

## Family Information

### Guest Speaker Today

This morning, former Northland member Nick Strawser will be speaking at today's worship assembly. Nick and Becca have now completed their college studies, and many of us are praying for them as God guides them with their future plans.

### Potluck Today

Today there will be our first Church Potluck since the pandemic began. The potluck will be in the fellowship room (E41/42) immediately following services, and everyone is welcome to come.

### Graduation Party

Join us for a celebration in honor of Anna Silva, Buckeye Valley High School Class of 2022. The open house party will be on Saturday, June 11th, 2:00 - 6:00 PM in room E41-42.

### Children's Classes

We now have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them will begin after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details.

### Wednesday Service Meeting Schedule

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1 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.

## On Line Bible Studies

### Camp Week

July 17th through July 23rd is Northland's camp week with Bill Hopkins at Fort Hill. 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.

### 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 class resumes this week, and a new study of Philippians will begin. 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>	\$5465	\$4631
<b>Designated:</b>	\$85	\$49

**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

**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.



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## Contemplating God's Glory...

### Contemplating God's Glory Displayed In Jesus

*Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? - 2 Corinthians 3:7-8*

Moses brought the law; Jesus brings truth and grace. Moses brought the very words of God on tablets of stone, while Jesus writes his words on our hearts. Moses' ministry came with glory, so how much more is the ministry of Jesus full of glory and splendor and understanding. Moses put a veil over his face, while the Son of God takes away the veils of this world's empty thinking when we turn to him - *Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. - 2 Corinthians 3:16*

Roman official Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413) was twice a provincial governor, he was later a judge in Rome, and he received a number of honors. Yet when he was in his early fifties, Prudentius felt empty and without meaningful hope; he turned to Jesus, and he began to devote himself to writing about God and the message of Jesus.

In one of his poems, Prudentius writes, "Grant us, O God, in love to Thee, Clear eyes to measure things below; Faith, the invisible to see; And wisdom, Thee in all to know." For the message of Jesus tells us of unseen things and eternal blessings, and he gives us God's Spirit to help us understand God's compassion and wisdom and care - *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

When we open our hearts and minds to our Heavenly Father and trust in him, he can clear away the fog and haze of this world's distractions and false hopes, so that with unveiled hearts we may contemplate God and the message of Jesus. As Aurelius writes, "Ye clouds and darkness, hosts of night That breed confusion and affright, Begone! Overhead the dawn shines clear, The light breaks in and Christ is here."

Truly the good news of Jesus awakens our souls, he cleanses us through and through, and he is a trustworthy light we can follow. As Aurelius Prudentius wrote, "Do Thou, O Christ, our slumber wake: Do Thou the chains of darkness break; Purge Thou our former sins away, And in our souls new light display." Truly in the face of Jesus we see God's compassion and splendor displayed - *For God, who said, Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. - 2 Corinthians 4:6*

Jesus is the light of the world, and in him the fullness of God dwelled.

- Mark Garner

## Jesus, Hold My Hand

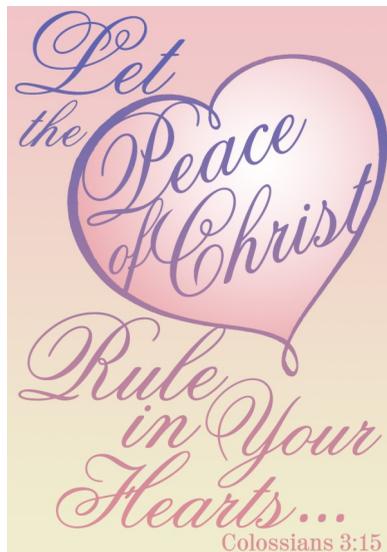
There is courage in Thy touch, Master, kind,  
Greatness in Thy gentleness. Lord, I find;  
Through the dimness of the way,  
Be my guide and be my stay,  
When I 'm sad make me glad;  
Jesus, hold my hand.

In the watches of the night oft I feel  
Dizzy faintness like a cloud o'er me steal,  
And I lift my arm on high.  
For I know the Helper nigh.  
And I say as I pray:  
Jesus, hold my hand.

Lord, the pathway of this life is so steep  
That I falter as I look, and I weep,  
And I tremble as I gaze  
At the cross-roads in the maze.  
This my prayer everywhere :  
Jesus, hold my hand.

- Eliza H. Morton, 1852-1916

*Geographer Eliza Morton taught geographical studies in college, and she wrote a series of geography textbooks that were widely used in the U.S. She also published two collections of her poems, many of which were about God and the message of Jesus.*



## 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, Caleb Dillinger writes about a scripture from Revelation 5 and some of the ways God gives us hope.*

### A Future with All Voices

For the last two years or so, Revelation chapter 5 has been on my heart and mind. When I think about how God gives us hope and a future (our spring series), I think about what heaven will be like. And then I desire heaven on earth. And then I pray for heaven on earth. Jesus spoke in what we now call the Lord's Prayer "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). To me, this is a prayer for the beauties of heaven to be seen on earth.

Revelation 5 shows the apostle John having a vision where no one can open up a certain scroll. No one! Not the elders, not the good guys, no one. Then the Lamb comes. And the Lamb, oh the beautiful, wonderful Lamb, he is worthy to open the scroll. His power and wonder stir the assembled people and creatures and in one voice they all praised the Lamb. Listen to this scene:

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:11-13)

One day every creature, every animal, every human, of all colors and locations and backgrounds will be praising Jesus for his worth and glory due his name. One day all the pain will cease and it will be glory. One day all the burdens will be lifted and there will be peace. One day the entire world will cry out in praise to our God.

I know Satan and his forces seem powerful some days. Some days they oppress believers so heavily we might think there's no way light can win. But the light always conquers the darkness. Jesus always wins. The Lamb is filled with power and wealth and wisdom and honor and glory and blessing. My hope, empowered by this scripture, is that one day all believers will experience this Revelation 5 moment. One day we all will witness all voices crying out in praise to our God.

- Caleb Dillinger