

Family Information

Outreach Meeting Next Sunday - March 3

There will be an Outreach Meeting next Sunday, March 3 after the morning worship assembly. Outreach Meetings are currently taking place on the first Sunday of each month. 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 At Willow Brook On March 10

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.

Children's Teachers Appreciation Lunch On March 17

On Sunday March 17, the congregation will be hosting a lunch after worship to show our appreciation for the teachers of the children's classes. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come; please sign the list on the bulletin board if you plan to attend, so we can order the main dish. Non-teachers are requested to bring side dishes. For more information, contact Vicki Cowans or Tara Lynn Bell.

Spring Needs For The Clothing Closet

As you begin your spring cleaning, please remember the Clothing Closet and those in need. We can use these clean, gently used items: children's, men's, and women's clothes; small household items; toys and books. 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.

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

Women's Fellowship On March 23

The last winter women's fellowship time, "Just A Little Walk With Jesus", will be on Saturday March 23, from 10:00 AM to Noon. See Robbie for more information.

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:	\$3,585	\$3,953
Designated:	\$550	\$169



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In Christ The Fullness Of The Deity Lives

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. - Colossians 2:9

Jesus was in very nature God, and he came from heaven full of grace and truth. In Jesus is the radiance of God's glory, and he is the Word made flesh and blood as one of us. The Lamb of God came to bring us the fullness of redemption and salvation -

And in Christ you have been brought to fullness. - Colossians 2:10

French paleontologist and philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) was also known for his writings about the message of Jesus. When he was young, Teilhard was particularly interested in studying philosophy and mathematics; then, when he was about 18, he began seriously studying the Scriptures. As Pierre often said, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

So, as Teilhard continued learning about both science and Jesus' good news, he realized, as he writes, "What I cry out for, like every being, with my whole life and all my earthly passion, is something very different from an equal to cherish: it is a God to adore." Truly God alone can satisfy the longings of our souls; and when we turn to Jesus, he frees us from the hold of the accuser, he gives us new life, and he gives us his Spirit to live within us -

Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ. - Colossians 2:11

In Jesus the fullness of the Deity lived, yet he poured out his lifeblood on the cross to redeem us. As Pierre writes, "Christianity is pledged to the Cross and dominated by the sign of the Cross. It cannot remain its own self except by identifying itself ever more intensely with the essence of the Cross." For when we trust in the message of Jesus instead of relying on worldly thinking or human efforts, our Heavenly Father makes us alive, and his grace flows freely to us -

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness . . . nailing it to the cross. - Colossians 2:13-14

Moreover, the Son of God has overcome death, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin writes - "Christ has conquered death, not only by suppressing its evil effects, but by reversing its sting. By virtue of Christ's rising again, nothing any longer kills inevitably, but everything is capable of becoming the blessed touch of the divine hands, the blessed influence of the will of God upon our lives." For Jesus has raised us from the grave of spiritual death, and he gives us eternal life -

You were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. - Colossians 2:12

In Jesus we can see God's understanding and compassion, and it is good to praise and glorify him.

- Mark Garner, February 2024

Jesus Is The Answer

If you have some questions
In the corners of your mind,
Traces of discouragement,
And peace you cannot find,
Reflections of your past,
They seem to face you everyday,
There's one thing I do know
That Jesus is the way.

Jesus is the answer,
For the world today,
Above Him there's no other,
Jesus is the way.

I know you've got mountains
That you think you cannot climb,
I know your skies are dark,
You think the sun won't shine,
But in case you don't know,
That the word of God is true,
Everything He's promised,
He will do it for you.

Jesus is the answer,
For the world today,
Above Him there's no other,
Jesus is the way.

- Andraé Crouch, 1942-2015

These are the lyrics from one of the best-known hymns written by musician and hymnwriter Andraé Crouch. He often worked with his twin sister Sandra, who is also a musician and songwriter.

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, Tara Neiswonger writes about Jesus' generosity and eagerness in nourishing us spiritually.

Nourishment For The Soul

Grandma baked bread on Saturdays. If you timed your visit just right, you stepped into the house as the bread came out of the white oven, the unmistakable fresh bread smell permeating the little kitchen. Sit yourself at the wooden table and soon you would be sharing a steaming hot bun slathered in melting butter. Offered to you with unselfish love and shared with joy and kindness.

"I am the bread of life", Jesus states in John 6:35, the first of seven "I Am" statements made by him and recorded in John. The path of this statement winds its way thru 40 years of desert wandering. The Israelites, one month out of Egypt, grumble to Moses, asking why did you lead us out into this wasteland to die, what are we to eat? In answer to this, the Lord provided manna each morning, nourishment for their bodies and a sign that God, the God of Israel, was the true God. God fed his people for the next 40 years, right up to the border to Canaan, the promised land. It was not the desert or their own gifts and talents that fed them those long years, but God alone.

"Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these 40 years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you or your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." (Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

We find ourselves in the New Testament now. The tempter, again in the desert, comes to Jesus, fasting for 40 days and nights. Satan points to stones, saying prove you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread. Jesus answers by way of Deuteronomy 8:3 . . . *"man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* (Matthew 4:4)

The soul hungers for nourishment. This is the bread Jesus offers. A path to our God through his Son Jesus. A reliance on this living Bread, as the Israelites in the desert relied on daily manna, feeds and nourished our soul. It is the acknowledgment of dependence on this gift from God that grows our faith and builds our strong relationship with him. A relationship built on our trust in him and given by His grace extended to us.

- Tara Neiswonger, February 2024