

## Family Information

### Prayer and Fasting

To petition the Lord for guidance and help in the selection of our new evangelist the Elders request the church participate in a time of prayer and fasting beginning on September 27. If you are able, please join us as we ask for God's help.

### School Supply Drive

We are collecting donations of school supplies at this time. We are especially in need of: Binders, ear buds, pencils, packs of paper, high lighters, and expo markers. There will be a collection bin this Wednesday night at church. It will be there until the end of October. See Rebecca Evans if you have any questions. Thanks

### Fall Festival

Sunday, October 21st will be our Fall Festival from 5:30-7:00. There will be candy, games and food. Volunteers and candy donations are needed. See Josh or Emily Kruse for more information or if you can help.

### Youth Group

We are Apple picking this Sunday after Church. Please let me know if you want to attend! Thanks, Josh Evans

### New Address

Carolyn J. Wiley  
958 Mae Christine Drive, Suite 101  
Worthington, Ohio. 43085-4946  
614-390-1209

### 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

## Calendar

### October

8 Columbus Day  
13 Bonfire 4:30pm At The Silva's  
14 Single Sister Lunch  
21 Fall Festival, 5:30 - 7pm  
31 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

### November

1 50's Plus At Willow Brook  
3 Movie Night, Facing The Giants @ Church  
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
5 Prayer Time  
7 Election Day  
11 Veterans Day  
12 Single Sisters Lunch  
17-19 Belpre Youth Rally

**For The Month of October**  
**Invitation/ Responses:** Jeff McVicker  
**Foyer Duty:** Michael Evans  
**Greeters:** Frank and Nancy Rynearson

### Communion Servers

Frank Agyei Patrick Boateng  
Lynn Champney Bill Chavis  
Isaac Kyermateng Phil Stafa  
Yaw Teiki Randy Yates

### Contribution

|                    | Last Week | Average YTD |
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| <b>General:</b>    | \$3410    | \$5237      |
| <b>Designated:</b> | \$360     | \$246       |



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## The Lord Is Able To Make Us Stand

(With A Showdown Between Greta Garbo & Donald Duck)

*Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters . . . Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.- Romans 14:1, 14:4*

Even in the body of Jesus, we have different viewpoints on many subjects. There are a few essential things that the Scriptures remind us of - *There is one body and one Spirit . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father (Ephesians 4:4-6)*, yet there are many other matters that God has chosen not to give us a definitive answer. God does this so that we may learn that most things in this world are unimportant compared with eternal things. And in spite of our many misconceptions and mistakes, as long as we follow Jesus and hold fast to his words, God indeed is able to make us stand. *For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. - Romans 14:7-8*

One of James Thurber's humorous stories describes a married couple's troubles over a trivial dispute. Marcia, the wife, is an avid fan of Greta Garbo, so she can't stop talking about Garbo's movies. One day, Gordon (the husband) tires of this, so he makes a critical comment about Garbo's latest film. Marcia retaliates by critiquing Gordon's taste, and challenges him to come up with someone whose talent could remotely be compared with Greta Garbo's. Out of frustration, Gordon blurts out, 'Donald Duck'. Insults fly, and soon both of them storm off. Later, they come to their senses. Marcia admits that Garbo is just an actress, and her movies were very serious, so sometimes she wanted some comic relief, and indeed Donald Duck could be quite entertaining. Gordon admits that Donald Duck isn't even real, just a cartoon character, and indeed Greta Garbo's skill was remarkable, and her movies often moved him too.

Likewise, the kingdom of God is not a matter of movies nor food nor our personal preferences nor getting our way, instead the kingdom of God is a matter of walking in the love and peace and grace of Jesus - *If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love . . . For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. - Romans 14:15, 14:17*

Later, Thurber's story takes another turn, when the couple meets a local writer at a party. They tell her about their dispute, and this writer can't help saying that she prefers Donald Duck. This reignites the argument, and it escalates into a neighborhood controversy.

So the apostle wisely tells us - *Whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves (Romans 14:22)*. We all understand so little, yet God can make us stand when we walk humbly by faith in him.

- Mark Garner

## 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 **Norma Stafa**.

**Q:** Hello! What scriptures have you been reading?

**N.S.:** I've been reading Hebrews; one verse that always gives me a lot to think about is *The word of God is alive and active (Hebrews 4:12)*, and I was reading up to it so that I could understand it even better. Hebrews 2 tells us that Jesus was made like us, *fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest . . . and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people (Hebrews 2:17)*. It's overwhelming to think about what Jesus did for us, and all of the preparations that God made, and how he loved us. Then chapter 3 tells us that God just wants our hearts and our trust.

