

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Next Phase of Covid Adjustments: We still have a lot of adjustments to plan - Bible class, Wednesday activities, church events, communion supplies, etc. We are currently working on updating the E44 classroom (formerly a Wednesday Night classroom/Spanish classroom). More details to come as we work on it this month.

Here are the continued precautions we are taking: 1) Face coverings are now optional. 2) Regarding the Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you. 3) We will have a contribution plate alongside the communion table as well as immediately inside the auditorium near the doors. 4) In place of the invitation song, an Elder will be at a table in the foyer for you to come to and submit any prayer requests.

Benevolence & Missions Meeting

Saturday October 9th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, there will be a meeting at the building open for all Northland Church Family members (English, Ghanaian and Spanish). We will be discussing plans for future benevolence and mission work together. We as leaders feel that we can be more effective in these areas by working together as one family.

If you have ideas or would like to be involved in future benevolence and/or mission work, please plan to attend. If you have questions, please contact one of the leaders of your congregation. If you are unable to attend but wish to participate, please contact one of the leaders prior to the meeting to let them know your ideas and interests.

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: Luis Valdez

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "Comfort, Comfort My People" (based on Isaiah 40). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Leon 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 October 1) - 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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3598	\$4472
Designated:	\$130	\$100



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He Is The Lord

He Is The Lord, & There Is No Other

... so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. - Isaiah 45:6

The Lord alone is God; he is God in the heavens above and on the earth below, and he is our Creator who gives each of us life and breath and everything else. No one can be compared with our Heavenly Father, who lives in a high and holy place, yet who is near with those who walk in the light of Jesus. God is near during times of trouble and during times of peace and during times of sorrow and during times of rejoicing - *I form the light and create darkness . . . I, the Lord, do all these things. - Isaiah 45:7*

Our Father in heaven's presence is all around us, and his vastness and his understanding transcends human understanding; as Emily Dickinson contemplated all the things that God does and everything he has made, she observed "God's unique capacity is too surprising to surprise." Truly, when we ponder all the things that God has done, we will be moved to reverence and humility and awe.

Yet when we are caught up in this world's changing circumstances and its chasing of false hopes, we can easily lose sight of God's splendor and his care, so as Ralph Waldo Emerson says about the Creation, "Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting." For as the whole earth is full of God's glory and his care, so also salvation and righteousness and lasting hope come from the Lord alone - *You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the Lord, have created it. - Isaiah 45:8*

God is so mindful of us; he guides us each step and he upholds us with his hand; yet when we rely on human strength and on human plans, we can begin to drift away from our Creator. As Irenaeus of Lyons (AD 130-202) wrote, "You do not make God, but God makes you. If, then, you are God's workmanship, await the hand of your Maker that creates everything in due time; in due time as far as you are concerned, whose creation is being carried out."

We are all so weak and we all know so little, so in his unfailing compassion the Lamb of God came to bring forgiveness and salvation and eternal life to those who open our hearts to God and hold fast to the message of Jesus - *All the makers of idols will be put to shame and disgraced . . . But Israel will be saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting. - Isaiah 45:16-17*

The Lord alone is God; there is no other like him, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

Thee, O Immanuel, We Praise

Thee, O Immanuel, we praise,
The Prince of Life, and Fount of Grace,
The Morning Star, the Heav'nly Flower,
The virgin's Son, the Lord of Power.

With all Thy saints, Thee, Lord, we sing,
Praise, honor, thanks to Thee we bring,
That Thou, O long-expected Guest,
Hast come at last to make us blest!

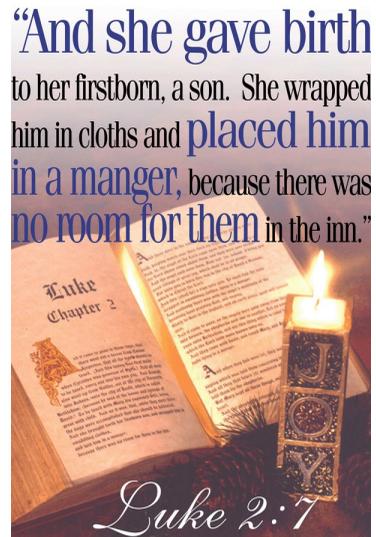
Since first the world began to be,
How many a heart hath longed for Thee;
Long years our fathers hoped of old
Their eyes might yet Thy light behold.

Now fearless I can look on Thee,
From sin and grief Thou sett'st me free;
Thou bearest wrath, Thou conquerest death,
Fear turns to joy Thy glance beneath.

Thus will I sing Thy praises here
With joyful spirit year by year;
And they shall sound before Thy throne,
Where time nor number more are known.

- Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

This is one of several hundred poems, hymns, and other Christian writings that were translated into English (most of them from German) by British teacher and writer Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878).



A Sure Foundation For All Our Times

Whether we are in times of hope or fear, joy or sorrow, peace or confusion, God and the message of Jesus are always a sure foundation. This week, Dot Duncan writes about how God relieves our anxieties when we trust in him and let him guide us.

Be Anxious For Nothing

As I traveled up Cleveland Avenue one day, I was forced to come to a screeching halt because my eyes were laser focused on the green traffic light beyond the red light that was directly in front of me.

I almost ran a red light! Why? Because my mind was filled with anxious thoughts about all I had to do, so much so, that I did not see the red light directly in front of me until I almost ran it. After the fear subsided, I thanked God for His protection and a life lesson was reiterated "Be Anxious For Nothing"

Isn't it like us to look so far into our "daily future" that we forget that we have a God who cares for us right now?

Jesus states it best in Matthew 6:25-34, as he says: *Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life . . . Is not life more than food . . . ? Look at the birds . . . Are you not of more value . . . ? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious . . . ? Consider the lilies of the field . . . will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious . . . for these things, your heavenly Father knows that you need . . . But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (ESV)

Upon pondering this passage, I realize: 1) God is concerned with our mental, emotional and physical well-being, 2) Jesus assures us that our lives are secure in Him. Therefore, we do not need to be anxious, 3) Live one day at a time with your focus on God, the Father. He will supply our needs, and 4) God is LORD of the past, present and future.

Our lives are filled with daily anxieties, challenges and cares, but remember we have one who has secured our salvation. Therefore, be anxious for nothing.

- Dot Duncan