

Family Information

Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: **jelly**, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hot cereal, tea, saltine crackers, canned spaghetti O's and canned pasta.

Northland Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Northland Banquet, Saturday May 21st at the Westerville Community Center. See Don or Lora if you are interested in being a part of the entertainment.

Wedding

William and Karen Chavis announce the wedding of Ashli Sharee McKeon and Joseph Michael Hensel at the Northland Church of Christ on April 2, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to the wedding. The reception is by invitation only.

Special Need

There is a need for a lift chair for Barb Lindsay. The cost is approximately \$600. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the chair, see Roy Estep.

Walk-A-Thon

If you like outdoors, exercise, and spending time with Christians then come join us Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m. for a Honduras Missions Trip walk-a-thon. Other churches in the area will also be invited to walk, as all money raised will go toward the trip. The walk will consist of a 3.8 mile paved trail at Sharon Woods Park. Sponsorship forms will be available by Sunday so everyone can begin getting sponsorship from friends, family and co-workers. Much more information will be coming soon. In the mean time if you have any questions you can direct them to any member of the "17 and a half amigos!"

Communion Servers For March

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| James Asante | Micheal Ayiku |
| Patrick Boateng | Stephen Boateng |
| Jonas Bosompen | Agabus Opoku |
| Alex Opoku | Francis Tekyi |

For The Month Of March

Announcements: Mark Garner
Visitors Table: Allen
Greeter: Chivington
Foyer Duty: Graham

Northland Life Groups

| Location | Contact Ph. | Leader | Meets |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thorne Home | (614) 818-5454 | Ray Thorne | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm |
| Butler Home | (614) 890-7721 | Tom Barnhardt | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm. |
| Coate Home | (614) 885-1988 | Perry Coate | Every other Monday at 7:30 pm. |
| Church Building | (614) 475-0161 | Roy Estep | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Weds 10:30 am. |
| Church Building | (614) 475-0161 | Roy Estep | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm |
| Smith Home | (614) 898-7987 | Billie Thorne | Every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm. |
| Chivington Home | (614) 823-5596 | Kevin Chivington | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm. |
| McDaniel Home | (614) 785-1321 | Jason McDaniel | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 7 pm. |
| Various Homes | (614) 523-2258 | Troy Blair | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm. |
| Allen Home | (614) 764-8542 | Wilbur Allen | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6:00 pm |

Elders:

Wilbur Allen
Tom Barnhardt
Frank Chappell
Roy Estep
Ray Thorne

Evangelists:

Ron Adams
Tom Barnhardt

Youth

Minister:
Troy Blair

Deacons:

Brian Arnold
John Bradley
Lynn Champney
Kevin Chivington
Darrell Estep
Jack Evans
Mike Evans
Lou Lawrence
John Lindsay
Jack Mauersberg
Beryl McMasters
Mark Morris

Contributions

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| Last Week | \$6334 |
| Average | \$6465 |

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| Russia | \$176 |
| Average | \$278 |

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| Youth | \$255 |
| Average | \$226 |

Attendance

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| Sunday Class | 136 |
| Sunday Worship | 140 |
| Weds | 212 |
| Life Groups | 83 |

March

27 Easter

April

1 OVC Spring Encounter
1 C.O.C.S. Spring Break
1 NYM Cafe
3 Deacons' Meeting 8:00 am
3 L.G. Leaders 4:30 pm
3 Day Light Savings Time Begins
3 All Groups At Building 5:30 pm
6 50's Plus Meeting
14 Christian Women's Fellowship
15 Rochester College Preview Day
17 50's Plus Eat Out Sunday"
20 50's Plus Meeting
24 Honduras Planning Meeting
At Spring Road

Services

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| Sunday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Evening Life Group | 5:30 p.m. |
| (Communion Served) | |
| Wednesday Evening | 7:00 p.m. |

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A Resurrection Carol

Spring burst today,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth, thou Sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past,
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, Fig and Vine,
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.

Break forth this morn
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.

Uplift thy head,
O pure white Lily thro' the Winter dead.

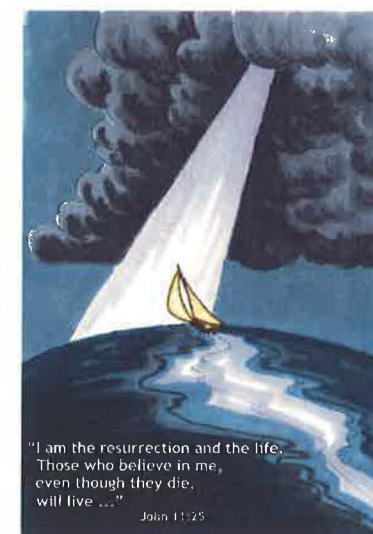
Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.

All Herds and Flocks
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.

Sing, Creatures, sing,
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

All notes of Doves
Fill all our world; this is the time of loves.

Christina Rossetti (1881)



"I am the resurrection and the life,
Those who believe in me,
even though they die,
will live ..."
John 11:25

Are You Happy With Your Life?

Are you happy with your life? It's surprising the number of people who will answer "no" to that question. It's a very simple question, but one which sometimes shapes all that we do. If we focus properly upon this question it can cause us to find a positive life changing answers to our dissatisfaction.

