

## Family Information

### Camp Updates

July 17th through July 23rd is Northland's camp week with Bill Hopkins at Fort Hill. If you sign up before July 4 the cost is \$190; after that the cost is \$200. July 24th through 30th is Northland's 2nd camp week with Nick Strawser at NWOCYC, and the cost is \$200. If you plan to go to either of these, sign up in advance to avoid possible registration delays. If you have any questions or if you can help out in any way for either week, see Josh Evans.

### 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.

The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. The classes already have teachers, so this is a good opportunity for training. These positions are staggered so that no one needs to serve for extended periods. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

### Parking Reminder From The Elders

Please note that the access roads along the front and sides of the building need to be clear to allow easy access for emergency equipment, and it is a fire code violation to park in these areas. We can continue to park temporarily in these areas for loading and unloading, as long as we move afterwards. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Wednesday Singing Practice

Northland's praise team is looking for additional people. Anyone who would be interested, can sing, preferably can read music, and would like to join us for a practice, please let Don or someone in the praise team know, so we can plan for you. We usually practice Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, in the auditorium.

#### 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 in Philippians. 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.

### Wednesday Service Meeting Schedule

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6 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.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3363	\$4467
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$49



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## A Father's Love

A father is one who loves his family unconditionally, like God (1 John 3:1). A good father also shows the characteristics below, as we learn from our Heavenly Father.

A good father must be compassionate - "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." (Psalms 103:13)

A good father is always ready to provide for his family as God provides our daily needs. (Matthew 7:11).

A teacher role in the family is very important as a father - "Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Discipline is a great tool used by a good father to correct his children (Hebrews 12:6).

A good father never gives up on his children, as we learn from the father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20-24).

Therefore, a father is compassionate, a provider, a teacher, disciplines and never gives up on his family, like God is for us.

-- Franklin Agyei

**"Oh Lord,  
our Lord, how  
majestic  
is your name  
in all the  
earth."  
Psalm 8:1**

## Father Of Lights

Father of lights,  
In whom there is no shadow,  
Giver of every good and perfect gift!  
With one accord we seek Thy holy presence,  
Gladly our hearts to Thee in praise we lift.

Glad for the cause  
That binds our lives together,  
Through Thee united, worshiping as one;  
Glad for the crowning gift that Thou hast given,  
Sending, to light the world, Thine only Son.

Light of the world,  
Through whom we know the Father!  
Pour out upon us Thine abiding love,  
That we may know its depth and height and splendor,  
That heaven may come to earth from heaven above.

- Elizabeth Wilson & Helen Thoburn, 1913

*Writers Elizabeth Wilson (born 1867, date of passing is unknown) and Helen Thoburn (1885-1932) met while doing missionary work with the YWCA. Wilson's work was primarily in Japan, and Thoburn's work was primarily in China.*

## Close To Thee

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,  
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.  
Close to Thee, close to Thee, close to Thee, close to Thee,  
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me over life's fitful sea;  
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with Thee.  
Close to Thee, close to Thee, close to Thee, close to Thee,  
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with Thee.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

*Frances Crosby said that she wrote this at the end of a long day, as she reflected on how God's nearness had continually comforted her and the ways he had reassured her of his care.*

## To Him Who Rides Across The Heavens

*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,  
to him who rides across the highest heavens. - Psalm 68:32-33*

It is good to sing praises to the Lord, whose Son came from the highest heavens to live among us and to bring us the good news of salvation and eternal life. It is good to praise and honor our Heavenly Father, who rides across the heavens to be with those who seek him with our hearts. Praise be to God, who daily sustains us and bears our burdens - *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. - Psalm 68:19*

When writer Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983) was very young, something she heard unsettled her, so she asked her father about it. Her father knew that the explanation would confuse and perplex her; so he asked her to bring him a case full of equipment. It was too heavy, so he explained that sometimes knowledge can also be too heavy for a child to bear. He asked her to let him to carry it for them both for a while, and when the time came, he promised that they would carry it together.

Corrie writes about she felt, "I was more than satisfied - wonderfully at peace. There were answers to my hard questions; for now, I was content to leave them in my father's keeping." Similarly, she would later learn about all of the even deeper burdens Jesus carried for us, burdens we could never have carried and can only barely understand; and she learned to put all her trust in our Heavenly Father both in peaceful times as well in the troubling times she would endure.

This world is full of noise and harshness and confusion and uncertainty, yet our hope is in God and in his care and wisdom; as ten Boom said, "In God's faithfulness lies eternal security". For our God's compassion and understanding are beyond us to fully grasp, and he is a God who saves us from spiritual death - *Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death. - Psalm 68:20*

This world's ways often hard press us, and at times we might worry whether God is aware of what we need and what we face. So our Heavenly Father reassures us that he is near, and he does kindnesses for us at unexpected times. For his own Son died for us, and as Corrie ten Boom wrote, "God dealt with our whole situation on the cross; there is nothing left for you to settle." There is no one like God, who alone meets the deepest needs of our spirits - *Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel . . . You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary. - Psalm 68:34-35*

God gives us enduring hope and lasting peace and eternal life; our Heavenly Father alone is worthy of majesty and awe and glory.

- Mark Garner