

## Family Information

### Today's Sermon Title

*God in Your Present*

### Theme Passage

*Galatians 2:20*

As you read the passage from Galatians, consider these three questions:

- 1) How is God living in your life?
- 2) What aspects of your life still need to be surrendered to God?
- 3) Who is a spiritual role model for you that lives out Galatians 2:20?

### Intimacy With God Thru The Psalms

Come explore the closeness of our God in this Spring Sunday morning Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. in Room E31. All participants are welcome to share their favorite Psalm that assures us our God is near! Various women from the Body will facilitate the 13-week class. All are welcome to facilitate and join the class. See Karen Susenna or Robbie McVicker for further details.

### Spring Sunday AM Class

This Spring, the Sunday morning adult class will be "The One Who Calls Us Is Faithful", a study of 1 Thessalonians. The class is open to everyone, and it will be taught by several teachers. The Spring class begins **TODAY**, and it will meet in E41/42.

### Northland Banquet

Sat. April 6th 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm. "A Joyful Heart is Good Medicine" Proverbs 17:22. Join the Northland Family for an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship at the Der Dutchman. \$15 for Adults \$9 for Children ages 6-10 \$6 for children 3-5 Payments are due by March 24th to Robbie McVicker. Please contact Josh Kruse if you would like to be part of the "Talent"

### 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	7:00 pm

**Minister:** Caleb Dillinger  
**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

### March

10	Single Sisters Lunch
10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
15	Movie Night
22	Teen Game Night
31	Area Wide Worship At Spring Road



**For The Month of March**  
**Invitation/ Responses:** Mike Evans  
**Foyer Duty:** Bobby Graham Jr.  
**Greeters:** Mike and Leisha Evans

### Communion Servers

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

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$6801	\$5108
<b>Designated:</b>	\$135	\$172



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## No One Can Fathom...

**No One Can Fathom God's Understanding & His Compassion**  
 (With: The Philosopher & The Olive Crop)

*The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. - Isaiah 40:28*

God's wisdom is indeed beyond human minds to comprehend fully; he knows every star in the skies, and he knows the inmost thoughts of each one of us. God's understanding transcends all human knowledge; he knows everything that has ever happened, and he knows everything each one of us has ever done and said. God gives us life itself, he never grows tired of sustaining us each step, and Jesus willingly bore our burdens and sins on the cross.

For the depth of God's compassion is also far deeper than we can imagine, for God uses his vast knowledge and his profound understanding and his unlimited strength to redeem us instead of condemning us; he says *I have seen their ways, but I will heal them (Isaiah 57:18)*. Instead of using force or threats, our Father in heaven pours out his grace on those who turn to him - *I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. - Isaiah 44:21-22*

In the sixth century BC, the philosopher Thales of Miletus was well-known for both his knowledge and for his simple lifestyle. Because of this, he was mocked and ignored, since everyone thought that he should use his knowledge to live a life of luxury and wealth. One year, the olive crop in the region was so abundant that everyone in the area expected to receive large profits. Yet when harvest time came, no olive presses could be found to produce olive oil.

Thales had studied the conditions and had anticipated the large olive crop, so he had purchased every available olive press. He charged a high price for their use, and thus made an immense fortune. Yet afterwards, Thales gave back everyone's money, as well as the olive presses. He explained that he didn't want to exploit them, instead he wanted to teach them not to put all their hope in things like wealth or fame that come and go so quickly.

Likewise, in a far more profound way, God uses his wisdom and understanding to show us our deepest needs; and in the message of Jesus he shows us how he meets them for those who walk by faith in him - *Sing for joy, you heavens, for the Lord has done this; . . . for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel. - Isaiah 44:23*

Our flesh may fail us and our hearts may weaken, yet *those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31)*. This world's false hopes will disappoint us and may lead us astray, yet we can always rejoice that God is near, that Jesus is *the way and the truth and the life (John 14:6)*, and he reassures us that *If you really know me, you will know my Father as well (John 14:7)*.  
 - Mark Garner

## Praise Our Creator

Praise our Creator and Savior eternal,  
Him Who redeemed us from death and the grave;  
Sing of His greatness, O hail and adore Him,  
Strong to deliver, and mighty to save.

Praise Him, praise Him,  
Glory in the highest unto Him ascribing;  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Blessed be His Name, our Lord and King!

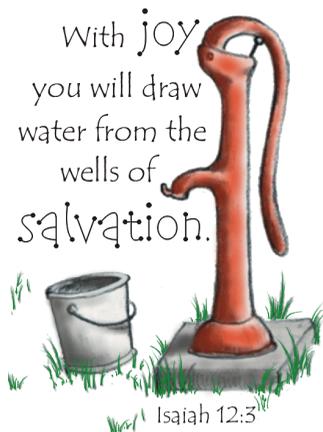
Praise our Creator and gracious Defender,  
Rock where in safety we still may abide;  
He is our Shepherd, how gently He leads us,  
Where in the valley the cool waters glide.

Praise Him, praise Him,  
Glory in the highest unto Him ascribing;  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Blessed be His Name, our Lord and King!

Praise our Creator, the Fountain of goodness,  
Now in His grandeur exalted above;  
Rest in His mercy and trust in His promise,  
Ever to keep us, upheld by His love.

Praise Him, praise Him,  
Glory in the highest unto Him ascribing;  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Blessed be His Name, our Lord and King!

- Fanny Crosby, 1895



## From The Northland Archives

*This article was written by Emily Graham, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on October 26, 2014. Emily came to Northland with her family in the late 1980s, and Emily was baptized in 1998. Emily's faithfulness has encouraged all of us in many ways over the years.*

### Point It Out

On a dreary and rainy day recently, I went grocery shopping. Exciting, I know. As I headed to my car, it was raining a little, but not enough for me to bother putting my hood on. I put the groceries in the car and got in. As I turned the car on, I notice a couple across the aisle in the parking lot putting their groceries in the car. The woman was looking up and behind me at the dark dreary clouds with this romantic look on her face. She then said something to the man, and pointed at what she was looking at. Then she gave him a quick squeeze, and continued to stare dreamily at the dark dreary sky, as he packed up the car.

I thought to myself, she's either really into clouds and weather, or maybe she's not quite all there. As I drove off, I was still thinking about the woman. Then curiosity got the best of me. Maybe there was an interesting looking cloud, or maybe one looked like a funnel. When I had a second to stop, I pulled open my sunroof cover to look where she had pointed. To my surprise there was a full rainbow! But how could it be?! There's no sunshine! But there it was, a beautiful rainbow. God's promise was there and I almost missed it.

I thought to myself, there's a lesson here. I thought the woman looked silly, maybe even a little crazy as she pointed to God's promise with such appreciation. She didn't care that I misjudged her. She didn't even know I was briefly watching her, since she was so focused on the rainbow. She happily saw it and pointed it out. And even though I thought she was crazy, curiosity caused me to turn and see it too. This is a perfect analogy for how we should be in the world, sharing God's promises with others.

Now feeling silly, I continued my drive home and consoled myself, thinking about how it never occurred to me that a rainbow could be there without sunshine. A few minutes later I ended up at the top of a hill facing west. In the far distance the line of clouds had broken and there was the sun. The sun had been shining, but it was too far away for me to see it from where I was before. But its effect still reached me.

Sometimes life is dull, dreary and even dark. Sometimes we're so low in a dark place in life, we think there is only more dark or dangerous things to see. We can't see God's light. We might need someone to point out the affects of His presence to us before we can see the truth. When they do, next thing we know, we can see the light coming from God Himself.

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." John 1:4,5

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden...In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:14,16.

- Emily Graham