

## Family Information

### Today's Sermon Title

*The Usefulness Of Scripture*

### Theme Passage

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

### Thoughts to consider:

- 1) How do you use Scripture in your daily life?
- 2) What is the relationship between Scripture and good works?
- 3) Do you view reading and meditating on Scripture as a method of training in righteousness?

June Challenge: Select one Bible story/passage/set of verses and read it, listen to it, and meditate on it every day.

### Sunday Morning Bible Class For Summer

This summer's Sunday morning adult Bible class will be on "The Lord Looks At The Heart: Studies In 1 Samuel". The class starts this Sunday, June 2. It will meet in E41-42, and everyone is welcome to come. Thank you to our brothers and sisters who helped us decide on the summer study and on possible studies for upcoming quarters.

### Northland VBS

Northlands VBS week will be here soon. If you would like to help, or have any questions, see Josh Evans.

A couple of reminders:

**Our theme verse:** Psalm 147:5 "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure."

**Theme:** My God is so Big!

VBS is June 24-26. The 27th is a potluck day for the neighborhood and their families.

## Calendar

### June

- 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

### July

- 3 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Single Sisters Lunch
- 14-20 Camp Week At Fort Hill

### For The Month of June

**Invitation/ Responses:** Mike Evans

**Foyer Duty:** Jack Evans

**Greeters:**

**Announcements:** Mike Evans

### Communion Servers

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>James Allison</b>   | <b>John Allison</b>   |
| <b>Bill Chavis</b>     | <b>Glenn Culler</b>   |
| <b>David Estep</b>     | <b>Gary McMasters</b> |
| <b>Frank Rynearson</b> | <b>Art Silva</b>      |

### Contribution

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| <b>Last Week</b> | <b>Average YTD</b> |
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| <b>General:</b>    | \$5572 | \$5405 |
| <b>Designated:</b> | \$475  | \$190  |

### Services

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| 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

## God's Words Are Trustworthy & True

### (Calvin & Hobbes, Tortellini & Sunsets)

*He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new. Then he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true . . . To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. - Revelation 21:5-6*

Through Jesus, God has made everything new; through Jesus, our Heavenly Father gives us new life. Jesus has opened the spring of living water so that everyone who comes near with an open heart may be renewed with God's overflowing grace and his profound truths. God's words are indeed trustworthy and true, and his faithfulness and his compassion will endure forever - *Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations. - Psalm 119:89-90*

In the comic strip "Calvin & Hobbes", young Calvin can be a reflection of human nature. In one comic, Calvin finds out that dinner will be tortellini. Calvin is displeased, and says, 'Yecch. I hate tortellini. Nothing could be worse than tortellini.' Then, in the last frame, Calvin is leafing through a dictionary to find out what tortellini really is. Part of the irony was that Calvin always tried out the latest fads and ended up causing trouble, yet tortellini just sounded boring.

Similarly, some parts of scripture may seem mundane or confusing or difficult to grasp. God understands us and he cares about us, so he patiently reassures us that - *All Scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16)*; each word of it comes from God, and each word of it can nourish our spirits when we ponder them and ask God to help us understand them more clearly - *I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways (Psalm 119:15)*.

Scriptures that seemed obscure can take life when we pray for God to give us understanding; scriptures that seemed mundane can take on a deeper meaning when we reflect on them and be patient as God gives them roots. Scriptures that seemed perplexing can become clear when we learn to love and trust God so that he can explain them to us - *See how I love your precepts; preserve my life, Lord, in accordance with your love (Psalm 119:159)*.

In another comic, Calvin is with Hobbes, his toy tiger, who is portrayed as Calvin's living companion. Sitting on the shore of a peaceful lake, watching the beauty of a sunset, the tiger is enjoying the wonders of nature, while Calvin grouches, 'I bet I'm missing some great TV shows. Whenever we slow down and let God open our eyes, God can calm our spirits, and we can see God's splendor and care all around us in nature, in our lives, and in his words. For God is near - *God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. - Revelation 21:3*

God has promised us that he will dwell with those who walk by faith in Jesus, and his words are trustworthy and true.

- Mark Garner



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## From The Northland Archives

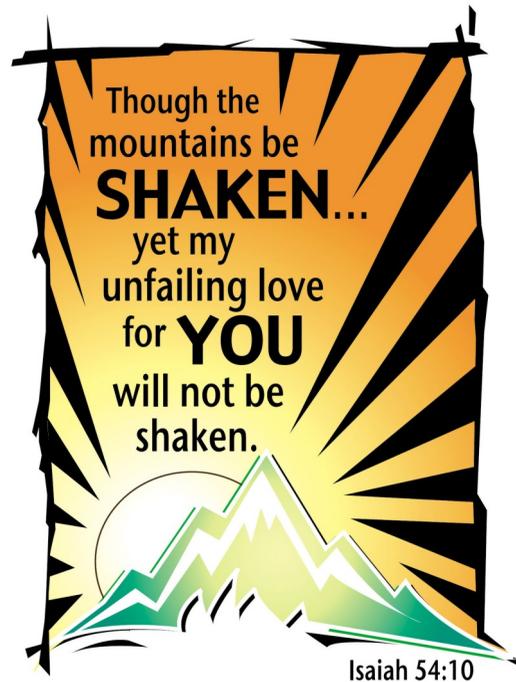
*This is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Northland Church Of Christ bulletin on May 14, 1989. It was written by Pauline Main. Pauline was the church secretary at Northland for many years, and she also served the congregation in many other ways. Last year, we also reprinted another of Pauline's articles.*

### Strength From Our Father

Jesus was the perfect example of a faithful worker. He went from city to city teaching the multitudes, training his disciples, healing the sick, making the blind to see, the lame to walk, cleansing lepers, making the deaf to hear, raising the dead and attending special functions. He must have been very organized to fit everything in his busy schedule. He always had time to meet the needs of the people. Where did Jesus get all that strength? He went to the Father in prayer. We read of him often going alone to the mountain to pray. He prayed in the morning (Mark 1:35), before he ate (Luke 9:6), in the evening (Matthew 14:23). He prayed all night before he chose his disciples. He prayed when he was sad (Matthew 14:13) and before his crucifixion (Matthew 26:39, 42, 44). To neglect asking him for help we are, in a sense, saying "I can do it myself. I don't need God." And we all know that isn't true.

Let us follow Jesus example and ask for his help . . . think of the great reward he has promised us.

- Pauline Main



## Father, We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For the song of bird and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

## Love Incomprehensible

The spotless Savior lived for me,  
And died upon the mount  
The obedience of His life and death,  
Is placed to my account.

On Thee alone my hope relies,  
Beneath Thy cross I fall  
My Lord, my Life, my Sacrifice,  
My Savior and my All.

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

- Anne Steele (1717-1778)