

## Family Information

### Child Care Staff Appreciation Dinner

On Friday evening, May 20, our Northland family will host a Teacher Appreciation Dinner for the Child Care staff. The dinner will be here in the building, and there are several ways you can participate or serve: (a) help provide food for the dinner, (b) help with setup and/or clean up, (c) attend the dinner - in order to meet some of the teachers. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or see Lynn Paden, Robbie McVicker, or Vicki Cowans to volunteer and for details.

### Wednesday Service Meeting Schedule

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 PM. The first Wednesday of every month will be devoted to children's ministry, including Sunday ministry and our Child Care. See Jeff or Caleb for additional 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 need of staff. If you can help out in any way for either week, contact Josh Evans to sign up. If you have any questions, or for more details, also see Josh.

### Work Days Schedule

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

#### 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.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$4666	\$4551
<b>Designated:</b>	\$20	\$38



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## By The Gospel We Are Saved

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel . . . By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. - 1 Corinthians 15:1-2*

By the gospel of Jesus we are saved from our sins; by the good news of God's Son we have eternal life. It is by our Heavenly Father's overflowing grace, it is by Jesus' unflinching love for us, that we are saved; it is not by our skills nor by our abilities, for God redeems and cleanses and sanctifies those who believe in his Son and hold firmly to him. The message of Jesus is of first importance, for by this we learn about salvation -

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Anglo-Irish chemist and physicist Robert Boyle (1627-1691, remembered as one of the founders of modern chemistry) was continually in admiration of God's creations as he pursued his research, and he was continually awed as he read God's words and learned about God's nature. As Boyle says, "The gospel comprises indeed, and unfolds, the whole mystery of human redemption, as far forth as it is necessary to be known for our salvation."

Besides his many scientific writings, Robert also wrote numerous devotional works about God, and he rejoiced in pondering God's words and what they tell us about our Father in heaven and what they teach us about our walk with him. He writes, "I use the Scriptures as a matchless temple, where I delight to be, to contemplate the beauty, the symmetry, and the magnificence of the structure, and to increase my awe, and excite my devotion to the Deity."

Truly by the grace of God we have life and breath and everything else, and by the grace of our Heavenly Father we are saved. For God's compassion and understanding and his mercy are not without effect, and his Word is living and active - *By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. - 1 Corinthians 15:10*

Robert Boyle also knew many scientists and philosophers, yet he knew that there was no comparison between human teaching and the words of our Creator; as he wrote, "The Scriptures afford more light than the brightest human authors. In them the ignorant may learn all requisite knowledge, and the most knowing may learn to discern their ignorance."

For it is through God's words alone that we can learn about salvation, and by God's understanding and his care he alone meets our deepest needs through Jesus - *Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:57*

Jesus is our Alpha and our Omega, and in him everything holds together.

- Mark Garner

## The Stream Of Life

There's a stream flowing in peace,  
To the lost, bringing release,  
If they drink of its waters so clear;  
O then come, owning each sin,  
And receive cleansing within—  
O be saved while your Redeemer's near.

Lovely stream, river of life,  
There you'll find freedom from strife,  
Precious balm for the weary always;  
If you shall hear to believe,  
Pardoning grace you shall receive,  
And thro' Christ, gladness obtain for aye.

Stream of life, peaceful and blest,  
Near thy flow may we all rest,  
And from sin and its sorrows be free;  
Till beyond death we shall meet,  
There our Lord's praise to repeat,  
Thro' a long happy eternity.

- Katharyn Bacon (1884-??)

*Katharyn Bacon wrote the words to well over 200 hymns, yet little is known of her personal life, and the date of her passing is unknown. She is known to have liked reading, gardening, and being close to nature. Note that Katharyn Bacon is a different person than English concert pianist Katherine Bacon, who lived at approximately the same time.*



## 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, Don Milnor writes about the hope that God gives us even when we endure difficult times.*

### Sufferings Lead To . . . Hope?

We all know it: Life in this world is often difficult. Physical pain, illness, death of a loved one, betrayal, financial challenges, and more. Throughout the ages, many have wondered why God allows suffering. Wouldn't it be nice if these things didn't happen? Well . . . maybe it's a good thing they do, if we want hope . . . and other good things. But first, let us keep this in mind:

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28*

This is a relief to me, knowing that, even if I don't like what's happening, or even understand what or why, I know there are good reasons for what is happening. It's not just pointless, but rather God has in mind good things toward which he's working. Some other passages show some of the specific good things he has in mind regarding our sufferings:

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. -Romans 5:3-5*

Have you ever had a boss where he or she made you do things which you didn't enjoy, but the boss wasn't willing to take part in the difficulties? I've been there, and also had bosses who were just as willing to "suffer" as what they required from their subordinates. Thankfully, our God is of the latter kind, having gone above and beyond for us – to suffer himself, not just to expect it from us – to save our souls:

*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. -Isaiah 53:4-6*

Thank you Jesus, for going out of your way, not only to give us purpose for any suffering we endure, but for also paying such a horrible price with your own suffering, because you loved us and wanted us in heaven with you that much. Praise your name Jesus!

- Don Milnor