

## Family Information

### Thoughts to consider:

- 1) Have you ever reconciled with family members over serious issues?
- 2) What's it like to encounter racial barriers?
- 3) Has your social status ever presented a barrier with those around you?

**March Challenge: Visit one place within 2 miles of the Northland church of Christ building.**

### Northland Work Day

With the warnings regarding coronavirus, Northlands work day has been canceled. It will be rescheduled in the near future.

### God Always Is

God always was, and always is, and always will be. Or rather, God always Is. For Was and Will be are fragments of our time, and of changeable nature, but He is Eternal Being . . . in Himself He sums up and contains all Being, having neither beginning in the past nor end in the future; like some great Sea of Being, limitless and unbounded, transcending all conception of time and nature.

- Gregory of Nazianzus (AD 330-390)

### We Need Thee, Precious Friend Divine

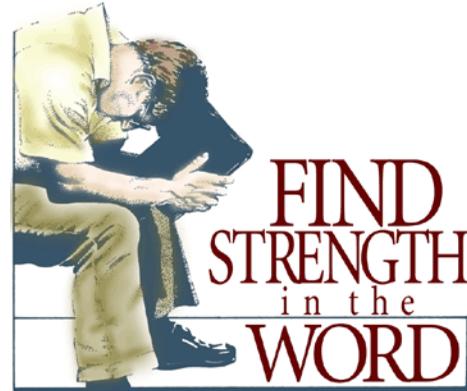
More and more I need Thee,  
Precious Friend divine;  
More and more I need Thee,  
In this heart of mine.  
Thou last led me ever,  
Still my refuge be;  
Savior, loving Savior,  
Abide with me.

- Frances Crosby, 1903

## Calendar

### April

12 Easter Sunday



**For The Month of March**  
**Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans**  
**Foyer Duty: Lynn Champney**  
**Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans**  
**Announcements: Glenn Culler**

### Communion Servers

James Allison	Perry Coate
Glenn Culler	David Estep
Tom Johnson	John Lindsay
Art Silva	Isaiah Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3499	\$4990
<b>Designated:</b>	\$25	\$133

### 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, Luis Valdez

## To The Northland Church

From The Elders and Minister:

It is with heavy hearts that the Northland elders and minister are canceling some services and activities in the near future. With the warnings regarding coronavirus, and particularly with a respect and love for our senior members, we believe it safest and wisest to cancel our larger assembly times. We will have no assembly Sunday morning or evening on March 22nd or 29th, and our Bible classes and small group meetings at the church building will be canceled through the end of March as well (this includes Wednesday Nights).

While we are not meeting together right now, we encourage you to set up your free RightNow Media accounts (if you have not received an invitation to RightNow Media, email the minister at [caleb@ncofamily.org](mailto:caleb@ncofamily.org)) and explore the encouraging content found through this digital ministry.

If you'd like to read along what Caleb will be reading in the coming days, spend time in John chapters 14-17 (the last words of Jesus before his arrest leading to the crucifixion).

The Northland Child Care will be closed through April 10th. While we hope to resume church services before then, we are prepared to continue delaying large gathering for the safety of our brothers and sisters. Your safety is vitally important to us.

Pray for one another, write each other emails and cards, and seek the Lord with all your heart. We do not fear the coronavirus - but we do seek to protect the spiritual flock at Northland. We are praying for you, and excitedly await our next meeting together.

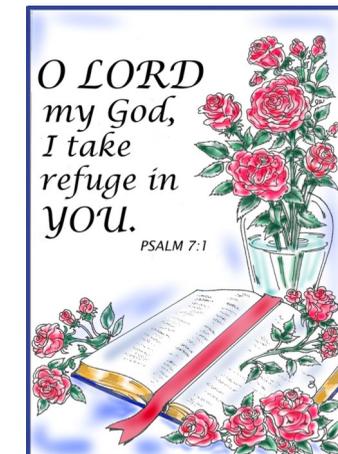
In Christ,  
The Northland Elders and Minister



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## From The Northland Archives

Former Northland member Linda Chivington wrote this article during a previous time of widespread fear and sadness. It appeared in the Northland bulletin on October 7, 2001; it reminds us that as we comfort and help and encourage one another through these difficult times, God himself will always know everything we are thinking and feeling, he will understand everything we are going through, and he will always be there for us.

