

Family Information

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.

Ministry Help Needed

God is blessing the Northland Child Care. The center currently has nearly 40 students. We need help to act on the mission God has given us. There will be a meeting June 24th after AM worship for those interested in helping with this ministry. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Jeff McVicker.

July 4th

There will be no building activities Wednesday July 4th.

Gladys Neff passed away last Sunday. The funeral was yesterday at the West Union Cemetery in Sardis, OH. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Calendar

July

4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
 4 Happy Independence Day
4 No Building Activities
 8 Single Sisters Lunch
 8 Services At Willow Brook3
 15-21 Camp Week At Fort Hill
 22 Parents' Day
 28 Congregational Work Day
 29 Area Wide Worship At Alum Creek

August

1 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
 3 TGIF Movie Night At Stoneridge
 5 Congregational Devo 9am, Combined Classes
10-12 50th Anniversary Celebration
 12 Single Sisters Lunch

For The Month of July
Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Jack Evans
Greeters: Bob and Emily Graham

Communion Servers

Franklin Agyei	Bill Chavis
Jesse Foster	Jimmy Foster
Yaw Odoom	Phil Stafa
Yaw Teiki	Randy Yates

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3431	\$5292
Designated:	\$130	\$271

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

Every Word Tjhat Comes From God

Every Word That Comes From God (With A Trivia Question That Everyone Can Get Right)

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. - Psalm 119:18-19

There are wonderful teachings in God's Word, many comforting truths about God's nature and his compassion and his desire for us to know him, much patient guidance about life, many reassuring thoughts of what really matters. Yet with everything going on in this strange world, sometimes it is hard even to know what scriptures we should read, what might help us at a given time. Here is a trivia question that isn't as hard as it sounds - What animal has the best sense of hearing? Your choices are: a) dolphins, b) bats, c) owls, d) whales, e) moths. The answer is below, but don't peek. Just give it your best guess, and don't take too much time - I promise, if you just try, you can get it right.

Jesus reminds us that we *shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)*, and we read in Proverbs that, *Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him (Proverbs 30:5)*.

The ears of owls are set at slightly different heights and angles, which gives them the unparalleled ability to pinpoint the location of any sound. So in that respect, owls have the keenest sense of hearing. On the other hand, dolphins and bats both have an unmatched ability to go by sonar, which enables them to move quickly, find food, and escape danger even in complete darkness. Yet whales have the best sense of hearing when it comes to distance, since their ears are designed to pick up small sounds from hundreds of miles away. Then, there are animals who can hear high-frequency or low-frequency sounds that human ears cannot hear - moths are the champions for their frequency range (a species called the greater wax moth holds the record).

So, depending on what we mean by sense of hearing, any of those answers is right. Likewise, every word that comes from God can teach us and help us, whatever we may read, whenever we read, whether we have a few minutes or a couple of hours. One scripture might help you understand God a little better. Reading another scripture, you might not quite 'see' what it means, yet it can give comfort to your spirit. Another may remind you of something you'd forgotten.

My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times. - Psalm 119:20

Our souls long for spiritual nourishment and understanding in this confusing world. When you have the chance, simply ask God to open your eyes, then open the scriptures with an open heart and an open mind. *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you - they are full of the Spirit and life (John 6:63)*.

Every word that comes from God is full of the Spirit, and every word that comes from God tells us what is right and good and real and true. *- 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 Donna Smith.

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

Donna S.: I've been reading the book of Joshua. It has given me some encouragement that is helping me through some discouraging times. It has especially helped me to see that God is always the same. *Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9)*. The God who was with Moses is the same God who was with Joshua, and he is the same God who is with me today.

Q: That is a very comforting thought. What other scriptures in Joshua have helped you?

Donna S.: I liked studying Rahab, and it encourages me how God looked past her profession, because he could see her belief in him. The other Canaanites were afraid of God, but they didn't want to know him. Rahab had a different kind of 'fear', she realized that God was the only true God, *the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below (Joshua 2:11)*. She wanted to follow him and wanted him to be her God.

Q: Very true, it is encouraging how God saw Rahab's desire to know him and seek him.

Donna S.: Chapters 7 and 8 also taught me something about God and about listening to him. In Joshua 7, Achan wrongly took some of the plunder from Jericho, though the Israelites were clearly told not to, and it couldn't have benefitted him. Then, when the Israelites took Ai, God told them that they could take what they wanted, *you may carry off their plunder and livestock for yourselves (Joshua 8:2)*. It has helped to understand that sometimes God wants us to have something, and other times he knows that we don't need something that we want. It is always better to listen to God.

Thank you, Donna!
(Donna Smith with Mark G., July 2018)



August 5, 2018

All classes from Jr. High to adult classes will meet in the auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

Topic for discussion is: What makes a successful life?

Discussion is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Prayer time is from 10:10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Worship time is at 10:30 a.m.

Sermon is: Give Your Life To Jesus.

Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Room E42

From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on March 30, 2008. It was written by Jim Robbins, who has been here at Northland since the mid-1980s.

Some Thoughts On Communion

*"Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."
1 Corinthians 10:17)*

When I come to the Lords table to commune with him and my brothers and sisters on Sunday mornings, several things go through my mind. I think of what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:17 (above) which reminds me of churches I have attended in my travels. I remember the little church in Peterhead, Scotland that passed around one cup and the bread and I think, "We are one."

I think of a Sunday morning in the rain forest of Honduras and of being in the home of a member of the church. He had opened his house for the church to assemble in. I remember the rough-hewn lumber of the walls with large cracks allowing sunlight and the occasional insect through and the chickens running around under our feet picking at the bugs. I remember sitting on one of the benches and watching my brothers and sisters (poor folk from one of the poorest countries on this side of the planet) partake of the Lord supper and thinking "I am in the presence of royalty: sons and daughters of the King." I remember all this and I think, "We are one."

I think of other congregations, around the world, folks that I know and others that I will know only in eternity, and I think, "We are one."

Of other congregations that are in close fellowship and others who have separated themselves from us and I think, nevertheless, "We are one."

Of those who have come before and those who will come after; of a long line of communion stretching from before the 1st century into the future where our hope rests in sitting with our Lord, together with all the saints, at the great banquet table prepared for us in heaven, and I think "We are one."

I think of any brethren that I may be having trouble getting along with and put the disagreement in the perspective of the cross, and the mercy and grace that was offered there, and I think "We are one."

And, most of all, I think of my Lord, being willing to leave heaven, become a man, endure the cross, and rise from the dead so that He could offer forgiveness and unity with him for me, and us, freely given to one unworthy, and I think "We are one."

It is true that communion points to Jesus and what he did on the cross. But it also proclaims to us, and to the world, that, because of what Jesus did, we are one.

- James A. Robbins,
March 2008