

Family Information

Church Picnic On June 18

On Saturday June 18th from 4:30-7:30 at Blendon Woods we will have a church picnic with the Ghana Congregation. At this point we are planning on bringing and sharing food like previous years.

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.

Next Wednesday Service Meeting

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15 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.

What's The Point Of 1 Samuel?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb Dillinger and Mark Garner have each written one page on "What's The Point Of 1 Samuel?"

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.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

-Ron Adams, Kristen Duncan and family

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 in Philipians. 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.

Camp Weeks

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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3611	\$4529
Designated:	\$5	\$48

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.

A Better Hope

Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. - Hebrews 7:22

This world is full of false promises and empty hopes, yet Jesus brings a new and better covenant that promises lasting hope and meaning, and he gives us his Spirit as a guarantee of God's presence. The Son of God has set aside this world's futile reasoning and philosophies, and he has brought a better hope; and he calls us draw near to God so that we may receive the grace and care we need - *The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. - Hebrews 7:18-19*

Our hope is in God's compassion and in his faithfulness and in his promises, not in human ability nor human efforts. Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983), who lived through times full of uncertainty and fears and sadness, said of our Heavenly Father's unchanging nature, "There are no if's in God's world." For our Heavenly Father alone gives us certainties, his promises are trustworthy, and Jesus brings us a hope that transcends this world's appearances and circumstances - *Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. - Hebrews 7:24-25*

When Corrie ten Boom and her sister Betsie were sent to an Axis concentration camp because they had sheltered Jewish refugees, they began reading the Bible late at night together with several other women. Corrie writes, "Like waifs clustered around a blazing fire, we gathered around our Bible, holding out our hearts to its warmth and light. The darker the night around us grew, the brighter and truer and more beautiful burned the Word of God."

She called these times "Little previews of heaven", for as they pondered and discussed the message of Jesus and the hope and peace it brought, it gave them relief from the distressing surroundings and hope amidst the gloom. Truly Jesus meets our deepest needs, truly he alone could have swallowed up death and could have opened the Way to God's presence - *Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens . . . He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever. - Hebrews 7:26-28*

We are all weak and flawed, and we could not have found the path, yet our Heavenly Father has compassion on us, and he sustains us and guides us every step when we put our faith in him and walk humbly in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner



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God Of Our Life

God of our life,
Through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past,
Through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.
With each new day,
When morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord,
Which never fail.

God of the past,
Our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.
Lead us by faith
To hope's true promised land;
Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless,
The darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision
Changes into sight.

God of the coming years,
Through paths unknown
We follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord,
Leave us not alone;
Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us
In life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home
When all our years have sped.

- Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1872–1950

Writer and editor Hugh Kerr was born in Canada, and later moved to the U.S. to go to graduate school to study ministry. In the 1920s, he was with one of the nation's earliest radio stations, where he gave broadcasts about God and 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, Ashley Dillinger writes about the living hope God gives us and the patience he shows us.

When, God?

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a living hope. This hope is living because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He has given us new birth so that we might share in what belongs to him. This is a gift that can never be destroyed. It can never spoil or even fade away. It is kept in heaven for you. Through faith you are kept safe by God's power. Your salvation is going to be completed. It is ready to be shown to you in the last days. Because you know all this, you have great joy. You have joy even though you may have had to suffer for a little while. You may have had to suffer sadness in all kinds of trouble. - 1 Peter 1:3-6

Like most Americans, I hate waiting. I hate waiting for my Amazon packages to arrive, I hate waiting for my food to be ready at a restaurant, I hate waiting for medical test results, but most of all I hate waiting for God to end the suffering brought to our world by sin. When we open our eyes to the pain and injustice around us, it is easy to think that God has forgotten his promises. God promises us hope and a future, but I often find myself asking: When, God?

In 1 Peter 1 we are reminded of the promise from God for a new birth and a living hope given to us through the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies that pointed to Jesus' resurrection. We are also told that though we may have to suffer for the time, God's promise to us is imperishable and nothing can take it from us or destroy it. But when, God?

In Peter's second letter, we are shown that God's perspective on timing is different from that of humans. Dear friends, here is one thing you must not forget. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow to keep his promise. He is not slow in the way some people understand it. Instead, he is patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be destroyed. Instead, he wants all people to turn away from their sins. (2 Peter 3:8-9)

While it may sometimes feel like God has forgotten us and his promises, Peter shows us that this perceived delay is because God is patient with us. God desires to be reunited with all people and as long as he is patient, more people can be brought to him.

This is a calling for all Christians. While we wait for God to fulfill his promise of salvation, we must cling to the hope we have and live out this salvation in our daily lives in order that when Jesus returns everyone can experience this inheritance.

I recently read a devo that really stuck with me and would like to leave you with this encouragement: "But even though it seemed like God was inactive, far away, not paying attention, late – God was right where he wanted to be. And the events unfolded just the way he wanted them to. When God is silent, he's not absent. God is not inattentive, he's not unconcerned, and he is never, ever late."

- Ashley Dillinger