

Announcements

Prayer Time Today

Today 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

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

Ministry In Ghana *Update *

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. On this month's mission trip, there have been numerous baptisms, including 10 on one day. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information. See also the next announcement.

Village Of Hope Orphanage (In Ghana)

Recently there was a presentation about the Village Of Hope orphanage in Ghana. The Village Of Hope started with 8 children in 1996, and it has continued to add additional services. If you'd like to make a contribution to this ministry, you can do so by including it with your regular contribution, and writing "Village Of Hope" on your envelope with the amount. For further information, see Franklin Agyei.

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.

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:	\$5,071	\$4,701
Designated:	\$255	\$481

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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Forget Not All The Lord's Benefits

Praise the Lord, my soul . . . - Psalm 103:1

It is good for our souls to praise the Lord with our inmost being, for truly he has given us more blessing than we could ever count:

. . . all my inmost being, praise his holy name. - Psalm 103:1

Sailfish are well-known for the impressive "sail" on their backs that their large dorsal fins form. Over the years, as biologists studied these remarkable fish, they have gradually learned about all of the ways that this sail helps the sailfish. Sailfish are one of the world's fastest swimming animals, and their sails help them in two ways. When they fold up their sails, it enables them to swim at almost 70 miles per hour. Then, when they raise their sails as they swim, it gives them extra balance, and helps them swim quietly and stealthily.

Sailfish often feed together, and then they use their sails to corral food. Their sails are also useful for thermoregulation. When a sailfish gets overheated, it can raise its sail in the air to release heat. Also, to warm up, it can spread its sail in sunlight. Since God designed one part of one fish that serves so many purposes, how much more does he pour out benefits on those who walk by faith in him. Through Jesus, God gives us forgiveness for our many sins, redemption and salvation, healing from all of this world's spiritual diseases, and much more:

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. - Psalm 103:2-4

Our Creator also gives sailfish more benefits. Though they are fairly large fish (up to 10-11 feet long), they still have to avoid larger predators. Along with their speed and agility, they are largely blue, with some brown, some silvery white, and some dark spots, giving them useful camouflage. Then, they can even adjust the shades of these colors depending on the circumstances, including communication with other sailfish. They also have an unusual muscle behind their eyes that can quickly generate heat to keep their eyes and brains warm and effective in cold or murky water.

Likewise, God not only gives us the priceless gift of eternal salvation, he adds many more blessings, and he pours out his care and kindness on those who revere him and humbly follow the Lamb of God:

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. - Psalm 103:10-12

The whole earth is full of the Lord's splendor and understanding.

- Mark Garner, June 2026

His Love Passeth Knowledge

There is joy in my soul, for the Savior is mine,
I am wearing the pledge of His Spirit divine;
Every promise by faith through His grace I may claim,
Oh, His love passeth knowledge, all praise to His Name.

There is joy in my soul that will never depart,
My Redeemer has made His abode in my heart;
From the tempter and sin I am kept every hour,
Oh, His love passeth knowledge, so great is its power.

There is joy in my soul though the clouds may arise,
Yet the bow of His mercy never fades from the skies;
I am standing by faith where the pure waters glide,
Oh, His love passeth knowledge, so deep and so wide.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Merciful Savior, Come

Merciful Savior, come and be my comfort;
Vanish all idols in Thy holy presence;
Come and establish in my heart Thy kingdom;
Come, O Lord Jesus.

Come as the bridegroom to the bride beloved,
Come Thou to strengthen faith and love and patience;
Be Thou a very present help in danger;
Come, O Lord Jesus.

Come in my pleasure, come to me in sorrow,
Come in the anguished hour of dire temptation,
Come and deliver me from sin and evil,
Come, O Lord Jesus.

- Katarina Elisabet Posse, 1818-1880

Swedish writer Betty Posse (she went by Betty, after her middle name) was particularly known both for her humor writing and for her writings about God and the message of Jesus. She also wrote the words to many hymns, including the one above, though most of them have not yet been translated into English.

Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear

Jesus often asks, "Whoever has ears, let them hear", in the hope that we will listen carefully to what God says, instead of this world's loudness and chatter. This week, Steve Carver writes about the benefits of paying close attention to God's words and thinking about them.

Listen To His Words, & Take Them To Heart

Jesus often used a phrase when he shared a parable in the gospels, and in messages shared with the seven churches in Revelation: "Whoever has ears, let them hear," or the similar "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Jesus was/is saying that his hearers need to do more than just allow his words bang against their eardrums before going on their merry way. They (and we) need to listen to his words, take them to heart and act accordingly. Jesus reinforces this thought in the parable of the sower.

Whoever has ears, let them hear. ... In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah (see Isaiah 6:9–10): You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them. — Matthew 13:9, 14–15

I remember as a kid, my parents telling me to do something for the third or fourth time (or so they claimed) before I acquiesced and did as they requested. Occasionally, I would then hear them say, in their frustration, "it just goes in one ear and out the other." Sometimes that was true, but more often than not, I simply did not want to stop doing what I was focused on. I was seeking to do my will, not theirs.

Sometimes when I do hear God, I listen only for those things that are consistent with what I want to hear. God addresses this too.

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. — 2 Timothy 4:3

They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. — Isaiah 30:10

So, how do I listen, take to heart, and act according to his words? I follow Jesus' example by humbly submitting myself to God and seeking to do his will, not my own. There are times when the path seems treacherous and overwhelming, but he will never allow me to face more that I can bear with his love and strength.

Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." — Matthew 26:38–39.

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. — Hebrews 13:5b

- Steve Carver, June 2026