

## Family Information

### Today's Sermon Title

*Action and Reaction*

### Theme Passage

*Matthew 21:1-16*

### Thoughts to Consider

- 1) How do you react to something unfavorable?
- 2) Have you ever had expectations that suddenly fell apart?
- 3) What injustices are happening that make you want to flip tables

### Ladies Retreat

Ladies Retreat is fast approaching May 3 & 4th! There is still space & time to sign up for all or part of the retreat! Remember to bring a book for the book exchange! Last payments should be turned in by April 28th. Please contact Robbie for more info or questions 614-899-4830.

### Camp

Fort Hill Church Camp Registration - A \$20 discount is offered if you register and pay by May 15th. Camp Week is July 14-20, Let Josh Evans know if you are interested in attending.

VBS theme- My God is so big  
VBS meeting on Sunday April 28th right after Church

## Calendar

### April

14	Services At Willow Brook
14	Single Sisters Lunch
15	Tax Day
19-20	LTC
21	Easter Sunday
25	Take Your Daughter Or Son To Work Day
27	Congregational Work Day
28	VBS Meeting

**For The Month of April**  
**Invitation/ Responses: Jeff McVicker**  
**Foyer Duty: Jack Evans**  
**Greeters: Perry and Jenny Coate**

Communion Servers	
Franklin Agyei	Lynn Champney
Glenn Culler	Isaac Kyeremateng
Yaw Odoom	Phil Stafa
Yaw Tiekou	Randy Yates

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5334	\$5052
<b>Designated:</b>	\$230	\$191

### 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	7:00 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

## We Are No Longer Of This World

*I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. - John 17:13-14*

Jesus calls us out of this world, yet for a time we must live in these perishable and fragile bodies. Jesus understands how hard it can be for us to fix our minds on unseen things, so as he prepares to leave this world, he prays for God to protect us from the world's pitfalls and the accuser's snares - *Protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. - John 17:15-16*

We are no longer of this world, yet we must remain here a little longer. We can barely protect ourselves against earthly threats, and we cannot protect our souls by worldly means. So Jesus came from a higher world, and he has sanctified us and has made us God's own children - *Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. - John 17:17-19*

In the 1951 film "The Day The Earth Stood Still", a galactic messenger and a powerful robot land on Earth to warn the world what will happen unless it turns from its wars and violence. The world's leaders respond with hostility and suspicion; so Klaatu, the messenger, gives a demonstration of his power, then escapes to stay with an ordinary family. The robot is left to guard their spaceship, with orders to destroy Earth if anything happens to Klaatu.

As Klaatu learns about the hopes and fears of average humans, he learns that many of them are kind and are just as distressed and hurt by the world's divisions and rivalries. When he is found, shot, and left for dead, he sends a human friend with a message to the robot: "Klaatu barada nikto." The robot spares Earth, and revives Klaatu long enough to remind humanity to live in peace.

When the movie came out, many people tried to translate "Klaatu barada nikto", yet it wasn't meant to be translated. Instead, it conveyed a message that goes beyond words. It meant mercy, it meant to tolerate the proud and boastful for the sake of the peaceful and humble, it meant guidance and help. In a much deeper way, Jesus' message goes beyond human words; he cares for us and he understands us, and he wants us to see God's true glory that transcends earthly understanding - *Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory. - John 17:24*

Jesus died for us and then rose from the dead, and now he calls us to set aside our desires for fame and power and wealth, and instead to open our hearts to God, so that we can see God's full glory, and so that he can give us the lasting peace of being with our Heavenly Father.



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- Mark Garner

## He Who Sends The Dew & Rain & Sunshine

Flowers preach to us if we will hear:-  
The rose saith in the dewy morn:  
I am most fair;  
Yet all my loveliness is born Upon a thorn.  
The poppy saith amid the corn:  
Let but my scarlet head appear  
And I am held in scorn;  
Yet juice of subtle virtue lies  
Within my cup of curious dyes.  
The lilies say: Behold how we  
Preach without words of purity.  
The voices whisper from the shade  
Which their own leaves have made:  
Men scent our fragrance on the air,  
Yet take no heed  
Of humble lessons we would read.

But not alone the fairest flowers:  
The merest grass  
Along the roadside where we pass,  
Lichen and moss and sturdy weed,  
Tell of His love who sends the dew,  
The rain and sunshine too,  
To nourish one small seed.

- Christina Rossetti (1862)

## Teens Wanted

Looking for a Sunday morning Bible class for your teens? We offer a class on Sunday mornings for middle and high school teens starting at 9:30 A.M. We have a talented rotation of teachers serving God to prepare teens for life. Currently we are finishing up the book of Ephesians which has highlighted important aspects of Gods truth and love. Starting at the beginning of May we will be starting Galatians. In Galatians we will look at the difference between salvation by law and salvation by grace. We will also cover many topics that are important to our relationship with God. We hope to see you Sunday morning! If you have any questions feel free to see Josh Evans!



## From The Northland Archives

*This article was written by Joel Moore, and it appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on December 13, 1992. Joel and his wife Valerie were members of Northland in the late 1980s and the 1990s.*

## Jesus Changes Lives

The way people go about enacting change can be as diverse as the problems we face. Some seek change through protests, either by marching in demonstrations, civil disobedience or even through the violence of terrorism. Others seek change through different means, such as the ballot box or influencing elected officials. Though each of these methods have their proponents, none of them can have the effect for change that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ can.

Our brothers and sisters in the first century saw a world that was every bit as cruel and cold as ours is today. Peter pleaded with the crowds on that day of Pentecost, to save themselves from that corrupt generation (Acts 2:40). The response on that day and ever since has been one of dynamic change; people became different, living not for just themselves, but also for Christ and others. There has been one reason and one reason only for this change: Jesus.

The best example of the effect of Christ on first century society is of the idol trade in Ephesus (Acts 19). The artisans of that city found that their business of making pagan shrines was dropping off dramatically. The reason for this was that the Ephesians no longer believed in these gods. They now worshipped God Almighty and were baptized into His Son Jesus. Our brethren in that city enacted a change through the personal effect of Christ on lives . .

The point is that if we want to see real and lasting change occur, then we need to utilize the greatest instrument for change: the blood of Jesus Christ . . . To place our hopes and efforts for change on any different method is to deny the power of Christ on individual lives. It is through changed individual lives that we will see change in our world. One life at a time.

- Joel Moore (abridged)



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9