

Family Information

Clothing Closet

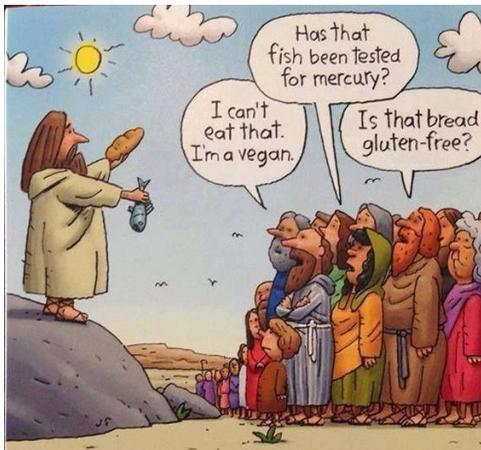
Prom season is right around the corner. We would like to offer prom-style dresses in the Clothing Closet during this season. The Clothing Closet is asking for/accepting donations of: somewhat-current style dresses, dress shoes, costume jewelry. You may bring these items to the Clothing Closet on Wed.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

Graduation Party

The congregation is invited to a graduation party in honor of Gwen Robbins TODAY, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The party will be here at the building in rooms E-41/E42. Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us.
Jim and Paula

Church Camp

Church camp registration fee- The price is \$190. If paid by **July 1st**, you get a **\$10** discount, for a total of 180. Bill Hopkins camp week is July 15th- July 21st.



Calendar

May

- 25 Wendy's Fund Raiser At Maxtown 5:00 to 8:00
- 28 Memorial Day
- 30 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30

June

- 3 Combined Worship 9 am
- 6 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
- 9 Neighborhood Canvassing
- 10 Graduation Sunday
- 10 Summer Bible Classes Begin
- 10 Single Sisters Lunch
- 13 Flag Day
- 17 Fathers Day
- 18-20 VBS
- 22 TGIF Mini Golf

For The Month of May
Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans
Greeters: Art and Kythrie Silva

Communion Servers

Jake Bowman	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	John Lindsay
Tim McVicker	Paul Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3243	\$5337
Designated:	\$1075	\$284

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: 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

Whoever Has Ears...

Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear What The Spirit Says (With A Joke From 100 Years Ago)

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life.. - Revelation 2:7

Jesus often reminds us *whoever has ears, let them hear*, for his words and the Spirit bring life, so he reminds to keep our minds and hearts open as we read them. Sometimes God's words encourage us simply to hold fast to Jesus: *I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have . . . Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 3:11, 3:13).*

They may also reassure us of God's eagerness to be with us: *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me . . . Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says (Revelation 3:20, 3:22).*

Yet at other times God's words caution us that struggles and trials will be part of our walk with him in this world: *Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer . . . Whoever has ears, let them hear (Revelation 2:10-11).* And sometimes they give us sobering reminders, for sometimes we start relying on ourselves instead of relying on God: *Wake up! Strengthen what remains . . . Whoever has ears, let them hear (Revelation 2:4-5, 2:7).*

A century ago, there was a joke about two people talking, when they are joined by a third person who has a broken arm and an embarrassed look on his face. The first person asks him what happened, and the second person then says, 'He bought a Ford.' This usually got a laugh, yet the joke was not at Ford's expense; rather, it was a joke about human impatience and human pride.

With the Model T, Henry Ford devised a new ignition system that made the hand crank easier to turn. To use it properly, though, the instructions told you first to flip a lever to reduce the power. Unfortunately, many motorists ignored the instructions. Some thought they knew better, others were too impatient to take a couple of seconds to flip the lever. As a result, the engine was likely to eject the hand crank, which often resulted in injuries. Likewise, God calls us to listen, to realize that all of us know so little, to continue letting him teach us, for his words are good for our spirits, *What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord . . . to love him . . . and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13).*

It is always important to read and carefully follow the instructions for an automobile or anything that may be hazardous if misused. How much more worthwhile it is to read the scriptures carefully and to pray that we may understand God's words, whatever they may tell us, for *They are not just idle words for you - they are your life (Deuteronomy 32:47).*
- Mark Garner



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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 **Emily Graham**.

Q: Hi Emily! What scriptures have you been studying?

Emily G.: I've been thinking about what it means to follow Jesus, and the difference between that and just doing 'good things'. In the evenings, I've been reading the gospel of Mark, and am up to chapter 10 right now. In my other daily studies, I've been reading scriptures that teach me about following Jesus. This has led me to think about 'identity', who we really are.

Q: Good thoughts - which scriptures have helped you with this?

Emily G.: A scripture that I've been especially thinking about is, *And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but who for him who died for them and was raised again (2 Corinthians 5:15)*. Our identity comes from how God sees us, and we know that by what Jesus did for us. So we don't live for ourselves any more. We all had the same need, so Jesus died for us all.

Q: Very true, and the way we define our identity affects us in many ways.

Emily G.: Two scriptures in Matthew 7 have also given me a lot to think about - the two roads (7:13-14), and when Jesus says *Many will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name . . . and in your name perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you (Matthew 7:22-23)*. This helped me realize that seeking to accomplish good things is not what Jesus is asking me to do. He wants to know me, meaning that I share my true heart with Him, and for me to know Him which shows me how to follow Him and accomplish His goals, which gives Him all of the glory. It is as if God had 'flipped a light switch' for me.

Thank you, Emily!
(Emily Graham with Mark G.)

GRADUATION SUNDAY



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN -
JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES

We need at least 15-20 pictures for H.S. and 2 for college graduates

All pictures are due by May 20th. **(That is Today!)**

COMING SOON...

VBS WEEK - June 18 - 20th

Camp Week - July 15 - 21



From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on January 28, 1990. It was written by Neal Milligan. Neal was a Youth Minister at Northland for several years in the late 1980s and the 1990s.

The Uncovering & Searching Power Of The Word Of God

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from god site. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." - Hebrews 4:12-13

Last spring Phil Stafa and I took a trip into Canada. On our way back into the country we were stopped at the border by the U.S. custom agents. They had us pull the car into the garage where five people searched it inch by inch. While this was going on Phil was taken to another room while I was questioned and searched. (I know what you are thinking but you're wrong - Phil and I don't look like drug dealers!)

During the search of the car the men found things under the seat and in the trunk that I had forgotten about having. In fact I was amazed at all of the things they dug up.

I believe that the word of God is a lot like those customs agents. It searches and uncovers everything in my life. Some of the things that it reveals are good and some are bad; some of the things I have chosen to ignore, others I have forgotten about. This searching of my soul needs to happen because just as the customs agents wanted to protect the United States from bad things God wants to protect the purity of his kingdom.

So the next time you are having your Bible study time remember that the word of God is living and active and it will uncover all sorts of things in your life. This searching may be embarrassing and a bit uncomfortable at times but remember it's for your good and the good of the church.

- Neal Milligan