

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

The Story of the Gospel: Part 1

Theme Passage

Matthew 28:1-10

Thoughts to Consider

- 1) Are you seeking a living Jesus?
- 2) How would you tell the gospel story?

Commission: Bring someone with you to Easter Sunday service!

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

21	Easter Sunday
25	Take Your Daughter Or Son To Work Day
27	Congregational Work Day
28	VBS Meeting

Sympathy

Janelle Huffman passed away last Tuesday. The funeral was Friday in Beallsville OH. Please keep Janelle's family in your prayers.

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 Tiekü	Randy Yates

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4007	\$4982
Designated:	\$110	\$146

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

This Is Jesus

(With Thoughts From Helen Keller)

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: This Is Jesus, The King Of The Jews. - Matthew 27:35-37

This is Jesus, who is in very nature God, yet he was pierced for our sins. This is Jesus who came down from heaven, yet he was afflicted and wounded so that we might be healed. This is Jesus, and all the fullness of God was in him, yet he poured out his lifeblood to reconcile us with our Father in heaven.

This is Jesus, the king of the Jews and the king of the Greeks and the king of the Romans and the king of all nations; he came to make this the time of God's favor and every time and every place. This is Jesus, who endured the scorn of those he had come to save, who carried our sins to the cross, who bore far more burdens for us than we can begin to imagine -

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, . . . Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God! In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. - Matthew 27:38-41

This is Jesus, who opens the eyes of our hearts so that we can see beyond the world's scenery and appearances when we humble ourselves before him, who teaches us truths too profound for earthly minds to have learned by human reasoning.

Helen Keller endured being unable to see or hear with her physical eyes or ears, yet she sensed God's love all around her. She wrote, "For three things I thank God every day of my life: thanks that he has vouchsafed me knowledge of his works; deep thanks that he has set in my darkness the lamp of faith; deep, deepest thanks that I have another life to look forward to - a life joyous with light and flowers and heavenly song."

This is Jesus, who swallowed up spiritual death on the cross, and then rose from the dead - *An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone . . . The angel said to the women, Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. - Matthew 28:2, 28:5-6*

This is Jesus who came to be the Way to God that we couldn't have found, who teaches us to see unseen things, things with beauty and splendor that human words cannot describe. As Helen Keller said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

- Mark Garner



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Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. This week, we are talking with **Franklin Agyei**.

Q: Hello, Franklin! What scriptures have you been reading?

Franklin: I've been reading Psalm 73, and I've been thinking especially about this verse - *Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you (Psalm 73:25)*. There is nothing in this world more valuable than God, and he is always there for us. God is our future, and when we rely on God, we will have everything we need. What I want is God.

Q: Good things to think about. What does it mean to you to have God with you?

Franklin: God is everything, and only God can provide salvation, eternal life, and hope. As Jesus says, *What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? (Matthew 16:26)*. When I have God, nothing in the world can destroy me. I can always pray for his grace and to help me through everything. Without God, there is no hope, there is no 'tomorrow'. With God, we can know that we'll be with him now and forever.

Q: Very good thoughts. What other verses in Psalm 73 stood out to you?

Franklin: At the beginning, it says *Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart (Psalm 73:1)*, yet then it says, *But as for me, my feet had slipped . . . For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked (Psalm 73:2-3)*. Then God helps us see that these things will soon no longer exist, and he teaches us that he is with us and will always be with us. Just being in God's presence gives me joy, and just knowing that God is with me always makes me smile.

Thank you, Franklin!
(Franklin Agyei with Mark G., April 2019)

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 9:30am. 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 God's truth and love. Starting at the beginning of May we will be studying Galatians where we will look at the difference between salvation by law and salvation by grace. We hope to see you Sunday morning! If you have any questions, feel free to send us a message or see Josh Evans!



There Is No One Like The Lord, Our God

Over the next few weeks, some of Northland's members will be writing about some of God's qualities that are beyond us to understand fully, aspects of God's nature that are 'too wonderful' for us to grasp completely. This week, Becca Evans writes about God's transcendent love.

God's Transcendent Love

I am going to state my thoughts on two aspects of God's transcendence: His love and His power. (I am going to talk more about His love!) These aspects confuse me because sometimes it is hard to put super powerful and super loving together. I tend to focus on one or the other at different times: an amazingly loving God, or an amazingly powerful God. I think I pay more attention to the powerful part of Him, rather than the loving part of Him - which is not a good thing because this can keep me from loving God as much as I can.

I am sure that if I knew how much God loved me, then loving Him would be the easiest thing in the world - because of how much He loves me. So I think that is something I need to work on - finding out how much God really loves me. I'll never be able to grasp this completely, but I think it's important that I try. Because although I will never fully comprehend God's super love for me, if I keep on trying to figure it out, God will show me more of His love through my life and through his stories. There is so much love in the Bible! God is love.

In class we talked about Jonah and Nineveh. In this story, God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh and "cry against it, for their wickedness had come up before God" (Jonah 1:2 NASB). Jonah ran away from God and what he asked Jonah to do, because Jonah didn't like the Ninevites, and he knew that God would end up forgiving them. Jonah knew that God is a loving God, and would forgive the wicked Ninevites.

Another example of this is when Abraham was talking to God about Sodom and Gomorrah, and God wanted to destroy the people but said he would not destroy them if there were only 10 godly people left. I used to be confused about this passage because I thought Abraham had "talked God down", and that God changed his answer - and that doesn't sound like the unchanging God I know. But now I believe this passage shows how much God loves us, his people.

Goodness, God's love is so confusing and also it is the best thing ever. I have so much to say about my thoughts on his hard-to-grasp love and not enough room!

-- Becca Evans