

Family Information

Sermon Series Title
Tearing Down Barriers
Sermon Passage
John 4

Thoughts to consider

- 1) What barriers exist to your spiritual life?
- 2) What barriers exist in our social setting in Columbus?
- 3) How can you, like Jesus, break barriers for the sake of the gospel?

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

Sunday Adult Spring Bible Class

This Spring, the adult Bible study in room E41-E42 will be "God Intended It For Good: The Life & Times Of Joseph" (from Genesis 37, 39-50). This study will show us a number of things about how God works both in individual lives as well as on a broader scale, and it can also teach us some things about our own walk with God. Steve Carver, Phil Stafa, Leon Norwood, and Mike Paden will be the teachers. Everyone is welcome to come.

2020 Northland Ladies Retreat

All ladies are invited to attend the Northland 2020 Ladies retreat this year. The theme is "Renewed Vision: Seeing God in 2020". The retreat will be held at the Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, OH on Friday and Saturday May 1st and 2nd. For details and participation costs, check with the sisters at the table in the Foyer on Sunday.

Northland Work Day

March 28th is Northlands work day. Please plan on coming and help with repairs/improvements to our building and grounds. See Mike Evans if you can help.

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

Calendar

March

4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am
6 Teen Game Night 6:30 pm - 1:00 am
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
8 Single Sisters Lunch
28 Northland Work Day, 9:00 am

Northland Spring Banquet

Sat. April 4th 2020 5:30 pm. This year's Northland Family Spring Banquet will be held at the Der Dutchman 445 S. Jefferson Ave. Plain City Ohio 43064 Doors open 5:30 pm. Buffet Dinner served at 6:00 pm. Seating is first come first serve. Everyone is invited to join in a great evening of fellowship!

\$18.00 for Adults, \$9.00 for Ages 6-10, \$6.99 For Ages 3-5. Robbie McVicker will accept payments Sunday March 15th and Sunday March 29th.

For The Month of March

Invitation/ Responses:

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
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General:	\$6888	\$5216
Designated:	\$220	\$153



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Even The Darkness Is A Light To God

(What Lotus Flowers & Kinglets Can Tell Us)

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. - Psalm 139:7-10

God's presence will be with us wherever we go; whether we travel across the seas or whether we are in deserted places, God will be near. Wherever we may go, God's hand will always be there for us, giving us comfort and guidance and reassuring us that he is always with us. Even in the darkness our Heavenly Father knows where we are and he understands what we need - *If I say, Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me, even the darkness will not be dark to you. - Psalm 139:11-12*

The lotus plant has long been a symbol of hope and renewal and purity. A centuries-old Asian proverb says, "The lotus flower blossoms most beautifully from the deepest and thickest mud", for the splendor of lotus flowers (which can be up to one foot across) stands out especially in the murkiest wetlands. Moreover, each evening the lotus blossom closes and submerges itself into the muddy water, then in the morning emerges and opens free of dirt and silt, because of the remarkable way God designed the lotus petals and leaves. Likewise, God continually renews us inwardly when we walk by faith in Jesus. Even darkness is as light to God, for even when we face the dark times of life, God can use even them to show us his unfailing care and his unfathomable understanding - *The night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. - Psalm 139:12*

Kinglets are very small birds, only about 4 inches long. Yet many kinglets endure winters in some of the coldest northern regions, when the temperatures go well below zero, snowfalls are heavy and food is scarce. Yet God uses the very snowfalls to protect these tiny, weak birds, for he has shown them to make small caves in the snow as it falls on tree branches, providing a warm place where they can huddle together.

It is still cold during nesting season, so kinglets build their nests on the undersides of tree branches, so that accumulating snow again provides insulation. They pack their nests with whatever grass, feathers and fur they find, as they also gather whatever food they can find to provide for their families, flicking their wings constantly to maintain their balance.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
- Psalm 139:17

Just as God makes muddy water a place for the lotus to thrive, and as he uses the freezing snow to provide warmth for the kinglets, he can also use this world's darkness and fears and confusion to show us his compassion for us, and to draw us closer with him. There is no one like God.
- Mark Garner

The Love Of The Lord

Think of the way in which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness; how He has fed and clothed you every day . . . how His blood has been a pardon to you in all your sins; how His rod and His staff have comforted you.

When you have thus looked back upon the love of the Lord, then let faith survey His love in the future, for remember that Christ's covenant and blood have something more in them than the past.

He who has loved you and pardoned you shall never cease to love and pardon. He is Alpha, and He shall be Omega also, He is first, and He shall be last. Therefore, think of this: when you pass through the valley of the shadow of death, you need fear no evil, for He is with you.

When you shall stand in the cold floods of Jordan, you need not fear, for death cannot separate you from His love; and when you come into the mysteries of eternity you need not tremble: *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).* Now, soul, is not your love refreshed?

Does not this make you love Jesus? Does not a flight through illimitable plains of the ether of love inflame your heart and compel you to delight yourself in the Lord your God? Surely as we meditate on "the love of the Lord," our hearts burn within us, and we long to love Him more.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

*Create in me a
clean
heart,
O God,
and put a new &
right
spirit
within
me.*



Psalms 51:10

From The Northland Archives

This is an excerpt from a poem written by Tina Marie Guilfoyle, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on January 12, 1997. Tina was a member of the Northland congregation in the 1990s and in the early 2000s.

Of Great Value To God

Does God see me as
worthless
or
sinful?
Does He see what He has made as
worthless?
He paid a high
price to get me and you
back into his living arms.
This tells me that
to my Father, Lord and Creator
I am of Great Value as so are you.
This applies to all who inhabit the earth.
Yes I am
weak,
sinful and
often fall.
However, I am not worthless.
My Father made me and you
paid a price for me
loves me and
is with me to strengthen me
to help me overcome.

- Tina Marie Guilfoyle