L. F. E. Wilkinson wrote the following, which deals with this problem. "Thank God if you are dissatisfied with wandering in the wilderness, with an up-and-down kind of life, advancing a little and then slipping back toward Egypt [the old life]. The rest which God comes to offer you through the Scriptures is a realistic rest".

Jesus said in the 'Sermon on the mount', recorded in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." This beatitude demands something of us and tells us a little about how God works. It tells us that God will not fill our lives, unless we are longing for him to do so. Psalm 42:1-2, tells us, "As the deer pants for water so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God". To put it simply, if you want happiness, if you want to be filled with God, then you have to make that a priority in your life!

I have to admit that I have limited experience; there are literally millions of people whom I have never met. But of those thousands that I have met I see a pattern, which seems to be generally true. It appears to me that if someone is truly unhappy, that seeking God or His will for their life is not what they are focusing upon.

So, if you are not very happy with your life at this time, ask yourself, 'what's my priority', 'what am I expending my effort to achieve', 'what consumes all my time and energy'? My experience says, if seeking God and his will are not somewhere in the top of your goal list you will not be a very happy person, or at least not for very long.

Jesus put it another way in Matthew 6:19-21, "Don't store up (focus on) treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be."

What is it that you treasure or focus on most in your life? Is it physical things, social acceptance, financial success? If you are, then you are not going to be happy or that happiness will not be very long lasting. Could it just be that it's time for you to reevaluate your life and your 'treasurers'?

My prayer this day is that you will be granted the time to find that 'realistic rest", the true source of happiness in our God!

- Russ Lawson
Greenville (Ohio) Church of Christ

Youth Announcements

Teens - Thanks to those who participated in the 30 Hour Famine: Stephanie Maynard, Kasey Dunkin, Amanda Evans, Kirstin Evans, Evan Arnold, Adrian Fisch, Corneshea Fudge. Over \$500 was sent to World Vision to help with Tsunami relief.

There will be a cookie baking day at the Blair's on 3/25/05 at 3 p.m. for the Resurrection Celebration.

All teens need to be at Northland Saturday, 3/26/05 at 9 a.m. for the Resurrection Celebration.

There will be no FOG this Sunday, 3/27/05, due to the Easter holiday.

Teens wishing to go to NWOCYC for a clean up day should be at the Blair's Monday 3/28/05 at 8:30 a.m. We will return around 5 p.m.

THE ALPHA & THE OMEGA
AN INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION

Week Five: Lampstands & Stars (Revelation 1:12-20)

As he continues, John now tells what he saw in the first of the visions that were given to him. This first vision included seven lampstands and seven stars, centered around a man glowing with brightness, glory, and authority. Most of these details are identified in the text of Revelation. This vision forms an introduction to the succession of more complex visions that John shortly will be shown.

Having heard a loud voice speaking to him (see verse 10), John now turns to see who is talking (1:12-13). He first sees seven golden lampstands, and among these lampstands there is a striking individual. John tells us that the speaker was someone "like a son of man" (verse 13), implying that the speaker is Jesus himself. It might seem odd for John to refer to him in an indirect way rather than by name, but there are at least two likely reasons for this. First, John is now seeing – for the first time – Jesus in this form, rather than in the body that he had during his earthly ministry. Second, this phrase is also a reference to Daniel 7:13, and it indicates that Jesus is the one to whose coming Daniel refers in that chapter, which presents a sweeping prophecy of history from the 6th century BC through the time of Christ,

John's description (1:14-18) makes it clear that Jesus is no longer in the form of an ordinary human being. With snow-white hair, blazing eyes, glowing feet, and an extraordinary voice "like the sound of rushing waters", John is now getting a small glimpse of Jesus as he really is. Even all this could hardly describe Jesus' spiritual nature in all its detail, but it gives John about as much of it as he could grasp from an earthly, mortal viewpoint. For us as well, this amazing description should help us to appreciate the true magnificence and majesty of God as he really is. As long as we live in this world, we cannot completely grasp his nature, but we can remind ourselves that there are spiritual realities impossible for us to describe, let alone to understand, and we can allow ourselves to be humbled by this truth.

John now learns the meaning of the first symbols that he has seen (1:19-21). The seven lampstands represent the seven churches to whom he is writing, and to whom he will address individual messages in the following two chapters. The significance and symbolism of lampstands goes far back into the history of God's people. The basic significance here is that it represents a place, an identity, a seal, that God has given to his people.

The seven stars in the hand of the figure of Christ are then explained to be the angels of these same seven churches. Once again, we have a glimpse at an aspect of spiritual reality that we can only dimly grasp. Yet all the same, it is comforting and encouraging to know that there are angels who in some way watch over the various communities of God's people. There is no necessity to try to explain away these angels as mere human figures of some kind, nor is there any reason to feel obliged to construct a complicated scenario as to exactly what they do. We should simply take comfort in knowing that they are there.

- Mark Garner

Be Continually In Prayer

Barbara Lindsay - She has a broken bone in her leg that has added greatly to her discomfort. Please pray for her and calls of encouragement are very much appreciated.

Andrew Ricard - He has been in the Ross Heart Hospital due to a valve problem and staph infection. Please pray for him. Andrew is a former Northland member.

Corneshea & Antwon Fudge - Please pray for their mom's health.

Deborah Fischer - Pray for Jane that she will realize the right thing to do and come back to God. Pray for me to have the courage and strength to do the right thing concerning her.