

Family Information

Thank You

We just wanted to say a very heartfelt thank you for everything you've done for us and with us these past 20 years. We have truly been through a lot and you all have shown nothing but love and kindness to our family. The relationships we have built with you will continue through eternity because of Christ's blood and sacrifice. It doesn't get better than that. We will truly miss everyone and think of you with the fondest of memories. We love you with the love of the Lord!

Love always, Bob and Judy

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, highlighters, 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

Today is 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.

Clothing Closet

items needed:
Shoes all sizes (not flip flops in winter please)
Coats and winter hats, gloves, scarves, mittens – all sizes, styles (gently used) Bed linens – all sizes, including blankets
Socks, underwear – all sizes (clean, gently used – new) As always – men's, children's (teens too), and household appliances are welcome.
NOT needed: women's clothing.

New Address

Melissa Harden will be moving to Cleveland due to the declining health of her parents. Her new address as of October 31st will be 1990 Reyburn Rd., East Cleveland, OH 44112.

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

21 Fall Festival, 5:30 - 7pm
31 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

November

1 50's Plus At Willow Brook
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
5 Prayer Time
7 Election Day
11 Veterans Day
12 Single Sisters Lunch
17-19 Belpre Youth Rally

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.

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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General: \$3570	\$5189
Designated: \$183	\$257



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Jesus Is Not Ashamed...

Jesus Is Not Ashamed Of His Brothers & Sisters

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. - Hebrews 2:10

How gracious God is; he saved us and he calls us his own sons and daughters. How deep and wide Jesus' love for us must be, that he endured countless afflictions for us. In return, we fear that we can offer so little, yet Jesus is not ashamed of those who give him the living offering of our hearts and minds—*Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.* - Hebrews 2:11

In the 1940s movie, "To Have & Have Not", an American boat captain (Harry) is stuck on a French island when it is taken over by the Axis. Harry wants to avoid any trouble, and keeps his distance from everyone, except his older deckhand Eddie. Everyone else usually makes fun of Eddie, since he is usually confused and he has many problems. Yet he is kind-hearted and good-natured, so Harry isn't ashamed of Eddie. Likewise, Jesus asks us simply to walk with him humbly by faith, for he too shared in our humanity, and he understands how hard things can be for us. Just as Harry understood that in hazardous times a good friend can be better than someone talented or charismatic, Jesus calls us friends when we put our faith in him. And Jesus has broken the accuser's chokehold—*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.* - Hebrews 2:14

Eddie also asks a lot of questions; they usually have a point, but he phrases them awkwardly and ungrammatically, so most people ignore them. We too are often misunderstood, and we too have a hard time finding the right words to pray - yet Jesus is not ashamed of us, for he understands what our spirits are trying to say. When Gerard, a member of the French Resistance, asks Harry to let him use his boat, Harry doesn't want to get involved. Yet he remembers how Gerard was kind to Eddie, and he remembers seeing Axis officers mistreating people. So Harry reluctantly agrees, yet things soon get complicated. Harry finds himself risking everything, and Gerard asks him why. Harry simply says, 'I like you, and I don't like how they (the Axis officials) treat people.'

Likewise, Jesus endured everything because he loves us, and he is concerned for us when the world taunts us and the accuser tries to ensnare us.

For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way.
- Hebrews 2:17-18

The world may reject us or harm us or consider us as nothing, yet Jesus rejoices in being with those who seek him in truth and revere God.

- 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 **Phil Stafa**.

Q: Hello! What scriptures have you been reading?

Phil: Of the Scriptures I've been reading recently, several Psalms have been especially helpful. Over the years, as I learn about the people who wrote them and the problems they had to face, it's made the Psalms even more meaningful. Psalm 37 has been encouraging, and I've thought a lot about what it means to *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently before him (Psalm 37:7)*. It's been encouraging to think about how God guides me, and it helps me not to try to do everything all at once.

