

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

All assemblies on church property are canceled through the end of April.

Caleb's weekly sermons will continue to be uploaded on Sunday mornings to Northland's web site, Facebook, YouTube, and RightNow Media.

We have some prepackaged communion supplies that we could distribute. If that's something you'd like mailed or brought to your doorstep, please let us. In the meantime, the important step is to reflect on the Lord Jesus, with or without the bread and juice.

You can continue your weekly offerings and contributions. You can mail this in at any time to the church address (4581 Cleveland Ave, Columbus OH 43231), or you can go to our Website at www.ncocfamily.org and click the "Donate Now" button.

On-Line Bible Class

A Sunday afternoon Bible class began last week, and it will continue until we're able to resume assembling safely on Sundays. The on-line study will be "God Is Not Far", based on Acts 17:16-33. The studies will be taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. If you haven't received the details on how to join the class, Caleb or Mark can send them to you. This week, Phil will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM.

More On-Line Studies

Sunday Evening 5:30-6:30 PM - A Bible Study led by Jim Robbins. Contact him for details.

Every Other Friday at 7:00 PM, starting in May - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month at 7:00 PM - Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

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, Luis Valdez

Calendar

April

There will be no Willow Brook singing times in April, and no Single Sisters Lunch either. Sadly, our April Calendar is rather bare. -Caleb

Brothers and Sisters

Roy Estep passed away Friday 4/24 around 7:30 PM, at his residence at Willow Brook Christian Home. He was 91.

He was an elder at Northland for a very long time, maybe even half a century. He was friendly, easygoing, kind and patient. He served and taught God and others, as much as he could, as long as he could. He was very healthy until his last few years. (He was just tested and did not have COVID-19.) He has inspired many, and will be greatly missed.

The funeral will be at Newcomer Funeral Homes and Crematory, date yet unknown. However, due to the COVID-19 situation, very few will be able to come; contact family to find out more about this. By next Tuesday or Wednesday, you should be able to share comments with the family on the Newcomer website.

<https://www.newcomercolumbus.com/>

Please pray for the family.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5699	\$4809
Designated:	\$125	\$110



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The Good News Of Peace...

The Good News Of Peace Through Jesus

(With Thoughts From Johann Sebastian Bach)

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing. - Acts 10:36-38

We have heard the message God sent through Jesus, and this message is the same yesterday and today and forever. We have heard the good news of peace through Jesus, who has reconciled us with our Heavenly Father and who makes a new and everlasting covenant with those who walk in the light of his Son. Jesus died on the cross and then he rose from the grave; he has redeemed us and he has made us God's own children - *We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. - Acts 10:39-40*

In the 1700's, Johann Sebastian Bach composed the music for many of the hymns of his time. Bach wrote tunes to go with older poems about Jesus and God, as well as writing with lyricists of his time; and more recent hymn writers have set their words to Bach's music. Bach often said, "The aim of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." And the manuscripts to many of his works end with the inscription, "To God alone be the praise."

Johann Sebastian's faith in Jesus went beyond music, for he also said about the ups and downs of life, "God is always at hand with His gracious presence." For the message of Jesus reminds us that God knows our hearts and he knows what our spirits need, and the good news of Jesus promises forgiveness and understanding and compassion to those who turn to him - *All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. - Acts 10:43*

Whether we are joyful or sorrowful or hopeful or fearful, God is near, the message of Jesus comforts our spirits, and his Spirit lives within us. Like all of us, Bach knew times of sadness and grieving; as he endured them, the good news of Jesus reassured him of God's care and understanding, and he once wrote, "God's gift to his sorrowing creatures is a joy worthy of their destiny." For Jesus brings us an imperishable inheritance and an enduring hope - *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. - 1 Peter 1:3-4*

There is no one like God, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

The Love of Christ

How broad is Christ's love?
Oh, as broad as man's trespass,
As wide as the need of the world can be;
And yet to the need of one soul it can narrow--
He came to the world and He came to me.

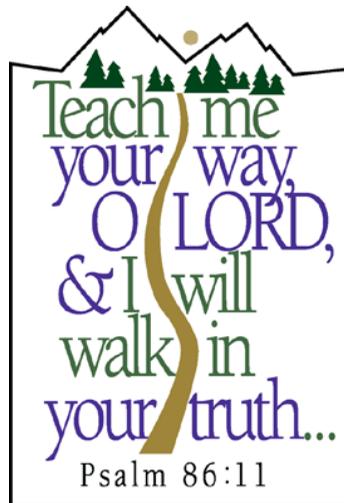
How long is His love?
Without end or beginning,
Eternal as God and His life it must be,
For, to everlasting as from everlasting
He loveth the world and He loveth me.

How deep is Christ's love?
Oh, as deep as man's sinning,
As low as the uttermost vileness can be;
In the fathomless gulf of the Father's forsaking
He died for the world and He died for me.

How high is His love?
It is high as the heavens,
As high as the throne of His glory must be;
And yet from that height He hath stooped to redeem us--
He so loved the world and He so loved me.

How great is Christ's love?
Oh, it passeth all knowledge,
No man's comprehension its measure can be;
It filleth the world, yet each heart may contain it--
He so loves the world and He so loves me.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932



The Lord Himself Is Our Rock Eternal

This world is full of uncertainty, yet the Lord himself is our Rock eternal, our sure foundation. This spring, some of Northland's members have been writing about what this means to them. This week, Don Milnor writes about the unseen realm and about God, who overcomes unseen foes who are too strong for us to face on our own.

The Unseen Realm

In 10th grade, over 40 years ago, my science teacher told us how viruses reproduce. They can't reproduce themselves. They hijack cells, saying, "You're not going to make more of you; you're going to make more of me." An atheist at the time, I still thought, "That sounds so evil!" Viruses are easily invisible to the naked eye. Many leaders have mentioned we're fighting a war against an invisible enemy (the coronavirus). Some have said it doesn't really exist; people are making it up. I think most would agree that, while we can't see it, evidence shows it's quite real. Denying that something exists when it does, doesn't cause it not to exist, but it may cause it not to get dealt with as it should.

Christians should be used to dealing with an unseen enemy. Many secular "experts" in our world completely deny or ignore the existence of the whole spiritual realm, I believe playing into the hands of forces they say aren't there, which seduce many to turn against God. Not only have we all seen others who have bowed to pressure to do what is evil; we've all been there ourselves. *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
- 2 Corinthians 4:4

While there's no known treatment yet to prevent or cure the coronavirus, we have some pretty impressive allies and weapons to allow us to defeat Satan. We are incapable of defeating him ourselves, but he's no match for our God!

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. -2 Kings 6:15-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. - Ephesians 6:10-17

Let's put on our armor and allow God to work through us as he wills.

- Don Milnor