

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.

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

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
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:	\$5268	\$5454
Designated:	\$185	\$240



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Who Can Fully Declare God's Praise?

(A Historical 'Meeting Of The Minds')

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?
- Psalm 106:1-2

God's words and his love and the spiritual purposes of his heart endure forever; who can fully describe his glory? Each day the Lord protects us from dangers we don't even notice, he is near with us all and he sustains us each step; who can fully declare his praise? God does things for us every day that reassure us and that show us the depths of his care for us; and our Father in heaven also teaches us things too profound for human minds to have thought of. Who can fully tell of his compassion and his wisdom?

For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts. - Psalm 92:4-5

In 1931, there was a preview in Los Angeles of Charlie Chaplin's new movie "City Lights." Chaplin's movies were highly popular, for they were full of humor and empathy. At the same time, Albert Einstein was also in Los Angeles at a scientific meeting. Einstein had become well known for his scientific experiments and theories. Someone told Chaplin that he had read that Einstein himself liked Chaplin's movies, so Charlie decided to invite Einstein to the preview.

When this incongruous pair made their entrance, the crowd cheered and applauded for several minutes. Einstein asked Chaplin, 'Why are they applauding?' Chaplin responded, 'Because everyone understands what I do, and no one understands what you do.' Chaplin looked for truth in the simple aspects of life, while Einstein looked for truth in things that human minds can barely begin to grasp. Yet God is part Chaplin and part Einstein and much more. Like Chaplin's movies, God has made *the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear (Hebrews 6:17)*, for Jesus has come to show us God's compassion and to tell us about God's desire to forgive our sins so he can be with us, and about the eternal life of being with God.

Yet, as with Einstein's theories, we cannot fully understand all of the wonders of grace God has done for us, nor can we explain all of his truths in human words, for he says *As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:9)*; all we can do is to ponder them and to praise him all day long.

He took note of their distress when he heard their cry; for their sake he remembered his covenant (Psalm 106:44-45)

God knows us by name and he hears us when we pray and he makes an everlasting covenant with us and he gives us the nourishment our spirits need. Who is like our Heavenly Father?
- Mark Garner

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

Be Continually In Prayer For ...

Ellen Ward who lives with multiple sclerosis every day.

Joan Mauersberg

Patricia Stevens

Tammy Chatfield

Announcements

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 pictures for college graduates
Email pictures to: soundroom@ncocfamily.org



COMING SOON...
VBS WEEK - June 18 - 20th

Camp Week - July 15 - 21

Northland 50th Anniversary
Celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness



From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on December 4, 1988. It was written by Joyce Yoakum. Joyce and her husband Tom came to Northland in 1987, and Tom was an assistant minister here for several years. Many of you may also remember their daughter Joy.

Being Transformed By God

"I urge you . . . in view of God's mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God . . . Do not conform any longer to the pattern on this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." - Romans 12:1-2

We understand by reading Ephesians 2, that God saves us because of his love, mercy and grace, not because of anything we do, as a response to God's gift of salvation, we offer ourselves as living sacrifices - completely submitting to him and allowing him to transform us. Being a living sacrifice requires conscious effort. To allow him to transform us, we must "behold his glory" daily - decide to look at him and concentrate on him (2 Corin. 3:18). We decide to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). We "set our minds on things above, not on earthly things, and put to death" - a conscious effort - "whatever belongs to our earthly nature" (Col. 3:2-5). We decide to "not love the world or anything in the world" (1 John 2:17) and to "take every thought captive" in order to obey Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

God's gift is far more precious and valuable than anything we can do or give to him, but he wants our thing to always be the same one Jesus had - "to always do what pleases God" (John 8:29). Our aim also be like the one expressed in Romans 12:2-to show the world the way God wants us to be-holy and blameless-and to prove to the world that he is able to accomplish this in our lives if we offer ourselves to him and submit to him completely.

*- Joyce C. Yoakum,
December 1988*

News From Russia, 2017 (Excerpts From Vlad's Report)

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever (Psalm 118:1). These are appropriate thoughts to start or finish our day with . . . They are a reminder – a foundation of truth . . . Very often people strive for the vanities of the world, material, personal comfort, recognition, being busy with family, things or various works take most of life, and there is so little time to make a pause to think of spiritual things . . . We all need Jesus. He can bring the meaning and direction into our fleeting life.

Some church news: At present there are both uplifting and disconcerting things. It is always good to see, be with, sing with, pray with, and fellowship with the brothers and sisters here in Barnaul, in villages where I go or in cities which I sometimes visit . . . That is the uplifting part. But, leaders and members who were present often seem pre-occupied and tense . . . The main theme for Sunday sermons during 2017 was the book of Acts. I remind myself that it's not just a historical book, it's guidance for our present life: how the first church lived and what they believed. This book clearly showed me a few main lessons.

- Vlad Osinovskiy (excerpts)

Updates on the Russian ministry, see Vlad's complete report - it is posted on the bulletin board.)