

Family Information

Deacons Preaching Today

Don Milnor
John Lindsay
Perry Coate

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 28th, 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!

Northland September Events

Northland Church Picnic **Saturday Sept. 14th 4:00 pm**
Blendon Woods Metro Park - Sycamore Shelter
Come Join the Family Fun! Please bring your own meat and a side dish to share! Paper goods and water will be provided. Lawn Chairs come handy as well!

Sunday September 29th 6:00 pm is our Northland Church Family's turn to host the Area Wide Worship 5th Sunday Event! Mark your calendar and pray for this great uplifting opportunity! Please bring food to share. Sandwiches, fruit trays, veggie trays and desserts are welcome!! A sign up sheet is provided on the family bulleting board for your reference. Thanks to all!!

Calendar

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**

Autumn Sunday Morning Class

This Autumn's Sunday morning adult Bible class will begin on September 8 in room E41/42. The topic will be "This Is God's Son: Studies In Luke". We'll focus primarily on who Jesus is, how his ministry meets humanity's deepest needs, and what his message means to us. Everyone is welcome to come.

For The Month of September

Invitation/ Responses:

Foyer Duty: Jack Evans

Greeters: Pam and Darrell Estep

Announcements: Art Silva

Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Glenn Culler	Dave Estep
John Lindsay	Gary McMasters
James Milnor	Art Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4826	\$5170
Designated:	\$120	\$170

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 Became Poor For Our Sake

(With A Look At Two 'Invisible Men')

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
- 2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus was rich in the fullness of God, yet for our sake he made himself in our lowly form so that we could be rich in God's spiritual blessings. The Lamb of God was full of the Spirit and full of mercy and truth, yet for our sake he became poor and lived as one of us, and God pours out the riches of the fruit of the Spirit on those who walk in his light. This world is full of loudness and disorder, so Jesus calls us to look beyond the appearances so he can help us see what really matters to God. For our sake he shed his blood so that anyone who draws near to God may receive as much of his grace and compassion and care as we need - *As it is written: The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.*
- 2 Corinthians 8:15

Two well-known novels with similar titles tell different stories as they look at human nature. In the 1890s, H.G. Wells wrote the science fiction story "The Invisible Man", based on the idea that a scientist had discovered a way to make himself invisible. Wells used this to illustrate the desire of human nature to have a special power and to have an advantage over everyone else.

Inevitably, this scientist becomes intoxicated with his abilities, he comes to believe that they make him superior to others, and soon he begins using them to commit numerous crimes. Yet how different is Jesus, his capabilities are beyond our understanding, yet for our sake he made himself poor to prepare a spiritual feast for everyone who seeks God with a humble heart - *People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.* - Luke 13:29-30

Ralph Ellison's 1950s novel "Invisible Man" also looks at human nature. It's not science fiction; the main character explains that he is a normal human being, yet he is 'invisible' because no one sees him for who he really is. Some people ignore him or dislike him because he looks different from them, while others treat him like an object because they are pre-occupied with their own pursuits. The story describes how easy it is for people to become 'invisible' to one another.

Yet no one is invisible to Jesus, and when we fix our eyes on Jesus, he can help us see one another, ourselves, and our deepest needs more clearly. Regardless of what the world thinks of us, God cares for every one of us, he knows our hearts, and *Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39).*

- Mark Garner



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The Story Of Christ

There is a famous painting entitled, "Philosophy and Religion." In the center sits an old man of noble carriage bent over an open tomb and manuscripts piled up about him, at his side are vessels and other guides speaking of science. This old sage has sought wisdom and immortality in scholarship only.

His death moment is at hand, his whole form bespeaking dissatisfaction and failure; his eyes light up with faith as he catches sight of the picture of Mary and the Christ Child, long unnoticed hanging on the wall. The moment his heart is opened to the simple story of divine love revealed in common mother love and the sweetness of child innocence with possibilities of purity, virtue and perfection he becomes full of hope even in death.

God wants men and women today to live and tell the sweet story of Christ on the cross, and fill the earth full of his knowledge and glory as the waters cover the sea. All children should be taught to remember their creator in the days of their youth, and when old age overtakes them they will say as did the faithful apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

- Annie C. Tuggle
(1890-1976)



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, Caleb Dillinger writes about the many things God created, and how they bring praise to our Creator.

Praise God Like the Dragons

If you ask me what book I'm reading at home, odds are it will have some sort of monster or creature in it, particularly dragons. In the last two months I've read two books about dragons and a third that had dragons referenced in it (I was excited in part due to a dragon being on the cover . . . alas, that was misleading). I don't know why, but dragons have always fascinated me. Whether they fly high in the sky or swim deep in the seas or march across the ground, dragons excite me.

For my final year of graduate school, I was working on a Hebrew translation of a Psalm of my choice. I chose Psalm 148 because . . . well, you should guess by now . . . it references dragons! That depends on your translation of course, and in all fairness I settled on the term "sea creatures" in my own translation, but it's the same word that appears throughout the Old Testament to describe beasts of some sort that were very powerful. And yet, despite their power, they are called to praise God just like us and just like all of creation.

Psalm 148:7 says, "Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps."

Psalm 148 is a call for all of creation to praise the Creator: the heavens and earth, sun, moon, stars, sea creatures, weather, mountains and trees, animals and people (great and small). It does not matter if the animal is the most majestic, beautiful creature, it hears the call to praise God. It does not matter if it is the most lowly, disgusting insect - it hears the same call. Dragons, or sea creatures, were unique and hard for the Israelites to describe. They were powerful and scary, and yet to God, they are simply part of His creation. And as part of His creation, sea creatures/dragons are called to praise God.

If the mighty dragons and sea creatures are called to praise God, then those of us created in God's image ought to praise God! Dragons were mighty and powerful, creatures that didn't need all the protection and care that humanity needs - and yet praise was part of their DNA. As we learn to rely on God more and more, I hope praise will become intertwined with our DNA. We won't even have to think about praising God or not praising God because we will be like the great dragons, understanding that our very existence is a praise to our Creator. So be like the dragons found in the Bible. Exist and live for the Creator, and in all that you do, may you bring Him Praise.

- Caleb Dillinger