

Family Information

Food Pantry Update

Food Pantry Volunteers: Northland is supporting the Northside Food Pantry (two blocks north of the church). We are helping the second Saturday of each month from 8 -11:30 am. If you would like more information, please contact Caleb.

Easter Egg Hunt

Tara Bell and Vicki Cowans are putting together an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Child Care on Good Friday, April 15th. If you'd be willing to support financially, they'll be in the foyer and you can leave some funds with them to acquire the candy, etc. for the Easter eggs.

Next Wednesday Service Meeting

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM. The third Wednesday of every month will be focused on outreach opportunities, meaning anything to do with non-Northland members. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

Work Days Schedule

The next work/clean-up day will be on April 23rd. If it rains, the following Saturday, April 30th, will be the backup date. The second work/clean-up date will be on August 20th. If it rains, the following Saturday, August 27th, will be the backup date. See Mike Evans for further information.

Camp Weeks

July 17th through July 23rd is Northland's camp week with Bill Hopkins at Fort Hill. Campers, sign up as soon as possible to receive a discount. July 24th through 30th is Northland's 2nd camp week with Nick Strawser at NWOCYC. Sign up as soon as possible to receive a discount.

Both weeks are in dire need of staff. If you can help out in any way for either week, contact Josh Evans to sign up. For more details, also see Josh.

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 4:00 PM

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

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

Current On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details and the current schedule.

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. The current study is on Colossians. Contact Karen for more details.

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

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement to honor our mother. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and love for her sister, Nancy Rynearson. - The family of Connie Taber.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5129	\$4456
Designated:	\$30	\$33



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When The Lord...

When The Lord Laid The Earth's Foundation

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? . . . On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?
- Job 38:4-7*

When the Lord laid the earth's foundation, it was long before we were born; and today we can see his splendor and his majesty in what he has made. The angels shouted for joy when our Heavenly Father created the earth and the skies and the seas, and they rejoiced as he gave life to every living thing. And we can see his care and understanding in all that he has made. There is no one like God, who alone can see all things - *Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth?
- Job 38:16-18*

Scottish physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879, usually remembered for "Maxwell's Equations", which form one of the foundations of electromagnetics), saw his scientific work in harmony with seeking God. Maxwell says that he would pray, "Almighty God, Who hast created man in Thine own image, and made him a living soul that he might seek after Thee . . . teach us to study the works of Thy hands."

One of James Maxwell's earliest realizations was, "We have reached the utmost limit of our thinking faculties when we have admitted that because matter cannot be eternal and self-existent, it must have been created." Truly so many of God's creations cannot be explained with logic alone, and many of our Heavenly Father's truths are too profound for human minds to have thought of - *What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? - Job 38:19-20*

James was also devoted to studying Scripture; his aunt Jane, who taught him at home for several years, said that during his teens James memorized most of the New Testament. As he got older and continued his scientific studies, Maxwell also compared the message of Jesus with other philosophies as well as scientific theories, and he wrote "I have looked into most philosophical systems and I have seen that none will work without God."

For God alone nourishes the earth with water from heaven, and God alone nourishes and sustains us amidst this world's spiritual wastelands - *Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain . . . to water a land where no one lives, an uninhabited desert, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass? - Job 38:25-27*

The whole earth is full of the splendor and care of the Lord, and it is good to praise him.
- Mark Garner

O Shepherd Beautiful

O Shepherd beautiful, I pray Thee, feed me,
Forever in Thy beauteous pasture land;
Where the living waters are I pray Thee lead me,
By Thine own hand.

When comes the dawn, and dewy slopes are waking,
And fragrant flow'rs unfold to greet the light,
That thro' the gold and rose of morning breaking,
Dispels the night.

O Shepherd beautiful, be near to guide me,
Fill all my soul with love and praise to Thee;
Let not my supplication be denied me,
Grant me to see.

- Mary Grant O'Sheridan, 1859–1932

Besides her collections of poems, author and poet Mary O'Sheridan was known for her writings on Gaelic literature.

The Comforter Has Come

I'm never lonely anymore,
Since the Comforter has come;
My heart with joy is flowing o'er,
Since the Comforter has come.

I'm living in abounding grace,
Since the Comforter has come;
I'm dwelling in the secret place,
Since the Comforter has come.

Since the Comforter has come,
Heaven has begun with me;
I am satisfied and free,
Since the Comforter has come.

- James McPherson Kirk, 1854–1945

Ohio farmer James M. Kirk wrote the words and music to several dozen hymns, many of them while working on his farm.

God Gives Us Hope & A Future

In Jeremiah 29, God reassures the exiles in Babylon that he is near, that he cares for them, and that he will give them hope and a future. This week, Renée Jackson writes about what this tells us about God and what he thinks of us.

A Hope-Filled Future

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah spoke to God's people in the middle of hardships and sufferings. The people wanted an immediate rescue from what they were experiencing. Jeremiah had to tell the people that God's response would not be an immediate answer. The people were told to build houses, plant gardens, marry, live, seek peace and prosper in a city that was not theirs. This reminds me that in the middle of suffering, turmoil, wars, God has a plan to prosper His people and hope for their future.

We must not give up. Even through different struggles, whether financial, estranged family relationships, illness and even war, God has a plan. Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

There is something both comforting and humbling about knowing that God who set the universe in motion has included us in His plans and He knows our future. He cares about each of us and works on our behalf to bring about good in our lives. As people who trust in God, our future lies with Him. Because of Jesus we have a wonderful hope that no matter what we face in this life, we have a secure inheritance in Christ.

God thinks about us all the time. He knows who we are and where we are. God's thoughts toward us are good. Even when we sin, God does not think evil toward us because that goes against His nature. God intends to give us a hope-filled future. Even in times of uncertainty, God's perfect plans are in motion.

God promises that when we pray to Him and look for Him with all our hearts, we will find Him and He will direct our steps. We can be hopeful and look forward with anticipation at where God will lead.

The Lord has no unfinished plans. That includes sending His people to Babylon, keeping them there for 70 years, and then bringing them home once again. Seen in this light, Jeremiah 29:11 becomes a great comfort, especially when we go through hard times. It teaches us that God thinks of us, that His thoughts toward us are good and that when His purposes have been completed, He will bring our troubles to their appointed end. This is the "hope and future" we all need.

- Renée Jackson