

## Family Information



### 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.**

### Leaves & Latte 5K Run

The Willow Brook Leaves & Latte 5K Run is set for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am, at Sharron Woods Metro Park to benefit the Willow Brook 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!

### 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.

## 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  
 28 Leaves & Latte 5K Run  
 29 Area Wide Worship At Northland

**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
<b>General:</b>	\$5421	\$5180
<b>Designated:</b>	\$220	\$171



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## The Crown Of Life

(With Thoughts From Louisa May Alcott)

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*  
 - James 1:3-4

All of us face trials of many kinds in this world, so God reassures us that he will guide us every step when we walk in the light of Jesus. We all face wearying situations that we must endure with perseverance and patience, so God promises us that he will carry us every step when we trust in him. We are weak and we all understand so little, so God encourages us to open our minds and hearts to him, so that he may write his words on them to comfort us and guide us and teach us - *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* - James 1:5

Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) wrote several memorable novels about people facing many kinds of trials and helping one another to get through them. Her books are full of sensitivity to her characters, and they show not only her extensive learning, but also more importantly her understanding of human nature and of our deepest needs, especially our need for God.

Alcott once wrote, 'The more you love and trust Him, the nearer you will feel to Him, and the less you will depend on human power and wisdom. His love and care never tire or change, can never be taken from you, but may become the source of lifelong peace, happiness, and strength. Believe this heartily, and go to God with all your little cares, and hopes, and sins, and sorrows.'

Indeed, God never tires of helping us, he always rejoices in being with us and listening to our prayers. Jesus came to bear our sorrows and our pains and our cares, and he gives eternal life to those who follow him and love God with all our hearts and minds and souls - *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.* - James 1:12

Of the crown of life, Louisa wrote: 'I ask not for any crown, But that which all may win; Nor try to conquer any world, Except the one within.' We can all receive the crown of life, for God's grace overflows to everyone who walks by faith in Jesus. All God asks of us is to seek him in truth and walk humbly with him, and he will give us the bounty of his heavenly pasture - *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* - James 1:17

This world and its scenery change from moment to moment, yet God and his words and his compassion will endure forever.

- Mark Garner

### 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

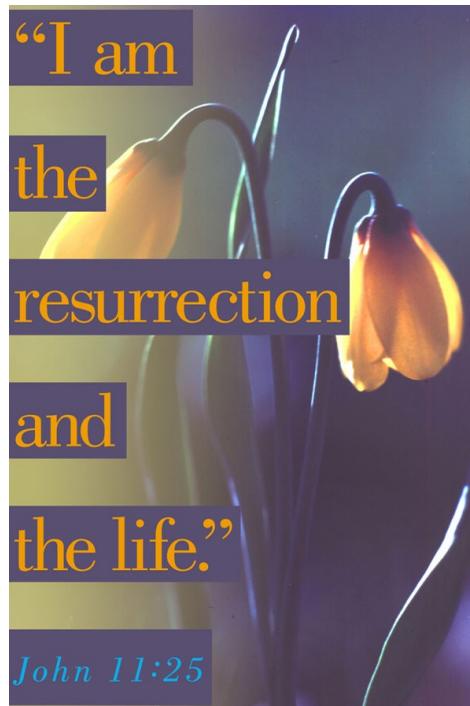
## The Death Of Death

*They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:2-6*

The women came to the sepulcher, and when they could not find the body of Christ - for he had risen - they were quite perplexed. And what followed? For the sake of their love and zeal for Christ, they were counted worthy of seeing holy angels who then told them the joyful news as the heralds of the resurrection, saying, "Who do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!"

The Word of God ever lives, and by his own nature he is life. Yet, when he humbled and emptied himself, submitting to be made like us, he tasted death. But this proved to be the death of death, for he rose from the dead to be the way by which not so much he himself but rather we could return to incorruption. Let no one seek among the dead him who always lives.

*- Cyril of Alexandria  
(5th century AD)*



## 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, Peggy Kaiser writes about trees and what they tell us about God.*

### Beautiful Trees

I love trees. When I was 10 years old, my dad built a new house in the woods. It was a wonderful place to grow up. The property had plenty of trees and a pond that we could swim, fish and go ice skating on in the winter. I would watch squirrels leap from pine tree to pine tree, holding my breath as the branches bowed down. It looked as though the squirrel would come crashing to the ground. But they never lost their balance.

My brother Tom and I would build forts in the woods among the trees. There was always an old shed that needed torn down, providing us with plenty scrap wood to build the fort. Surrounded by trees is a very refreshing place. Trees are so beautiful. I love the texture of their bark and the unique shape and color of their leaves. The shade they provide is relief on a hot summer day. The autumn colors are breath taking, better than Fourth of July fireworks.

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries  
in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:7-8*

I love how the Bible uses trees as an example as a steadfast, life giving organism. A person of faith is compared to a flourishing tree full of green leaves and luscious fruit. I can imagine this tree being tall and wide and its branches reaching into the sky. I can picture myself relaxing under this magnificent tree and dipping my feet into the cool stream of water. This is a picture of peace and tranquility, the best peace comes from trusting in God and his will for our lives. We can truly rest when we know the creator and designer of the universe. His creations are marvelous and his love for all us fills the whole earth.

*- Peggy Kaiser*