

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

Nevertheless, I Rejoice

Sermon Passage

Philippians 4

Thoughts to Consider This Week

- 1) What happens when you stop rejoicing?
- 2) What do you think about throughout the day?
- 3) How can you be a blessing to other people?

September Challenge

Look for 3 blessings throughout your week.

Are Wide Worship

Today 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.

Thank You

Dear Northland Church Family,
Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, meal and comforting words at the passing of our mother Marcena Coate. You made the week much easier to take. We feel your love and are blessed to have you as our church family.
God Bless, Perry & Jenny Coate

PRAYER REQUEST

Vickie Cage's mother is going on dialysis. Please be praying for her

Norma Stafa had surgery last Tuesday. She is now at home. Please pray for her recovery.

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

29 Area Wide Worship At Northland

October

2 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
4 Teen Game Night At Church
4 TGIF At Church
13 Single Sisters Lunch
18 TGIF At Church
20 Fall Festival
30 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30 am

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:	\$2994	\$5086
Designated:	\$100	\$161



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Rooted & Built Up In Jesus

(Overcoming "Catch-22" & "Morton's Fork")

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught. - Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus is our sure foundation, he gives us roots in the truth and he builds us up with his grace and his care for us. The Lamb of God is our hope and our Redeemer, who gives us an anchor for our souls in God's unfailing compassion to those who put our faith in the good news of Jesus. The message of Jesus contains all the treasures of spiritual wisdom and knowledge and salvation. In contrast, this world's fine-sounding theories are flawed foundations that collapse in the slightest wind, circular reasoning based on faulty preconceptions and on arbitrary choices - . . . *in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. - Colossians 2:2-4*

The phrase "Catch-22" refers to situations that seem inescapable, no matter what we say. In the satirical novel "Catch-22", a military airman asks how he can avoid an extremely dangerous mission, and he is told that he can avoid it if the authorities think that he is not of sound mind. Yet, if he asks not to go, this will convince them that he is rational, so he must go after all. Worldly minds hear what they want to hear, yet Jesus listens to our spirits, so he calls us to trust in him instead of in earthly ways, so that he can build us up with his words and his Spirit - *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. - Colossians 2:8*

The older phrase "Morton's Fork" refers to how people often make up their minds in advance. In the late 1400s, an unscrupulous tax collector named Morton would enter people's homes, and if he found expensive furnishings, he ruled that they could afford to pay higher taxes. If instead a family was living modestly, Morton would rule that they must be saving a lot of money, so they too should pay more taxes. Likewise, this world looks at outward things, and it sees what it wants to see.

Yet Jesus looks past the appearances, he looks at our hearts and he gives us what we really need - *God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness . . . having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. - Colossians 2:13-15*

Jesus has cancelled the accuser's reproaches and taunts, and has made a public spectacle of the world's empty reasoning with his unfailing compassion and mercy on the cross. Jesus calls us to walk by faith instead of by sight; he has risen from the dead, and he has made us alive with him.

- Mark Garner

The Peace Which God Alone Reveals

The peace which God alone reveals,
And by His word of grace imparts,
Which only the believer feels,
Direct and keep, and cheer your hearts.

And may the holy Three in One,
The Father, Word, and Comforter,
Pour an abundant blessing down
On every soul assembled here!

- John Newton (1725-1807)

God Gives Us The Full Treatment

When I was a child I often had toothache, and I knew that if I went to my mother she would give me something which would deaden the pain for that night and let me get to sleep. But I did not go to my mother - at least, not till the pain became very bad. And the reason I did not go was this. I did not doubt she would give me the aspirin; but I knew she would also do something else. I knew she would take me to the dentist next morning.

I could not get what I wanted out of her without getting something more, which I did not want. I wanted immediate relief from pain: but I could not get it without having my teeth set permanently right. And I knew those dentists; I knew they started fiddling around with all sorts of other teeth which had not yet begun to ache . . .

Now, if I may put it that way, Our Lord is like this . . . Dozens of people go to him to be cured of some one particular sin which they are ashamed of or which is obviously spoiling daily life (like bad temper or drunkenness). Well, He will cure it all right: but He will not stop there. That may be all you asked; but if once you call him in, He will give you the full treatment.

That is why he warned people to "count the cost" before becoming Christians. "Make no mistake," He says, ". . . You have free will, and if you choose, you can push Me away. But if you do not push Me away, understand that I am going to see this job through."

- C.S. Lewis (1898-1963),
excerpt from "Mere Christianity"

From The Northland Archives

This is an excerpt from an article was written by Rhonda Myers that appeared in the Northland bulletin on September 10, 1989. Rhonda and her husband Bryant were members at Northland from 1987-1990. Bryant also served as a full-time minister at Northland for a couple years.

The Potter

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you a message. So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as it seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me, O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does, declares the Lord. Like clay in the hands of the potter, so are you in my hand. -Jeremiah 18:1-6

It is possible that as you are reading this you might be thinking, am I the marred jar? Could the potter successfully reshape me? I know that when I read this I thought about how it would be if I could have one opportunity to look on God's workmanship with me. I wonder if he is able to reshape some of the areas that have been damaged. I struggle with trusting in God to work and reshape me into a useful vessel. You also are a marred jar of pottery. God can use many tools to reshape you because he wishes that all be transformed into his likeness.

Now if you have ever had the opportunity to work with clay you know it must be kept moist for it to be moldable. We are human vessels and we also need to keep a soft heart to be shaped. How can we remain in a workable condition?

Let the word of God pour over our hearts daily. Sometimes it will go straight over and then other days it will penetrate. Either one of these are to God's advantage. He is able to shape the vessel of clay because it is consistently being faithful to the source that gives life. On the days that you seem not be soaking anything in - trust God - because he is still working during that time.

*Rhonda Myers (excerpt),
September 1989*

**“Holy,
holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is,,
to come.**

Revelation 4:8