

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

The Good, The Bad, and The Godly

Theme Passage

Psalm 73

Thoughts to Consider

- 1) What blessings have you seen?
- 2) What sins have you committed?
- 3) How has God worked within you?

August Challenge: Say 3 specific prayers each day. One for yourself, one for others, and one for the Northland church.

Directory Correction

The phone number in the directory for Mike Paden is not correct. The correct phone number is 860-256-9406.

Leaves & Latte 5K Run

The Willow Brook Leaves & Latte 5K Run is set for September 28th, 8:30am, at Sharron Woods Metro Park to benefit the Willowbrook Retired Ministers Fund. This was a passion of Frank Chappell's – to fill this minister's fund to such an extent that it would help support Church of Christ ministers in their retirement years. You can sign up, and/or make a financial contribution at the following website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/LeavesLattes5k>. See Karen Susenna for further details. See you there!

Calendar

August

25 Canoeing at Trapper Johns After Church

September

2 Labor Day
 4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30
 8 Single Sisters Lunch
 14 Congregational Picnic, Blendon Woods Metro Park, Sycamore Shelter
 15 Services At Willow Brook
 20 Teen Game Night, At Church

Hospitality Closet

There is a need for spatulas and dessert servers for the hospitality closet. If you have extra you would like to donate, please give them to Tara Bell or Robbie McVicker.

For The Month of August
Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: Josh Evans
Greeters: Jack and Barbara Evans
Announcements: Perry Coate

Communion Servers

Perry Coate	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	Bobby Graham Jr.
William Nixon	Paul Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4649	\$5173
Designated:	\$190	\$170

The Lord Enables Us...

The Lord Enables Us To Tread On The Heights

(With Thoughts From Anne Frank's Diary)

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. - Habakkuk 3:19

The Lord is our strength, and he carries us each step. God is our hope who sustains us with his care and strengthens our hearts with his grace and his Spirit. God steadies our weak ankles, lifts us up with his hand, he enables us to walk on the heights, and shows us wonders that earthly eyes cannot see. The earth is full of God's splendor and his glory and his understanding - *His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise. - Habakkuk 3:3-4*

Anneliese Frank lived to be only 15, yet she left a diary full of memorable thoughts as she faced a life full of sorrows. Anne looked at things as someone young learning about life, yet also as someone facing a life full of injustice and persecution. Sometimes her diary shows her frustration with little things, yet it also shows the faith that gave her hope and inner peace amidst her trials.

Anne Frank's family had fled to Holland to take refuge from being persecuted for their ancestry and their beliefs, only later to have their new homeland taken over by these same cruel rulers. She had to spend the rest of her short life in hiding, with few joys, yet she wrote in her diary, 'The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God.'

Indeed, all around us God's creations tell us of his care, and whenever we pray and ponder God's words, he can renew our minds and hearts. Moreover, Jesus brings a light that this world's darkness cannot overcome; and even in bad times, even when nothing seems to go right, God is near those who walk by faith in Jesus, so we can rejoice in simply knowing him - *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food . . . yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. - Habakkuk 3:17-18*

As Anne thought about her family's distress, she wrote, 'Who has allowed us to suffer so terribly up till now? It is God that has made us as we are, but it will be God, too, who will raise us up again.' And even as things kept getting worse, Anne wrote, 'There is always some beauty left - in nature, sunshine, freedom, in yourself; these can help you. Look at these things, then find yourself again, and God, and then you regain your balance.' Likewise, as the prophet wrote - *The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. - Habakkuk 3:19*

When we stumble, God helps us regain our balance when we turn to him; when we despair, God's words reassure us of eternal things; and when we are confused, Jesus shows us the path. - Mark Garner



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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

Jesus, Lord Of Heavenly Grace

O Jesus, Lord of heavenly grace,
Thou brightness of Thy Father's face,
Thou fountain of eternal light,
Whose beams disperse the shades of night.

Come, holy sun of heavenly love,
Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

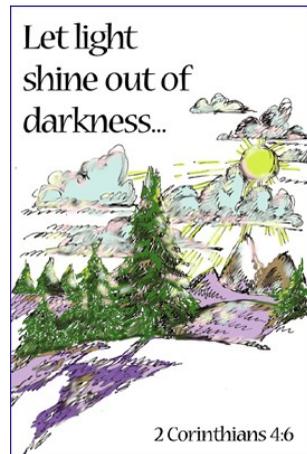
So we the Father's help will claim,
And sing the Father's glorious name,
And His almighty grace implore
That we may stand, to fall no more.

May faith, deep rooted in the soul,
Subdue our flesh, our minds control;
May guile depart, and discord cease,
And all within be joy and peace.

So let us gladly pass the day;
Our thoughts be pure as morning ray;
And faithful love our noonday light;
And hope our sunset, calm and bright.

O Christ, with each returning morn
Thine image to our hearts is borne:
O may we ever clearly see
Our Savior and our God in Thee.

- Ambrose of Milan (AD 340-397)



In God's Wisdom He Made Them All

This summer, some of Northland's members are writing about things that God created, and what they tell us about our Heavenly Father and about our walk with him. This week, Becca Evans writes about clouds and what they tell us about God.

God's Clouds

Clouds. When I was little, I was terrified of clouds. I would wake up every morning and immediately look outside, praying that there would be no clouds in the sky. I blame my 3rd grade science teacher for following the curriculum and teaching us that certain clouds meant that a tornado was on its way. She taught us about three basic types of clouds: Cumulus, Cirrus, and Stratus. The Cumulus clouds are the fluffy clouds that you see on a sunny day, which were the clouds that I was O.K. with. The Cirrus clouds are the clouds that are wispy and look like an airplane just flew through them. And the Stratus clouds, oh boy those Stratus clouds. Those are the clouds that make the sky look like there are no clouds, but instead they make the sky look like it turned from blue to gray. These clouds typically mean rain or storms, but Mrs. Miller emphasized the fact that these clouds meant tornados could happen. Or maybe she didn't emphasize that, maybe I heard "tornado" and in my little head I decided that every time there were Stratus clouds in the sky, a tornado would come and destroy my home. For a long time, I prayed every day that God wouldn't let there be Stratus clouds.

Anyway, now that I have expressed how much I disliked clouds when I was little, I can say that it is crazy that clouds are now my favorite thing that God creates! How ironic is that. I love all types of clouds, including Stratus! Clouds are a work of art. Each one is different and unique and painted by God. When God puts Cumulus clouds in the sky, He gives us something fun to look at. They are so giant and fluffy, and sometimes they look like a teddy bear or a dragon. The Cirrus clouds that God makes are elegant, and give us the tiniest idea of how beautiful He is. Stratus clouds aren't always the prettiest and are often gray, but we need those clouds to give us rain. And the tornadoes that sometimes come from Stratus clouds are powerful. Clouds are gentle yet powerful, just like our God.

Looking up into the sky, we can see that clouds are icing on the Earth; they cover the planet and make God's creation look even more beautiful.

- Becca Evans