

## Family Information

### Caleb and Ashley Dillinger to join Northland

The elders are pleased to announce that Caleb Dillinger has accepted our offer to come and join us here at Northland as our fulltime minister. He and his wife Ashley will be moving from Memphis, Tennessee where Caleb is completing his Master of Divinity Degree from the Harding School of Theology. Caleb's first day as part of Northland's staff will be January 1, 2019.

### Special Contribution

The elders' are asking the members to consider a "Love Offering" to help Caleb and Ashley with their move and getting relocated to Columbus. There will be a lot of expenses moving, getting an apartment and setting up a home. Over the next 2 Sunday's (12/2 and 12/9) we will be collecting to support Caleb and Ashley in their move. If you are able to contribute please mark the contribution for moving expenses or give it to one of the elders.

### Thank You

We offer our most sincere thanks for the thoughts, memories, kind words, food, flowers and prayers during this difficult time. Love in Him, the Stover Family, Dailey Family, Foster Family and Hopkins Family.

### Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

This Winter's Sunday morning adult class begins today, December 2. We'll be doing the following monthly studies:

**December** - Walking In The Truth: 2 John & 3 John

**January** - The Lord Knows Those Who Are His: A Study Of 2 Timothy.

**February** - God's Transcendence: Who Is God? (this will be a prelude to this Summer's study comparing John & other religions)

### 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

**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

### December

2	Winter Bible Classes Begin
5	Singing At Willow Brook Home
9	Teens Christmas Party
9	Single Sisters Lunch
19	Congregational Christmas Program
21	Winter Begins
27	Youth Bowling
30	Area Wide Worship At Reynoldsburgh

Our daycare has a wish list of needs for 2019 on the Church Bulletin board by the Church Office. If you are interested in making a donation please check out the hanging pictures of items from the "clothes line". Take the pictured item/envelope you would like to donate. In the provided envelope please include pictured item along with cash or check designated to daycare and include in your church offering. If you have any questions please see Robbie McVicker.

### For The Month of December

**Invitation/ Responses:** Mike Evans

**Foyer Duty:** Josh Evans

**Greeters:** John and Jennifer Lindsay

### Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Glenn Culler	Dave Estep
Gary McMasters	Leon Norwood
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$4987	\$5180
<b>Designated:</b>	\$105	\$248



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## Jesus Was In Very Nature God

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage. - Philippians 2:5-6*

Jesus indeed was in very nature God, yet he was made in our lowly form, and he endured the afflictions and hunger and limitations and temptations we have to face. How much compassion it must have taken for Jesus to leave behind a spiritual paradise where he was surrounded by the songs of angels, and to come and endure the mocking and insults of ungrateful people.

Jesus was full of God's strength and wisdom, he could have shouted and scolded us for all of our flaws and our straying and our lack of faith, yet instead he spoke kindly and gently. Instead of demanding wealth and luxury and earthly authority, Jesus instead humbly accepted untold hardships, lived simply, and he meekly laid down his life for us - *Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross. - Philippians 2:7-8*

During the American Revolution, the colonial soldiers usually had to make do with minimal resources. One cold, rainy evening, a small detachment had been instructed to build a shelter. Two privates were struggling in the rain and mud and darkness, while their corporal stood beneath a tree, shouting orders and criticizing them. A stranger rode up and asked the corporal why he wasn't helping them, so the corporal bluntly said that they were under him and had to obey him.

The stranger himself got to work - he got his clothes muddy, did the heavy lifting, had some useful suggestions, and complimented the soldiers on their hard work. Soon a sturdy shelter was built. Afterwards the stranger calmly reminded the corporal that in times of trouble, no one is too important to help out. Then the stranger introduced himself: he was General George Washington.

What Washington did for those privates that one evening, Jesus did for us every morning and every evening and every moment of his earthly life. He was always willing to comfort and heal and teach and reassure; he even prayed for God to forgive those who nailed him to the cross. So the name of Jesus is truly exalted, far above every name - *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - Philippians 2:9-11*

And Jesus is still with us every moment of every day; he guides us and protects us and shows us kindness in many ways we barely notice. He does all this because this is the very nature of our 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 **Michael Evans**.

**Q:** Hello Michael, what scriptures have you been reading?

**Michael:** I've been reading Luke, a book I've always liked. It is full of spiritual 'survival lessons' that help us with earthly pressures. One that means a lot to me is - *Jesus said to his disciples: Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear (Luke 12:22)*. Like everyone else, I worry about a lot of things, so this scripture has taught me to focus on more important things. The world gives us 'perfect images' of what our lives should be like, and it also tells us that we have to do everything by ourselves, yet God gifts us with much better things, and he also is with us all the time.

**Q:** Very true, and it makes such a difference when we learn how to trust God. What is another 'survival lesson' you've learned from Luke?

**Michael:** This scripture not only reminds us not to compare ourselves with others, it also encourages me to remember that God doesn't compare us with anyone - *Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye, when you yourself failed to see the plank in your own eye? (Luke 6:41-42)* It's freeing me from comparing myself with others, and to focus on better things instead, like being able to help others with their needs. It is also encouraging to think about how God is working in all of us.

**Q:** Very good thoughts. What do you plan to study next?

**Michael:** When I'm done with Luke, I'm going to read Genesis. Luke has meant even more to me this time, and I'm looking forward to having God teach me some new lessons from Genesis.

Thank you, Michael!

*(Michael Evans with Mark G., November 2018)*

## From The Northland Archives

*This is an excerpt from a poem that appeared in the Northland bulletin on October 8, 2006. It was written by Linda Hancock-Troxel, whom many of you know. Linda placed membership at Northland in 2003.*

### Jesus, Our Friend

Should from your heart your thoughts go astray,  
Seek a quiet place and take a moment to pray . . .  
But by all means, this is not the end.  
If you want to know more, seek  
Jesus our Friend.

- Linda Hancock-Troxel, 2006

## MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #1

The words in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 29 unused letters, and reading from left to right beginning at the top of the diagram, they will spell out the mystery verse from this week's mystery book.

CAUSED	ELEVEN	HEARING	NEBUCHADNEZZAR	SHAPHAN
CHARIOT	ELISHA	ISRAELITES	NETOPHATHITE	STARRY
CLOSE	EUPHRATES RIVER	JEZEBEL	REMNANT	THRESHING
CONSTRUCTION	EVIL-MERODACH	JOASH	RESETTLED	TIGLATH-PILESER
DECREES	FIGHTING	MEGIDDO	SEVENTH	TRAITOR

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