

Family Information

Summer Sunday AM Bible Class

The study for the summer adult Bible class will cover the first part of Isaiah (chapter 1-19), with the theme coming from the scripture - *There will be a highway for the remnant of his people (Isaiah 11:16)*. God knew that among the many millions of souls that he creates and gives life to, many would turn away from him. The first part of Isaiah reassures us that *a remnant will return (Isaiah 10:21)*, and about God's promise that there will be a 'highway' so we may find him when we seek him. It also tells us of God's faithfulness and compassion, and his understanding as he guides us and teaches us. This class will meet in E41-42.

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.

50th Celebration

It is 33 days until our 50th Anniversary Aug. 10-12th!! You will be seeing a lot of things happening in preparation for that weekend. One is the 1968-2018 Northland timeline which is really God's Story and how we have been able to participate in his plans here at Northland. You and your family have been invited to include your story on the timeline. The 8 x 11 story sheets are due to Robbie by July 27th. Please sign up by the church office for many volunteer opportunities for this event. 50th Schedule Flyers are on the foyer table. Many of our past members and ministers have been reached out to but we also need your word of mouth and or social media network to spread the word! This will be a great time of remembering, restoration and expressing our gratitude to our Great God for His Faithfulness!

Calendar

July

8 Single Sisters Lunch
 8 Services At Willow Brook3
 15-21 Camp Week At Fort Hill
 22 Parents' Day
 28 Congregational Work Day, 8am-12pm
 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:	\$599	\$5319
Designated:	\$150	\$26



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Even In Darkness, Light Dawns...

Even In Darkness, Light Dawns For Those Who Walk With God (The Good News, The Bad News, & The 'Fake News')

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands . . . They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. - Psalm 112:1, 112:7

The world is full of bad news - violence, disease, financial peril, and more; yet Jesus brings us good news, that God is near and no one can snatch us out of his hand. When we fall, God reaches out his hand to lift us up when we open our hearts to him; and the light of Jesus dawns even in the world's darkest places, bringing hope and guidance to those who walk with God - *Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. - Psalm 112:4*

Even as we must walk through this world's storms and fires, God gives us our hearts peace even amidst this world's bad news and its emptiness and meaningless noise, as he comforts us with his words of eternal, unshakable things that the world cannot take away.

Yet the world is belatedly realizing that 'fake news' can be even more dangerous than bad news. Fake news is not new at all - 150 years ago, Mark Twain used to say, 'If you don't read the newspapers, you'll be uninformed. If you do read the newspapers, you'll be misinformed.' (Just imagine what Mark Twain might say about things today.)

The bad news is that we *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)*, and the fake news is that we can make ourselves righteous by human methods and human strength. Yet the good news is that *the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of anything righteous we had done, but because of his mercy (Titus 3:4-5)*.

Another time, Twain illustrated the uncertainty of what we know in this world, even everyday facts. Working for a newspaper, his editor insisted that reporters should never state as fact anything they couldn't personally verify. Assigned to cover a social event, Twain began his report, 'A woman giving her name as Mary Jones purports to have hosted what she describes as a party. She claims to be married to James Jones, who is alleged to be a local attorney.' In contrast, *All Scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16)* and *all his precepts are trustworthy (Psalm 111:7)*. He has brought good news to our hearts, and he will be with us each step. The world claims that if we build heaps of earthly things that they will somehow satisfy our souls. But the good news is that God will lift us out of the dust and ashes when we turn to him - *Who is like the Lord our God . . . He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap. - Psalm 113:5, 113:7*

Indeed, who is like our God?

- 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



Bible Study **TOGETHER**

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 November 28, 1999. It was written by Kim Gale (now Kim Richey), whom many of you will remember. Her older sister is Emily Graham, who has been a blessing to our congregation in many ways. Their parents Mary Ellen and Mike Gale joined Northland in the late 1980s, and were here for many years.

5 Senses Of The Bible

When I smell the Bible, I smell the smoke from the fire from heaven that burnt the water-soaked meat, wood, stone, and mote. I smell the fish and bread that fed the five thousand. I smell the tomb of the live. I don't smell paper.

When I see the Bible I see the parting of the Red Sea, a man walking on water. I see the empty tomb. I don't see paper.

When I hear the Bible I hear a giant man falling to the ground, men rejoicing to have their sight restored. I hear the seal being broken and the stone rolling back. I don't hear paper turning.

When I talk about the Bible I talk about the smoke from the fire from heaven that burnt the water-soaked meat, wood, stone, and mote. I talk about the fish and bread that fed the five thousand and the tomb of the live. Also the parting of the Red Sea, a man walking on water and the empty tomb. I tell about a giant man falling to the ground, men rejoicing to have their sight restored and the seal breaking and the stone rolling back. I don't talk about paper.

But greatest of all, when I feel the Bible I feel the earthquake, joy that the savior has risen. When I feel the Bible I feel the Holy Spirit and not paper.

I feel Love.

- Kim Gale, November 1999

This is also from the Northland archives; it appeared in the bulletin on September 30, 2001. It is an excerpt from an article written by Linda Chivington, who was at Northland during the 1990s and the early 2000s. (We also re-printed one of her articles earlier this year.)

To Our Father In Heaven

Father,

We despair at the power and presence of evil in our world, and yet

We praise you for the power of good in the world, knowing that it is the good that prevails.

We ask you scores of agonizing, unanswered questions, and

We simply bury our heads in your comforting embrace.

We bristle at hatred, violence and all cold-hearted wickedness, and yet

We praise you for given us a will of our own.

We fumble for direction in a dark and lost world, and

We praise you that you are the Way.

- Linda Chivington, September 2001