

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

Nevertheless, I Rejoice

Sermon Passage

Philippians 2

Thoughts to Consider This Week

- 1) How does selfishness interfere with Christian love?
- 2) Who are the models of humility in your life?
- 3) How do you treat people who have fully committed their lives to the Lord?

September Challenge

Look for 3 blessings throughout your week.

Ladies Class - "Parables of Jesus" began last week in Room E31 at 9:30 am.

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!

Area Wide Worship

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!! Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
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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

Calendar

September

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 is in room E41/42. The topic is "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:	\$3965	\$5148
Designated:	\$100	\$166



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The Foolishness Of God Is Wiser...

The Foolishness Of God Is Wiser Than Human Wisdom

(A Passion For Stars & A Fondness For Beetles)

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. - 1 Corinthians 1:25

God's thoughts and his ways are far higher than ours, and sometimes it can be hard to see what God is doing in our lives. Our Heavenly Father's words contain deep truths that sometimes can be hard to understand; yet what may seem like God's 'foolishness' is wiser than human thinking.

The cross and the message of Jesus make little sense from a worldly viewpoint, yet to those who seek God, they are beautiful truths that give us life and hope and redemption. Jesus made himself weak for our sake, yet this 'weakness' is stronger than human strength, and it tells us about God's unfailing love - *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate. - 1 Corinthians 1:18-19*

In the 1940's a well-known scientist, J.B.S. Haldane, tried to explore the source of life. Though he was a skeptic, he acknowledged that there was a possibility that life had a supernatural or divine origin; yet some things didn't make sense to him, as he wrote, 'the Creator seems to have a passion for stars and a fondness for beetles.' Yet, though this scientist didn't realize it, this actually shows us that what seems like God's 'foolishness' is indeed far wiser and deeper than human reasoning.

God does have a fondness for light; each of the many stars that God created reminds us that we can see his light everywhere, even in the darkest places, when we let him open the eyes of our hearts. Moreover, these stars are at great distances from us, so they also help us realize how much vaster and deeper God is than we can begin to imagine.

God is the giver of life; he created many types of beetles, and many of them live in the most extreme conditions and in the most remote places on earth, to remind us that God will sustain us too whether we live in spiritual deserts or spiritual wastelands. God is mindful of the smallest sparrow, and we are worth more to him than many sparrows and beetles. *God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified . . . to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:21-24*

Human nature looks for outwardly impressive signs, yet God has given us the sign of the cross, a trustworthy promise of salvation and of his compassion and care. Earthly experts look for fine-sounding theories that impress them, yet God gives us the message of Jesus that comforts our spirits and satisfies our souls.

- Mark Garner

This World Is Not Conclusion

This world is not conclusion;
A sequel stands beyond,
Invisible, as music
But positive, as sound.
It beckons and it baffles;
Philosophies don't know,
And through a Riddle, at the last,
Sagacity, must go.
To guess it puzzles scholars;
To gain it, Men have borne
Contempt of generations
And crucifixion known.

- Emily Dickinson, 1830-1886

The Love Of God Is Disclosed To Us

The love of God was disclosed to us in this: that he sent his only begotten Son into the world that we may live through him. His love is in this, not as we loved God but that he first loved us and sent his Son as a propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:9-10).

What does this mean? Because God loved us another salvation arose different from the one we had at our first origins, when we were the heirs of innocence and sanctity. For the heavenly Father revealed his love to us in our danger of punishment; for through his heavenly power he sent his Word alone and full of sanctity into the darkness of the world. And there the Word perfected all good things and through his mildness led us back to life.

He led us back when we had been rejected for the impurity of our wrongdoing and were unable to return to the sanctity we had lost. What does this mean? It means that God's loving maternal embrace came to us through the fountain of life; his love nourished us for life; and in times of danger his love is our help, a deep and gentle love leading to penitence . . . God has mercifully remembered his great work and his most precious pearl - the human being - whom he fashioned from the soil of the earth and inspired with the breath of life.

- Hildegard Of Bingen
(1098-1179)

From The Northland Archives

This article was written by Michael Hallabrin, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on March 4, 1990. Mike and his wife Doni were members of Northland from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Mike led home Bible studies for several years, and he was a deacon at Northland from 1989-1991.

The Greatest Gift

To conquer a Kingdom
Is to become a King.
To win a Championship
Is to become a Champion.
To earn a million dollars
Is to become a Millionaire.
To accept God's love
Is to become a Christian.

To Obtain all the World's Treasures:
Power, Fame, and Wealth.
By all the World's Ways:
To fight, to Win, to Earn.
Is worth far less than the Greatest GIFT
Of God's Love and God Himself.

- Michael Hallabrin, March 1990

