate significantly on a regular basis, when needed. As our Creator supplies all the needs of these small animals, when we put our faith in God instead of in this world's ways, he will meet the needs of our spirits and he will teach us about unseen, eternal things -

Everything exposed by the light becomes visible. - Ephesians 5:13

Sugar gliders usually live in small groups. Their parents give plenty of care to their young, adults are attentive to one another's health, and they use a variety of sounds for communication. Similarly, the Son of God is always mindful of our spiritual needs, he guides us each step, and he calls us to let him awaken our spirits and to trust in him -

This is why it is said: Wake up, sleeper . . . and Christ will shine on you. - Ephesians 5:14

Jesus cares for each of us, and he shines his light on those who walk humbly by faith in him.

- Mark Garner, February 2024

Lead Me, Guide Me

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- Doris Mae Akers, 1923-1995

This is an excerpt from one of the best-known hymns written by hymnist and singer Doris Akers. She wrote several hundred hymns, and she is often called "Miss Gospel Music".

Spring Flowers

Welcome children of the Spring,
In your garbs of green and gold,
Lifting up your sun-crowned heads
On the verdant plain and wold . . .

Dewdrops and the morning sun,
Weave your garments fair and bright,
And we welcome you today
As the children of the light.

Children of the earth and sun,
We are slow to understand
All the richness of the gifts
Flowing from our Father's hand

Welcome, early visitants,
With your sun-crowned golden hair,
With your message to our hearts
Of our Father's loving care.

- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, 1825-1911

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, Don Milnor writes about the spiritual benefits of trusting God.

How Much Do We Trust God?

In this world, we have quite a selection of entities in which we can put trust, including various people, machines, systems, and more. Most of us have some idea that there are a lot of people and things in which we can put trust, and potentially be let down. A GPS navigation error, a car which failed to start, and even long-time friends, no matter how good and reliable they may be, have probably let us down. Politicians and salespeople try to convince us we can trust them. Here is what God asked his people to do in the wilderness:

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." -Exodus 16:4-5

Think how hard it might be to trust God in this, especially at the beginning. They were to gather "a day's portion", not enough for two or three days. This bread dropping out of heaven thing is nice and all, but what if it doesn't happen tomorrow? Shouldn't we save some extra just in case? Of course, someone had to try keeping more than they were supposed to one day, and it went bad. And someone had to try going out on the Sabbath to see if there was any available then, but there was not. I wonder if some of those people had only collected one day's food the day before the Sabbath, instead of two, as they were instructed. That would be a problem...

Think about how much easier the food gathering situation would be for the Israelites if they just believed, and did, what God said. No extra gathering on a normal day, because it will just go bad anyway; this would save work. Imagine how pleasant it would be to just rest on the Sabbath, not having to work, trusting that God has this, vs. worrying that it's up to us to take care of things.

How well do we trust God when it comes to meeting our needs? Jesus said, regarding God meeting our food and clothing needs: *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.* (Matthew 6:33)

Also, how well do we trust God regarding his covering of our sins? In 1 John, some Christians are told, *but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin...If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* -1 John 1:7, 9

We don't have to earn our way to heaven, and can't anyway. He loves us, knows what's best for us, and has the power to do anything. We just need to trust and obey, knowing we'll be fine in the end if we just do things God's way.

- Don Milnor, February 2024