

Family Information

Jesus Loves The Little Children

In our loving and serving body here at Northland, we have many beautiful opportunities to care for the children God has given us. One way is to support our children's Bible classes, by sharing in teaching needs, preparing class materials, and serving on planning teams. We are embarking on a new curriculum for our children and hope to have help to provide a God-filled experience. Please see Art Silva if you can help in any of these areas for our children's classes.

Another great opportunity is with our Child Care ministry. Northland chose to minister to God's children through this work. Lately, the body has been interacting more with this mission, and there will be new ways to serve. Please see Jeff McVicker or Tara Bell for more information on these plans and to participate in a Child Care support team.

Save the Date!

May 4-5 at the Heartland Retreat Center, Marengo, OH. Please mark your calendars for this Northland Women's Retreat. This will be Friday evening, May 4th thru Saturday, May 5th. More details to follow.

Ladies Class

Ladies Sunday Morning Spring Quarter Class is "God's Gift of the Holy Spirit." Class begins Sunday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. in room E31. All women are welcome!

Calendar

February

25 Combined Worship 9:00 am

March

4 Spring Bible Classes Begin
 4 Teen Meeting With Young Adults
 7 Singing At Willow Brook Home, 10:30am
 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 11 Single Sisters Lunch

Contribution Statements

The contribution statements for 2017 are available in the church office.

For The Month of February

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: Michael Evans
Greeters: Jeff and Robbie McVicker

Communion Servers

Jake Bowman	Jack Evans
Joshua Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	Jesse Foster
John Lindsay	Paul Silva

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$5062	\$5364
Designated:	\$145	\$319

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: Steve Carver, 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

We Wait In Hope For The Lord

(The Writing At The Bottom Of 'Pandora's Box')

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
 - Psalm 33:17-19

From time-to-time, human ingenuity and human strength may deliver us from earthly perils, yet there are far worse dangers that only God can save us from. Human methods have made little progress even dealing with famines and wars, and they are completely inadequate to save us from spiritual death or from the world's famines of truth or from the accuser's snares. The more that we understand God, the closer we come to him, the more our spirits groan over the sorrows and the injustices and the restlessness we see every day, and the more we learn to put all our hope in God and in his unfailing love as we endure this world's fears and pains -

We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.
 - Romans 8:23-25

The Greek myth 'Pandora's Box' was a metaphor for how troubles and evils came into the world. The 'gods' put all of these ills into a box, and entrusted it to one of the Titans, who then married Pandora, a woman who was kind, innocent, yet quite curious. Eventually, Pandora couldn't help opening the box, and out flew Greed, Envy, Hatred, and all of the things that plague humanity. In despair, Pandora looked at the bottom of the box, where the 'gods' had written one word: HOPE. To the Greeks, this meant that the 'gods' understood what it would be like, that though there would be bad times, they promised also some peaceful times; that though they would face anger and hatred, they would also sometimes find compassion.

Our living God understands all this too, yet he has given us a far better hope, and he makes a better covenant with us that is founded on better promises: *I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word. My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises (Psalm 119:147-148).*

Our hope is not merely in things getting a little better in this world, for our hope is in things above, for he has prepared a place for us in his heavenly dwelling. And God is with us *We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield . . . May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.* - Psalm 33:20-22

Our hope is in God every morning and every evening, for his compassion will never fail.

- 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

There will be Sunday night Bible study (Bible Study 2:42) tonight in room E41
If you are not currently in a small group Bible study we ask you to consider attending Sunday night at the building from 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to Bobby Graham Jr. for filling in last Sunday and preaching for us.

Thank you to all who helped put together the combined Worship Service today.

50th Anniversary shirts are still available. Sign up is in the side hall way on board.

Youth Announcements

Friday March 9th- Youth game night at the Church. 6:30-9:30

Friday March 16th- Euchre tournament at the Church, 6-10.(All ages are invited)

Saturday March 24th- Pizza and prayer starting at 6:00 p.m.(All ages are invited)

Josh Evans, Assistant Youth Director

Josh Evans was recently named Assistant Youth Director at Northland, and he is now employed part-time by the congregation. Josh has given us his thoughts below, so that we may get to know him.



I'm on my last semester at The Ohio State University Newark studying Middle Childhood Education and will be certified to teach grades 4-9, social studies and science. I'm a huge Buckeye and Green Bay Packers Fan. I have been going to this Church my whole life. I look forward to coordinating youth events and serving the Lord. I enjoy playing basketball and playing board games with my family.

I have been going to church camp since I was seven years old and I still look forward to going every year. I attended church camp at NWOCYC until I was 14, and have attended Fort Hill ever since. I have been part of the staff the past 4 years teaching, song leading, and serving the Lord.

My favorite Bible verse is: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." – I love this verse because it outlines the amazing love that God shows for us. He made the ultimate sacrifice of sending his son to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

- Josh Evans