

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Next Phase of Covid Adjustments: Beginning Sunday May 9th, we will be removing the red tape in the middle of the pews. Every other pew will remain taped off still, but this will give us a chance to remove 20 pieces of tape in preparation for future "normalcy." We still encourage maintaining respectful distance while seated on the long pews.

Beginning Sunday May 16th, our goal is to begin having the "officiates" serve without masks. This ONLY applies to time spent up front - so while Caleb will preach without his mask, he will still be wearing his mask to and from the pulpit. While Mike and Don lead singing without masks, they will still wear masks when not leading. Wearing masks while officiating in a service has never been mandatory, and we think by middle of May we can begin this transitional phase.

We will continue to only make changes after giving several weeks notice - if you have concerns, questions or issues with these 2 changes, please reach out and share. We are contemplating how we can offer in person Bible classes on Wednesday or Sunday evenings, so if you have any ideas you'd like to share, please let us know.

When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Summer Camp Week

Our camp week is July 19th through July 25th at Fort Hill. Camp registration: Cost is currently \$180.00 if you pay in full by May 15th, \$190.00 if paid 2 weeks before camp, and \$200 at camp.

Thank You From Vicki Cowans

Once again we give God praise and thank Him for our family at Northland! Soo many cards, texts, emails, beautiful flowers, thoughts, prayers and love coming our way after the passing of my Mom. God is Good and He was good to my Mom and now she is with Him. I do miss her, but am so grateful for each of you as well. Thank you family. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, this week we're beginning a new series, "Remember How The Lord Has Led Us All The Way" (based on Deuteronomy 8). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Mark will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session May 7 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

Summer Camp Week

Josh Evans is putting together a list of staff and campers coming to camp this year. Please let Josh know if you plan on attending or are interested.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3182	\$4705
Designated:	\$30	\$103
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 1572	



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With God Is The Fountain of Life

*Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
- Psalm 36:5*

The depths of God's love and his faithfulness cannot be fully described with mere human words, and our Heavenly Father's thoughts and his ways are beyond human minds to understand fully. The Lord our living God made the earth and the skies and the seas and everything in them, he gives each of us life and breath and everything else, and in his unfailing grace he sustains us every step - *Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.- Psalm 36:6*

One of the ways that God preserves every living creature is by enabling each leaf, whether a maple leaf or a palm leaf or a pine needle, to carry out the remarkable process called photosynthesis. Leaves are wondrously designed to absorb sunlight, combine it with carbon dioxide from the air, with the chlorophyll that makes leaves green, and with water, and to create energy (carbohydrates or sugars) that plants in turn store, which becomes food for animals and people to eat.

All of our food begins in the humble leaves and the extraordinary way our Heavenly Father designs them; without photosynthesis, we would soon have nothing to eat that would sustain us. Similarly, without God, our lives would be without any lasting meaning or enduring hope, for this world's empty promises and false hopes eventually let us down. God alone gives us spiritual nourishment as well as being our refuge from this world's loudness and harshness - *How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. - Psalm 36:7-8*

Moreover, leaves also release oxygen, to replenish the supply of oxygen that we need with every breath. Without leaves, the air would soon be depleted of oxygen, and breathing it would become useless. Likewise, without God, we would have nothing to sustain our spirits; relying on human thinking and outward appearances lets our souls wither away and die, yet God renews us inwardly and he gives his Spirit to those who walk in the light of Jesus - *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. - Psalm 36:9*

With our Father in heaven is the fountain of life, and from him living water flows abundantly to those who walk humbly by faith in the Lamb of God.

- Mark Garner

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

*Classes and devotionals are
Currently meeting on-line*

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: 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

Jesus Knows

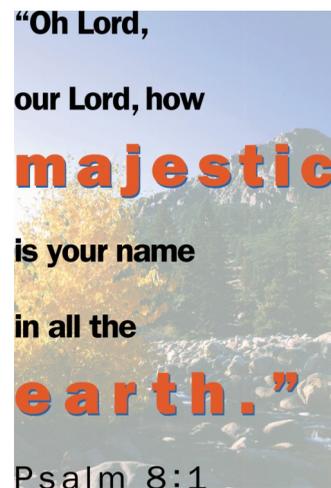
Jesus knows thy sorrow,
Knows thine every care;
Knows thy deep contrition,
Hears thy feeblest prayer;
Do not fear to trust Him—
Tell Him all thy grief;
Cast on Him thy burden,
He will bring relief.

Trust the heart of Jesus,
Thou art precious there;
Surely He would shield thee
From the tempter's snare;
Safely He would lead thee
By His own sweet way,
Out into the glory
Of a brighter day.

Jesus knows thy conflict,
Hears thy burdened sigh;
When thy heart is wounded,
Hears thy plaintive cry;
He thy soul will strengthen,
Overcome thy fears;
He will send thee comfort,
Wipe away thy tears.

- William O. Cushing, 1823-1902

(William Cushing was active in ministry until health problems in his late forties left him partially paralyzed. He began writing hymns, and he would eventually write the words to over 100 hymns.)



All Kinds Of Prayers On All Occasions

God always welcomes our prayers, whatever our circumstances may be and however we may be feeling. This week, Becca Strawser writes about how prayer draws us closer to God.

Drawing Closer To God

Prayer used to confuse me, and honestly, it still confuses me! As I have gotten older, I have noticed that I learn so much more about God and who He says He is, but I also get more and more confused about life. However, even though I get more confused each time I learn, my faith grows and I feel comforted. There are so many mysteries in life that we will never solve, but God knows absolutely everything. We don't have to worry about the things we don't understand, because God is in charge and He loves us a lot.

Anyway, I think I understand prayer a tiny bit better than I used to, and God is so awesome for giving it to us. God calls us to love Him and love others, and prayer helps us do just that.

When we talk to God, thanking Him and telling Him about the tough times, we draw closer to Him. It is kind of like a relationship with a friend—we draw closer to them the more we talk to them and more we spend time with them. But of course, that means we need to listen as well. A relationship where only one person talks and doesn't listen to the other is not a very good relationship. We grow closer to our Friend God when we talk to Him and listen attentively to Him.

Not only do we draw closer to God through prayer, but we also learn to love others more deeply. When we pray in a positive way for others, our heart softens towards them and we can love them more deeply. I think that is why Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44)—it is not so that we can make our enemies better people through our prayers, but it is so that we can learn to love them with the love of Jesus. It is a humbling thought because sometimes I pray for God to take away some flaw from someone else, but I myself have so many flaws!! We are all experiencing life and are all loved deeply by God—no one is better than the other.

God is so good for giving us the gift of prayer, because it humbles us and teaches us how to love like He does. We can't take it for granted!!

- Becca Strawser