### God Knows The Secrets Of The Heart

*God . . . knows the secrets of the heart. -Psalm 44:21b*

The hopelessness of a father who has just lost his son in a car accident, the despair of an expectant wife who's told that her husband has six months to live, the exhilaration of your wedding day, the overflowing joy of your baby being born beautiful and healthy . . . these sorts of events are common to the human experience. We all have moments of tragedy and triumph, yet our life's portrait is different than the portrait of the person standing next to us.

There are many people who have lost and lost terribly in the tragedies of late. Thousands of lives were cut off from their predicted route. I don't doubt that there will be several support groups of varying kinds taking shape as we deal with the results of September 11th. People desperately want to connect on some level with someone, somewhere who can identify with what they're going through . . . I am confident that some degree of comfort arises from such groups, but amidst this global tragedy, there are thousands of individual tragedies.

As well as people intend when you've just experienced a tragedy, they cannot completely know what your thoughts are. Say you've just lost a spouse - no one can see into your heart or brain to read the thoughts that bombard you . . . the funny quirks, the habits that always drove you crazy which now drive you to tears to think about, the dreams you shared, the devotion in his or her eyes. So many things that no one else can identify with.

No one else, that is, except God! Let's never forget that we have a heavenly Father who created us and intimately knows our thoughts and feelings. His Holy Spirit lives inside of us, and you can't get closer than that. He doesn't want us to suffer alone. Jesus is always there, waiting to take our hands. He "knows the secrets of our hearts," whether they're joyous or they're miserable. *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you (Psalm 55:22)* . . .

May we completely trust God - in all of our lives. Let's pray that He is the first one we go to in good times and bad to tell him what's going on - not that he doesn't already know what's in our hearts, but because we need to lean on him as our Savior.

*- Linda Chivington  
(abridged), October 2001*

## God Called Us From The Ends Of The Earth

*I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. - Isaiah 41:9*

Jesus found us in the farthest corners of the earth and in long-forgotten places and in deserts of emptiness and in pits of despair, he poured out his lifeblood on the cross to redeem us, and he brought us to God. After having done all this, Jesus will not forget us, God will not ignore us, and he has given us his Spirit to live within us. God knows us by name and he treasures each of us, regardless of what the world may think of us.

God calms our anxious spirits with his presence, and he reassures us that he will always see us and he will always know what we need, and that he will uphold us and guide us with his own hand - *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

Whether we walk through joyful times or through sad times or through peaceful times or through difficult times, God comforts us and guides us and upholds us. When we walk through the darkness, God will be with us, and he calls us to stay close with him instead of losing heart. Corrie ten Boom once put it this way, "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

Moreover, our Heavenly Father also gives us spiritual blessings that this world cannot take away, and he reassures us of eternal things that will last forever. Whether we are in good times or bad times, God calls us to continue seeking him, to continue pondering his words and his nature; for we are weak and we understand so little, yet God and the purposes of his heart endure forever - *Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord—with the first of them and with the last—I am he. - Isaiah 41:4*

God writes his words on our hearts, he gives them roots, and he helps us understand them. As James Fenimore Cooper (best known as the author of "The Last Of The Mohicans") once had a character in one of his novels say, "God planted the seeds of all the trees, and you see to what a height and shade they have grown. So it is with the Bible. You may read a verse this year, and forget it, and it will come back to you a year hence, when you least expect to remember it."

*For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. - Isaiah 41:13*

God's words are full of life and full of the Spirit, he helps us every step, and he renews us inwardly day by day when we walk by faith in Jesus.

*- Mark Garner*