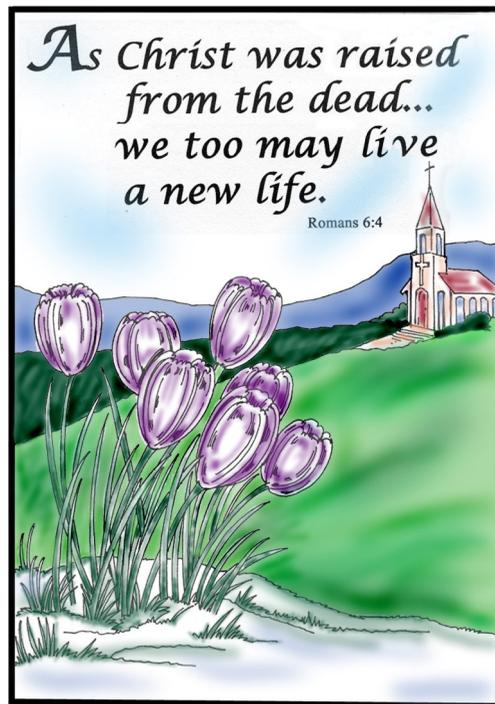
**Q:** Very true, it's comforting just to think about everything Jesus did for us. What have you learned from Hebrews 3?

**N.S.:** Just as God did all those miracles for the Israelites and then asked them to trust him, it struck me that God has done so many things for us too. God asks us, *Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts (Hebrews 3:7-8)* and *See to it . . . that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God (Hebrews 3:12)*. Just remembering that God is living, and his word is alive, always makes a big difference.

**Q:** Very good thoughts about God and about how he wants us to know him.

**N.S.:** Then I've been learning about the rest God wants to give us. *Now we who have believed enter that rest (Hebrews 4:3)*, and we just have to trust in God and keep our hearts soft. It is always 'Today' when we can seek God and learn more about him. Next I'm going to read Hebrews 4:14-16 again; that tells us even more about Jesus and what he wants to give us.

Thank you, Norma!  
(with Mark G., October 2018)



From The Northland Archives

*These articles were written by Ron Kaiser and Tamara Kaiser, who were members at Northland during the 1980s and the early 1990s. Ron also served as a deacon for several years. Ron's article appeared in the Northland bulletin on August 19, 1990. Tamara's article appeared in the Northland bulletin on September 3, 1989.*

## God & Our Hearts

"For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Matthew 6:19)

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he challenges this young man to continually examine his heart. Before long Paul emphasizes that all men need to ask; "Is my heart right with God?" We can see this especially in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

People will turn into themselves, they want praise, glory, honor, and power for themselves. Unless a man is willing to die to himself, pick up his cross daily (Luke 9:23), and suffer for the cause he will be unable to serve God or his fellow man. The changes must begin in the heart if his is going to be like Jesus. In verse 5, Paul also says that people will play religion - their heart is really not in it. They may show up for class, may be very faithful in worship, but the whole time their heart is somewhere else. The spirit is trying to work in changing our minds (thoughts) but we fight it by not living by the truth . . . Jesus is the one who called us (Eph. 4:1), not the elders, not the ministers, not anyone else at Northland. So I need to live my life in tune with Jesus Christ our Savior. Ask, am I living for Him? Is my heart right with God.

"For out of the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks." (Luke 6:45)

- Ron Kaiser  
(abridged), August 1990

## A Blessed Assurance

Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to work in my life? Are my prayers offered up in complete faith? . . . God has asked that I trust him and not be anxious or worried about anything. I must develop a dependence on God, to utilize his power in my life. Boy - is that hard to do, especially when trials and problems seem unbearable.

When I pray for a certain person or situation, most of the time I have already figured out how God should answer my prayer. I put demands on God, and am upset when I do not get the right answer. By doing this, I am not giving God total control of my life, and I am limiting or perhaps even quenching the Holy Spirit. My futile thinking can not compare with God's wisdom. My will is not necessarily his will. God will answer prayer in accordance with his will, and my prayers should be offered as such. Then I need to accept his answer, and know that he knows best. I may not understand why God works in the way that he does, just that he loves and cares for me.

Ephesians 3:20 says that God can do immeasurably more than I can ask or imagine. There is not a problem too big or a situation too impossible for God to work out. What a blessed assurance.

- Tamara Kaiser  
(abridged), September 1989