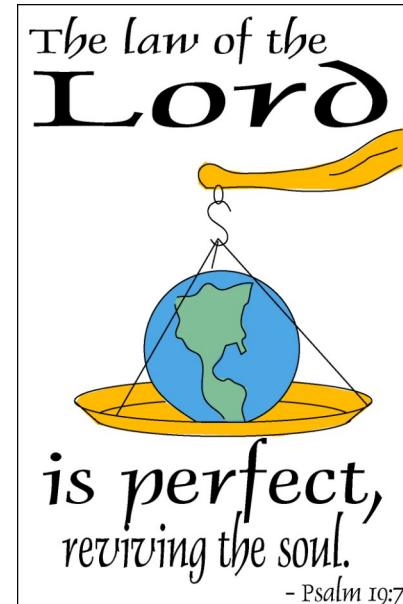
Q: Very good thoughts. What have you learned about 'being still' before God?

Phil: It's reminded me to pray instead of 'fretting' when things aren't going well - *Do not fret when people succeed in their ways . . . Refrain from anger and turn from wrath. (Psalm 37:7-8)*. Praying, instead of worrying, makes a big difference, and I've put a quote from Psalm 37 next to my computer at work. I've also gotten a lot from Psalm 25, one of my favorites that I've been re-reading. *In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you, do not let me put to shame (Psalm 25:1-2)*. It gives me relief to realize that God will never forget me, and he knows what I need.

Q: Very true, how praying and remembering that God is near can make such a difference. What else have you learned from Psalm 25?

Phil: It's encouraged me to wait for God, because he wants to guide me - *Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior (Psalm 25:4-5)*. God knows better than I do, and he cares about us, especially our spiritual well-being. So no matter how things go in the short-term, in the end God will get us through everything, and trusting God always gives me hope.

Thank you, Phil!
(*Phil Stafa with Mark G.*,)



From The Northland Archives

These articles were written by Bryant Myers and Rhonda Myers, who were members at Northland from 1987-1990. Bryant also served as a full-time minister at Northland for a couple years. Rhonda's article appeared in the Northland bulletin on November 26, 1989. Bryant's article appeared in the Northland bulletin on May 29, 1988.

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

In Luke 11 Jesus sets the stage for the entire definitive teaching on prayer. Notice, he was in a special place. A place just outside Jerusalem. It was quiet with no distractions. I think many of us have found the need to go to our special place where no distractions can be found. The Scriptures teach that we must approach God with faith . . . John 15:7 talks of the need to abide in a relationship with Christ; "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you." It is so important to be thinking and living like Christ. Only then can we be assured that whatever we wish is truly in line with whatever God wants. When we remain in Christ we will remain in prayer.

However in all this we are called to be motivated properly. "When you ask do you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on pleasures" (James 4:3). God desires to give us all good things. However our desires are usually selfish. Which leads to the last element to examine on prayer. We need to pray in accordance with God's will. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we ask of him" (1 John 5:14-15).

- Rhonda Myers
(abridged), November 1989

David's Example

I want to share with you the story of a young man (probably a teenager) . . . the young man's name was David. The story is about his confrontation with Goliath (Read I Sam. 17.). Here are some of the ways David set an example in this situation:

He didn't try to be someone that he wasn't (vv. 38-40). Saul tried to give his own armor to David to wear when he fought Goliath. Keep in mind that I Sam. 9: 1-2 says that Saul was a head taller than anyone else in Israel; yet here he was trying to put his armor on David. David said, "I can't do this. It's not me!" So instead, David used the abilities God gave him - he took just his sling and five smooth stones to fight Goliath . . . don't try to be anyone else but who you are. That's the way God made you.

He did it for the glory of God (vv. 45-52). David wasn't out to make a name for himself. In v. 46 he said, "The whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." David was out to make a name for God. He wanted God to receive the glory.

- Bryant Myers
(excerpt), May 1988