

Family Information

Graduation Party

You are invited to come celebrate Abby Coate graduating from high school. Open house Friday, May 31st from 6-9 PM. 447 Quince Ct. Westerville, 43081

Thank You

We would like to thank all of the sisters who contributed to the considerable preparation and presentation of the Women's retreat this year. We have so many who are willing to share their gifts to create a sweet, special time for all of us. Next year is already on our hearts and minds.



Calendar

May

27 Memorial Day
29 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

June

5 Singing At Willow Brook Home
9 Single Sisters Lunch
16 Father's Day
22 Set Up Day For VBS
24-27 Vacation Bible School
31 Services At Willow Brook
31 Area Wide Worship At Alum Creek

For The Month of May

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: Josh Evans
Greeters: Art and Kythrie Silva
Announcements: Art Silva

Communion Servers

Jake Bowman **Jack Evans**
Josh Evans **Michael Evans**
Mike Evans **Bobby Graham Jr.**
William Nixon **Paul Silva**

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4359	\$5516
Designated:	\$45	\$174

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

Living By Faith In The Son Of God

(With Frances Havergal's Life & Hymns)

Through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. - Galatians 2:19-20

How vast is Jesus' compassion, that he was crucified for us so that we could live for God and could be with our Creator. How deep is God's grace, that he sends his Spirit to live in those who walk by faith in Jesus. How beyond human words to describe fully are God's ways and his thoughts, that he knows our flaws and our weaknesses, yet in the cross he justified us with his love for us. *A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ. - Galatians 2:16*

Hymnist Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) had a lifelong struggle with illnesses and other health afflictions, yet instead of losing hope, her frail condition taught her of our need for God and about God's care for us all. As a young girl, her poor health led her to dread dying and facing God's judgment. Yet one day, when Frances was reading the Bible, the message of Jesus persuaded her of God's unfailing love and his eagerness to forgive us.

Havergal spent the rest of her short life writing hymns of praise and devotion and love for God, and she prayed about each word she wrote. Her well-known hymn "Take My Life & Let It Be" reflects her awareness of how God sanctifies us and fills us when we open our hearts to him and rely on him completely. Another time, she saw a painting vividly depicting Jesus' crucifixion that made her ponder what Jesus endured and what that shows us about him - *Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. . . Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? - Galatians 3:1-2*

Thinking about the unruly crowd mocking their Savior, the brutality of the callous soldiers and officials, compared with Jesus' tenderness in forgiving them, and all the implications of what Jesus endured, moved Frances to write the hymn "I Gave My Life For Thee", full of Jesus' forgiveness and mercy and understanding. Havergal's hymn ends with Jesus asking, "What hast thou brought to me?", for she knew that Jesus simply desires us to seek him and give him a soft, humble heart.

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing. - Galatians 2:20-21

God's gracious call is to walk by faith in Jesus' mercy and compassion; his patient call is to put our hope in unseen things and rely on his eternal truths. Jesus indeed did not die for nothing, for he died so that everyone who turns to him may have eternal life with our Heavenly Father.

- 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 **Gloria Kyeremateng**.

Q: Hi, Gloria! What scriptures have you been reading?

Gloria: I've been reading Psalm 34, a Psalm of praise, and several verses have been especially encouraging. When David was in trouble, he says, *I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears (Psalm 34:4)*. He realized that God had saved him when he couldn't have saved himself. So whatever we too are going through, we don't need to be afraid, and we can call on God.

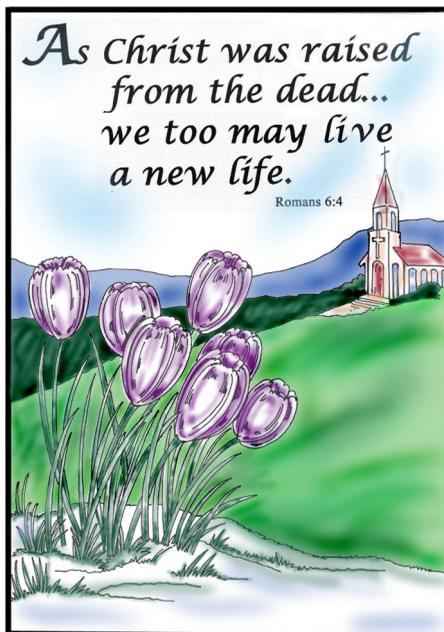
Q: Very good thoughts. How has this verse been helpful?

Gloria: There are lots of things we can be afraid of, and often we don't know what is going to happen. We can pray, then act on faith and do what seems right, and then let God teach us. I liked this verse too - *The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing (Psalm 34:10)*. Even though lions are very strong, at times they become weak, but God gives us what is good for us when we seek him. Our lives might not seem perfect, but God promises that we'll have everything we need. It also reminds me not to lean on my own strength, and to think about all the good things God has done for me.

Q: Very true, God does so many good things for us. Is there another verse in Psalm 34 that especially encouraged you?

Gloria: This verse was also comforting - *Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord (Psalm 34:11)*. God is our Father and he wants us to come to him so that he can teach us, his children; and God's teachings are perfect. Whenever I take the time to digest God's words, they give me peace, no matter what is going on around me. It is good just to be with God.

Thank you, Gloria!
(Gloria Kyeremateng with Mark G)



There Is No One Like The Lord, Our God

This spring, some of Northland's members have been 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, Leon Norwood writes about God's transcendent thoughts.

God's Thoughts Transcend Our Thoughts

People like to figure things out. We often pride ourselves on our ability to solve problems, including the problems of others. Before long we begin to convince ourselves that we not only know what is good for ourselves but for everyone else as well. But after all it is God himself who has aptly chosen us, a vessel fit for honor and always eager and willing to do his sovereign will.

When we think God is motivated in the same ways humans are, when he begins to look like us, we diminish his complete holiness and transcendence. For example, we subconsciously feel more secure if we believe God needs us rather than believe that he only loves us.

But God has no needs because God is sovereign. God loves us; he doesn't need us. Our security is based totally on his love and not on our satisfying his need of us.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

God's power and love are incomprehensible and incomparable. His transcendence exceeds and extends beyond the limits of human existence and experience. His being is beyond limits of all possible experience and knowledge.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come." - Ephesians 1:18-21

- Leon Norwood