

Family Information

50th Celebration

It is 19 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!

Northland Child Care Update

The elders would like to thank all those that showed interest in the Northland Child Care Center by attending the meeting held June 24th. The Child Care board has approved the appointment of a Steering Committee for making recommendations to the board based on the purpose of the Child Care Center to provide a safe environment encouraging personal, spiritual and academic growth of the children, parents and staff. The committee is tasked with scheduling regular meetings to review progress and opportunities, issues or concerns brought to the attention of the committee members.

The Committee members include: Mike Paden, Lynn Paden, Tara Bell, Peggy Williams and Jeffrey McVicker. If you have any questions or would like to help out with the Northland Child Care please see one of the committee members.

Calendar

July

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
17 TGIF Youth Nerf Gun Activity
24 Child Care End of Summer Picnic
29 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

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:	\$5979	\$5282
Designated:	\$555	\$277

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

Nothing Except Jesus & Him...

Nothing Except Jesus & Him Crucified
(& A Memorable Occasion Back In '63)

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. - 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

So it is, when we talk about the message of Jesus and him crucified, when we talk about God's overflowing grace and the resurrection of Jesus and the Spirit whom he gives to those who follow him, we are talking of things that human wisdom and eloquence are inadequate to explain fully. The Scriptures teach us of holy things, they talk about eternal truths, they describe things that human eyes cannot see, they tell us things to ponder instead of analyzing, they teach us to rely on God's faithfulness and his purity and his compassion instead of trusting in human efforts -

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. - 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

Back in '63, there was a special occasion that featured a speech by the most renowned orator of the time, Harvard University Professor Edward Everett, widely known for his eloquence. Everett spoke for two hours, speaking in impressive tones and often quoting in Latin and Greek. Then, to conclude the event, a public official spoke for just two minutes. The crowd marveled at Everett's skill, yet few remembered what he had actually said. On the other hand, they remembered long afterwards the simple thoughts expressed by the plain-spoken official, who said, 'Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth . . . a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether . . . any nation so conceived . . . can long endure.'

As Lincoln went on to say at Gettysburg in 1863, 'The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here', so also God calls us to remember the message of Jesus and what he did, instead of remembering human activities or human methods -

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom. - 1 Corinthians 2:6-7

The wisdom of this age is empty, yet God's wisdom is eternal, and *no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9)*. God's thoughts are far higher than human expertise can fathom, and the message of Jesus *God has revealed to us by his Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10)*, for it transcends human understanding. - Mark Garner



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Be Continually In Prayer For ...

Ellen Ward who lives with multiple sclerosis every day.

Joan Mauersberg

Patricia Stevens

Tammy Chatfield

Announcements



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 21, 1999. It was written by Brian Arnold, who with his family joined the Northland congregation in 1986. Brian later became a deacon and then an elder, before he moved to North Carolina in 2009.

Sowing To Please The Spirit

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:7-9)

1. "Do not become weary in doing good." Easy to say, difficult to put into practice. We all live fairly hectic lives, but one of Satan's schemes is to keep us so worn out we do not have time to think of others or our relationship with God. How do we avoid being weary? Some things come to mind; remain in him and he will remain in you. (John 14:4) We cannot do anything pleasing to God without a dynamic relationship with him. We must remain in the word and in prayer in order not to become weary . . .

2. "Do not give up." We need to keep the end in mind. We have an eternal home. All the troubles and difficulties of this day will disappear. We need to live above the troubles of today because victory has already been won. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19). "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4)

3. "Do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10) We need to be there for each other. Encouraging, exhorting, calling one another higher, but also comforting each other in the valleys when we are in pain and in need of someone to listen and understand. We need each other and . . . the church needs to be a light in the darkness . . .

- Brian Arnold, March 1999 (abridged)

This article also comes from the Northland archives. It appeared in the bulletin on August 28, 1988, and it was written by Cindy Bradley. Cindy was a member at Northland during the 1980s.

Desires Of The Heart

To desire something means too long for it. A desire is also a strong wish or craving. The Bible promises that if we trust in God, he will grant us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:4). This promise assures us that if we desire to be compassionate, to have great relationships, and to have excellent prayer lives, we can and will have them. However, this promise also comes with a great challenge. Ask yourself these questions: 1) What are the desires of my heart? 2) Do these desires come from God or from the world?

We would probably all like to be like David when he said, "I desire to do your will, O my God" (Psalm 40:8) . . . This attitude, though ideal, is not easy . . . "for the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want" (Galatians 5:17). We will always follow one of these two desires . . . It is good news to know that as Christians we can live by the Spirit and put to death the evil desires which war against the soul. The desires of any heart can change as we pursue the desires of God.

- Cindy Bradley, August 1988 (abridged)