

Announcements

Work Day This Saturday

This Saturday, June 27, there will be a workday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon at the church building. The main projects will be cleaning the playground and pulling weeds. See Mike Evans for more details.

Area Wide Worship At Spring Road This Saturday

This Saturday June 27, the Spring Road congregation will be hosting an area-wide worship evening. It will be from 6:30-8:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to come. The address is 74 South Spring Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Prayer Time Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 28, there will a prayer time shortly after the worship assembly concludes. The prayers will be for healing, both spiritual and physical. The theme verse will be *Heal me O Lord, and I shall be healed. (Jeremiah 17:14)* After an introductory devotional time, there will be a men's prayer group guided by Jeff McVicker, and a women's prayer group guided by Robbie McVicker. See Franklin Agyei for more details.

More Events Coming Soon

- June 28 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship (see announcement above)
- July 5 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook
- August 1 (Saturday) - Book presentation
- August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook
- August 29 (Saturday) - Outdoor worship at Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home

Church Camp At Fort Hill Next Month

Church camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 12-18, and the cost is \$260. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans or Meagan Stover if you have any questions.

Ministry In Ghana

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. The member with sickle cell anemia has improved significantly, and the construction of a larger place to meet has made considerable progress. Please also continue praying for this month's mission trip. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information. See Franklin also if you'd like to contribute to the Village Of Hope orphanage or would like more information about it.

Current Mid-Week Studies

- Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group, organized by Peggy Kaiser.
- Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study. The current topic is "Grace & Gratitude". See Karen Susenna for more information.
- Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meeting in the Fellowship Room. Currently the class is studying John.
- First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41-42. See Mike or Leisha for more details.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

We currently have three children's classes (ages 2-3, ages 4-8, and ages 9-10) that begin right after the Lord's Supper. During the 9:00 morning Bible classes, there is a combined class for ages 2-10. ***Please see Vicki Cowans or Lynn Paden if you can help with these classes.*** There are regular teachers for these classes, so we just need volunteers to help with the class activities and lessons.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3,108	\$4,686
Designated:	\$55	\$490

- Minister: Caleb Dillinger
- Elders: Franklin Agyei, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
- Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
- Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Sunday Service Times

- English Bible Study 9:00 AM
- English Worship 10:00 AM
- Spanish Worship (Annex) 10:00 AM
- Twi Bible Study 12:00 PM
- Twi Worship 1:00 PM



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Fathers, Grandfathers, & Our Heavenly Father

I was recently asked to say a few words at my grandfather's funeral. It led me to think about my relationship him. I shared some of the tangible and intangible things that he has passed on to my cousins and me. The tangible things my grandfather did, wouldn't be found in a Norman Rockwell illustration. He didn't teach us to fish, or whittle or to fix a car, but he did teach us the importance of hard work and to look out for your family. I was able to recount several examples when issues arose and he found ways to take care of us, no matter the odds.

This reminded me of Matthew 7:9-11 which says, *"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"* While no one in the family would argue against the fact that my grandpa could be difficult, we also knew that he loved us.

I believe that the healthiest parts of relationships, will point us to our relationship with God. While my grandfather wasn't a religious man, through his example, I better understand how God cares for us. When we were powerless against sin and death, God provided a path for us to safety and salvation through Jesus Christ. While understanding this truth, it only makes all the more sense to me that even while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, because we are His children.

- Bobby Graham, Jr., June 2026

The Double Reason

Fear not, though the dangers around thee
Come close and look large and grow great;
I will make thee a way through the waters
Till their force and their fury abate;
I will walk through the furnace beside thee
And the flame shall not burn, but refine.
I have called thee and I have redeemed thee!
Fear not, thou art mine.

Fear not; I have called thee and named thee,
Thou art precious and dear unto Me;
I have chosen thee, loved thee and saved thee
My praise and My glory to be.
I have given My life for thy ransom,
My blood is the seal and the sign;
Thy Saviour, Thy God, Thy Redeemer--
Fear not; thou art Mine; I am thine.

Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Hark, The Gentle Voice

Hark, the gentle voice of Jesus falleth
Tenderly upon your ear;
Sweet His cry of live and pity calleth;
Turn and listen, stay and hear.

Take His yoke, for He is meek and lowly;
Bear His burden, to Him turn;
He who calleth is the Master holy;
He will teach if you will learn.

You that labor and are heavy-laden,
Lean upon your dear Lord's breast;
You that labor and are heavy-laden,
Come, and I will give you rest.

- Mary Bridges Canedy Slade, 1826-1882

Writer and schoolteacher Mary Slade spent her entire life in her hometown. She wrote hymns, poetry, and articles and books to help and guide schoolteachers. She also edited two periodicals, one for adults and one for children.

To Him Who Has Freed Us From Our Sins

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words . . . and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it. - Revelation 1:3

It is a blessing to read the words of God and to take them to heart. Jesus lived in this world, he lives today, and he will come again:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come . . . - Revelation 1:4

Canadian writer William Ralph Featherstone (1846-1873) is remembered for writing the words to the hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee". As he struggled with this world's sorrows, fears, and temptations, Featherstone (sometimes spelled "Featherston") looked into the Scriptures and the message of Jesus. He decided to follow Jesus when he was about 16, and shortly afterwards he wrote down his thoughts as a poem, to express the hope and peace he now had in Jesus.

William's poem begins, "My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee, all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if I ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now." When we realize the depths of Jesus' care for us, and all that he did to become our Redeemer, our souls rejoice and acknowledge him, and him alone, as our faithful Lord:

. . . and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. - Revelation 1:5

When Featherstone wrote copies of his poem to be read by his family, they suggested that he also send a copy to his aunt, knowing she would appreciate it. His aunt was so encouraged that she looked for a publisher, leading to William's poem appearing as a hymn. He continues, "I love Thee because Thou has first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if I ever loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

Truly, what Jesus endured for us is beyond human minds to understand fully, and it is good to give him glory and honor:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood . . . to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. - Revelation 1:5-6

When he was only 26, William passed away from an illness. He requested that "My Jesus hath done all things well" (based on Mark 7:37) be written on his gravestone. His poem continued, "I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death . . . In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright." In spite of his short life in this world, William Featherstone knew that Jesus had prepared an eternal home with God for those who follow him humbly:

He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him . . . I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. - Revelation 1:7-8

Jesus is our Lord and Savior, our Redeemer and our Shepherd, and much more.

- Mark Garner, June 2026