

Announcements

Lord's Supper Resources Discussion
Next Sunday

On Sunday July 26, there will be a group discussion regarding resources for the Lord's Supper. It will begin at 8:15 AM. See Caleb or Mike Paden for more information.

Women's Devotional & Brunch On August 8

There will be a women's devotional and brunch on Saturday, August 8. It will be in the Sunshine Room (E31) from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to Robbie McVicker (614-595-6363) by August 6, and see Robbie if you have any questions.

Book Presentation On August 1

On Saturday, August 1 from 3:00-4:00 PM, Caleb will be presenting some thoughts from the book "Grace" by Max Lucado. The session will meet in the Bible Study classroom (E44).

Events Next Month * New Events Added *
August 1 (Saturday) - Book presentation (see also announcement above)
August 8 (Saturday) - *New* Women's Devotional & Brunch (see also announcement above)
August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook
August 29 (Saturday) - *New* Area-wide worship at Reynoldsburg, 6:30
* Note Also * - Outdoor worship at the Dillingers' home has been moved to September 12 (see announcement below)

Outdoor Worship Is Now On September 12
The outdoor time of worship at Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home has been moved (from August 29), to avoid scheduling conflicts with other events. The outdoor worship time will now be on Saturday, September 12th. More details will be coming soon!

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

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

Ministry In Ghana (& The Village Of Hope)
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 construction of a larger place to meet continues making progress, and the recent mission trip was quite successful. 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 if you 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 room E41-42. Over the summer, the class will be studying a variety of topics.
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:	\$6,415	\$4,787
Designated:	\$505	\$453



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Jesus Reaches Out His Hand To Us

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side . . . he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. - Matthew 14:22-23

After feeding a large crowd with a few fish and loaves of bread, Jesus prays on a mountainside as the disciples begin crossing the Sea Of Galilee. Later Jesus sees them struggling against the waves:

Later that night . . . the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. - Matthew 14:23-24

In 1903, an airplane built by Ohioans Orville and Wilbur Wright became the first successful motorized, heavier-than-air aircraft. In some ways, their efforts to build the airplane parallel our daily walk of faith. Wilbur Wright wrote of flight in poetic terms, "The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who . . . looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space . . . on the infinite highway of the air." Likewise, God has planted a seed of eternity in our hearts, and our souls have always longed to walk and live on the highway of faith in Jesus.

The Wrights combined scientific principles with careful testing, relying on what was true instead of on speculation. Similarly, Jesus calls us to listen carefully to his words, instead of to this world's loud voices. When we are troubled or fearful, Jesus calms our spirits when we turn to him:

Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him . . . they were terrified . . . Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. - Matthew 14:25-27

The Wrights designed the aircraft, particularly its wings, so that with enough energy from the motor to propel the plane forward, it would become airborne. Orville described the principle as, "The airplane stays up because it doesn't have the time to fall." Similarly, when we put our trust in God's words and in the message of Jesus, we too "don't have time" to fall, as Peter learns briefly:

Lord, if it's you, Peter replied, tell me to come to you on the water. Come, he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. - Matthew 14:28-29

Later, Wilbur admitted his times of doubt, "I confess that in 1901, I said to my brother Orville that humans would not fly for 50 years." Similarly, all believers have times of doubt, fear, and sadness, because we are human. Jesus understands this very well, and when (like Peter) we stumble, he reaches out his hand to us. And when we take it, he lifts us up again:

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, Lord, save me! Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. - Matthew 14:30-31

- Mark Garner, July 2026

On God Alone

Lord, who shall stand before thy face,
If thou should mark our faults
With eye severe? What hope of grace
Could cheer my mournful thoughts?

But sovereign mercy dwells with thee,
Hope dawns amid my fears;
Divine forgiveness, large and free,
Shall stay my flowing tears.

On God alone my soul would wait,
His sacred word my stay,
His sacred word can light create,
And turn my night to day.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele, based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 130.

If The Savior Journey With Me

If the Savior journey with me,
If He be my constant stay,
If His presence guide and keep me,
Through the dark and through the day;
I will fear no harm, dread no fierce alarm;
He for me the path of peace is seeking,
And the voice of love is speaking,
While he safely guards me all the way.

If the Savior journey with me,
If He be my faithful friend,
If He never cease to love me,
Love and keep me to the end;
I will seek His face, I will plead His grace,
Trust my life to Him who ever liveth,
Give my all to Him who giveth,
Love divine, that naught can ever transcend.

- Daniel Boardman Purinton, 1850-1933

Writer and college teacher Daniel Purinton taught Mathematics, Logic, and Metaphysics. He also wrote the words to several dozen hymns.

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, Dot Duncan writes about how Jesus asks us to listen to him with receptive, willing hearts, as well as with discerning hearts that can make the distinction between his teachings and this world's teachings.

Listening To The Voice Of Christ

The old adage, "*Believe half of what you see and none of what you hear*", came to mind as I thought of Jesus' words, "*Whoever has ears, let them hear.*" You see, the message behind this adage is rooted in caution. It reminds us that appearances can be misleading, and that rumors, gossip, and secondhand information are often unreliable. In a world filled with misinformation and deception, this saying encourages healthy skepticism and careful discernment.

Jesus' words, "*Whoever has ears, let them hear,*" (Matthew 11:15; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8, among other passages) call us to a very different kind of listening. Jesus was not referring to the physical ability to hear sounds. Rather, He was inviting people to hear with receptive hearts, spiritual understanding, with a willingness to obey God's truth. His words challenge us to move beyond merely hearing information but to embracing the transformation that comes from obeying the Word of God.

At first glance, these two statements seem to point in opposite directions. One warns us not to trust what we hear, while the other urges us to hear attentively. Yet they share a common thread: both recognize that not everything we hear should be accepted without discernment.

The difference lies in the source of the message and messenger. The adage assumes that human words are often flawed, distorted, or deceptive. Jesus, however, speaks as the Son of God, whose words are truth, life, and eternal wisdom. Therefore, when Jesus says, "*Whoever has ears, let them hear,*" it is His invitation for us to listen beyond the noise of culture, opinions, and distractions to the voice of the living God Himself.

As we journey through this summer series, we are reminded that faithful discipleship begins with intentional listening. We must learn to filter the countless voices competing for our attention while opening our hearts to the One voice that never deceives. The challenge is not whether we have ears, but whether we are truly listening to the voice of Christ and allowing His Word to shape our lives.

- Dot Duncan, July 2026