

Family Information

Clothing Closet

Prom season is right around the corner. We would like to offer prom-style dresses in the Clothing Closet during this season. The Clothing Closet is asking for/accepting donations of: somewhat-current style dresses, dress shoes, costume jewelry. You may bring these items to the CC on a Wed. eve. or see Pam Culler, Tanya Milnor, Donna Rolle, or Robbie. Thank you!

Ladies Retreat

"Ladies Retreat - May 4 & 5 - We welcome all Women to come for a time of Renewal and Refreshing but we must give an exact count for meals and lodging. **The absolute last day to register for Retreat is April 20th.**"

New Directory

Do not forget to stop by the print room to have your families picture taken for the Northland Directory and to update your information. We will be taking pictures from 9:30 am until 10:30 am and for 30 minutes after services **TODAY**, and next Sunday.

Spring Church Banquet

The Sat. April 14th Banquet is fast approaching! We hope you can join the Northland Family for an evening of praising God! Although the decades roll by God's love for us does not change! Don't miss the food and the many surprises! Cost is \$16.50. Final Count is due to Der Dutchman by Wed. April 11th. Activities begin at 5:30 pm. Dinner Buffet at 6 pm with a program to follow. Please contact Robbie McVicker 614-899-0944. (Der Dutchman 445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH 43064)

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:30 pm

Evangelist: Bobby Graham

Elders: Steve Carver, Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Calendar

April

- 8 Single Sisters Lunch
- 8-11 Ohio Valley Lectureship
- 14 Northland Spring Banquet, 5:30 pm
- 17 Tax Day
- 20 TGIF Dinner
- 20 Youth Movie/Game Night At Michael & Micah Evans House
- 26 Take Your Son or Daughter To Work Day
- 27 TGIF Meeting 6:30 pm
- 27-29 Fort Hill Spring Teen Retreat
- 29 Services At Willow Brook
- 29 Area Wide Worship At Northland

Church Camp

Church camp registration fee- The price is \$190. If paid by May 15th, you get a \$20 discount, for a total of \$170, camp is July 15-21.

For The Month of April

Invitation/ Responses: Jeff McVicker

Foyer Duty: Jack Evans

Greeters: Perry and Jenny Coate

Communion Servers

Franklin Agyei	Patrick Boateng
Bill Davis	Yaw Odoom
David Ricketts	Phil Stafa
Yaw Tieku	Randy Yates

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$5364
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Designated:	\$233
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Looking In The Mirror

(With A Bonus Episode Of 'Alfred Hitchcock Presents')

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says. - James 1:22*

God's Word tells us truths about ourselves, truths about what our spirits need, truths about God's nature and his character, truths about the world around us. *Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him (Proverbs 30:5).* Yet his words may show us humbling truths about ourselves, or show us sobering truths about this world. God understands this and he is patient, so James uses this amusing image to remind us to continue listening to God's words - *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.* - James 1:23-24

This is memorably illustrated in an episode of the old TV show 'Alfred Hitchcock Presents.' In it, a vain man spends most of his time either admiring himself in the mirror or devising fanciful schemes to show how brilliant he thinks he is. He feels that working is beneath him, so he is dependent on an allowance from his aunt. Discontented, the man disguises himself with a wig, false moustache and beard, dresses differently, gets a gun, and breaks in on his aunt to demand all of her money. He returns home, pleased with himself, yet within a few minutes the police arrive and arrest him. Then we realize that until now we had seen only one side of his face - and the other side has a large blemish that no disguise could have hidden. In his vanity, he had indeed forgotten what he looked like.

Likewise, it is easy to forget how weak we really are, how dependent we are on God for everything; it is easy to forget that we live in a world full of sadness and fear, a world where nothing can satisfy our deepest needs. So James encourages us to keep on looking into the mirror of God's words, to ponder what they say, for indeed God's words are perfect - *Whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. - James 1:25*

God's words give us freedom from the world's empty thinking and its preconceptions, they guide us to trustworthy paths for our souls, and they give us the priceless blessing of being with God - *I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. - Isaiah 48:17-18*

Even amidst this world's chaos and loudness, God gives our souls the enduring peace of knowing that he understands us and he cares for us, and that he is with those who walk in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. Today, we are talking with **Don Milnor**.

Q: Hello Don; what scriptures have you been studying?

Don M: Every other year, including this one, I read the Bible from end-to-end. I'm in 2 Samuel right now.

Q: That is encouraging that you've been able to do that consistently; it takes some self-discipline and devotion to God's Word. What have you learned this time around?

Don M: I'm always amazed at how many things I see that I'd never noticed before. There are so many things in the Bible that can have a different impact than when it was read previously. In 2 Samuel 11-12 (David and Bathsheba), David was a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14), but he very quickly went downhill when he was where he shouldn't be and looking where he shouldn't look, which led to adultery, and murder to cover it up. Things like this could happen to any of us if we don't take heed lest we fall (1 Cor 10:12). While God forgave him, he (and others) suffered the consequences of his actions.

Q. You also had a very good thought based on David's feelings towards Absalom.

Don M: In 2 Sam 15-18 (Absalom's conspiracy), despite David's own son trying to take over the kingdom and murder his own father, David didn't want him hurt. David weeps at Absalom's death, wishing he had died rather than his son (2 Sam 18:33). It just hit me this time around: That's how God feels about us, and He proved it by doing exactly that: coming in a human body and dying for us rebellious, sinful people, so that we wouldn't have to die spiritually.

Thank you, Don!
(Don Milnor with Mark G., April 2018)

We will be having a Sermon series on men's roles as Dads, Husbands, and in the church.
Women please fill out this questionnaire on how you see men's roles in each of these categories.

Husbands

Fathers

In the church

If you feel you need more room to write, please feel free to add more on a separate page and put your answers in the box in the foyer marked "Men"

From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church Of Christ bulletin on January 30, 2000. It was written by Cindy Grafton; many of us remember Cindy and her husband Harry, who were members at Northland during the 1990s and the early 2000s.

Praise The Lord

Praise God in the magnificence of His creation!

Praise Him in His glorious diversity; the people made in His image, though no two are alike; the mystery and humor in the forms of his animals; the joyous abandon with which he colored His palette!

Praise our Heavenly Father in the richness of music which rises in heady swells from our hearts, lips and fingertips. Our Lord inspires us; He stirs us to marvel in wonder at His placement of the lights in the heavens. The whole of His creation sings to us of His mighty power, tenderness and love!

- Cindy Grafton,
January 2000

Prepare our hearts LORD for Renewal and Refreshment at the Northland Ladies Retreat, May 4th and 5th.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.