

## Family Information

### Bob And Judy Graham Send Off

Please join our Northland Family as we have a farewell Potluck following Worship Service Aug. 26th. Help us wish Bob and Judy all the best in their move to Indiana. For more information please see Leisha Evans or Robbie McVicker.

### 50th Celebration

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend is next weekend!! We will be praising God and thanking God for his 50 years of Faithfulness! Let us be a reflection of God's love to all who enter our celebration. The fellowship begins 6:30 pm Friday August 10th. Hope you can be part of the great fellowship weekend!

### Congratulations

Anna Silva was baptized last Sunday.

### Thank you

Thank you for the beautiful flowers.  
The family of Gladys Neff

### Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet requests that NO DONATIONS be brought in for the next 2 weeks. To keep the building uncluttered for our celebration, please hold off temporarily on any donations. Once we resume collecting – please only donate children's and men's clothing, linens and household items.

## Calendar

### August

5 Congregational Devo 9am, Combined Classes  
**10-12 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
 12 Single Sisters Lunch  
 17 Game Night For Teens, 6:30pm  
 19 Canoeing, 1pm  
 24 Child Care End of Summer Picnic  
 26 Bob And Judy Sendoff Picnic  
 29 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

**For The Month of August**  
**Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins**  
**Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans**  
**Greeters: Jack and Barbara Evans**

Communion Servers  
 Jake Bowman Perry Coate  
 Jack Evans Joshua Evans  
 Michael Evans Mike Evans  
 John Lindsay Paul Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3491	\$5208
<b>Designated:</b>	\$135	\$264

## Standing In Our Faith

### (Standing Like A Flamingo)

*Then the Lord said to Isaiah, Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz . . . Say to him, Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood . . . Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart. - Isaiah 7:3-6*

God gives Isaiah this message during a troubled time, to calm and comfort those who walked by faith. Likewise, as we too must face struggles and disappointments and fears in this unfeeling world, it can be hard to remain calm; so God sends his Son to reassure us that he is near and he understands what we are going through. The deceiver plots schemes to ensnare us, so God's words remind us of what is true, so that we may not lose heart. The world's futility and chaos and violence may tear at our hearts, yet its ways are mere smoldering stubs of firewood that will soon disappear. When we trust in God instead of in ourselves, he promises us that they cannot snatch us out of his hands - *This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It will not take place, it will not happen. - Isaiah 7:7*

One of the flamingo's habits is eating with its head upside-down. The flamingo curls around its neck so it can use its long upper jaw to scoop up aquatic plants, small crustaceans, algae, and other food. Just as the flamingo looks at the world differently so that it can get nourishment, so also God calls to fix our eyes on things above, so that he may nourish our spirits with his words - *When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight. - Jeremiah 15:16*

Flamingos are also known for their vivid hues - yet this depends on what they eat. Their feathers are originally pale gray or white, yet they often eat crustaceans full of carotenoids, which are absorbed by their feathers and thus turns them pink or coral orange. If a flamingo eats fewer crustaceans and instead eats other things, its feathers become lighter. Likewise, one look at our hearts tells God what we have been 'feeding' on. Depending on human strength and methods hardens our hearts; yet absorbing God's words and contemplating God's compassion and what he does for us will keep our hearts soft and humble. Yet most of all, flamingos are known for standing on one leg - indeed they even sleep on one leg. Due to its skeletal structure, the flamingo is more stable when balanced on one leg, rather than on two. So the flamingo reminds us of God's call for us to stand on our faith in him alone, instead of trusting in the things of this world -

*If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. - Isaiah 7:9*

Earthly wealth and human will power are false hopes that cannot save us, yet God's Word and the good news of Jesus and the blessing of his Spirit are a sure foundation for all of our times.

- Mark Garner



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### Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am  
 Sunday Ghana Bible Study 9:30 am  
 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am  
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 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



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 January 8, 1989; and it was written by Brenda Stokes. Brenda, her husband Pat (who served as a deacon for several years), and their family were members of Northland in the 1980s and the early 1990s.*

### Teaching What Is Good

*... that they may be reverent in behavior ... teaching what is good. - Titus 2:3*

Good can mean different things to different people. A judge might say order is "good", a student may say knowledge is "good", a fool - pleasure, a model - beauty. But from what I read in God's words, I would sum "good" up in 3 words - love, mercy, kindness. If we could put into practice these things as Jesus did, we would all be "teaching what is good". (Colossians 3:14, John 13:35, Romans 12:21 ...)

Each one of us is painting a picture of our lives in the way we live. We are the artists of our portrait. Will it be a good portrait or a bad portrait? We especially need to apply these three words - love, mercy, and kindness - to the members of our homes. Husbands and wives who cut each other down and ... Christians who put other brothers and sisters down because they do not measure up to their view of Christianity, are not practicing what is "good". Our hearts need to be overflowing with what is good, our actions, our words, our view of others ... Are the colors of your portrait bright and beautiful or are your colors dull and drab? The best "good" I know is God!

Praise the Lord. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; For his loving kindness is everlasting.

*- Brenda Stokes,  
January 1989 (abridged)*

*This article is also from the Northland archives. It appeared in the Northland bulletin on March 26, 1989; and it was written by Bob Irvin. Bob was baptized at Northland in 1984, and he was a member here through the early 1990s. For a couple years, Bob also worked full-time with the college ministry.*

### God's Invisible Qualities

The next time you take off in an airplane, consider what an amazing thing is happening. What is actually holding up all those tons of steel and all those people? Air! An invisible force holds a plane up 35,000 feet over sea level for several hours. Now, who can really understand that? And yet, all of us accept it. It's the same way with God's "invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature" (Romans 1:20). There are things we can't fully understand about God and his character - and yet ... they are as real as anything you can physically touch or feel:

... The person of God (Matthew 3:16-17; John 1:1-20). Who can fully comprehend it, and yet God has proven himself through history as Divine father, Son-in-the-flesh, and Spirit-at-work in the lives of believers.

... God's presence. Read Isaiah 6:1-7. Isaiah came face-to-face with God's glory. And his response is the same as ours should be: Awe at being in his presence ...

... God's plan. He is, and always has been, in control - despite what we might see around us. You can lose a lot of sleep trying to figure out every facet of it - so don't, just accept it (Acts 2:34-35, Revelation 1:18).

... God's position. He is Creator of - and at the head of - the universe.

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