

## Family Information

### Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: **jelly**, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, powdered milk (in 1 qt packages), hot cereal.

### Elder's Prayer

Tom Barnhardt will be leading the Elder's Prayer during the month of February. Please call your prayer requests into the office or give them to Tom on a 3 x 5 card before the beginning of services next Sunday.

### Life Group Leaders

There is a Life Group Leaders meeting this Sunday at 4:30.

### Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2004 are available in the office.

### Communion Servers For February

Evan Arnold	Dustin Bates
Kasey Dunkin	Robby Freeman
Bobby Graham Jr.	Christopher Smith
Justin Yates	Morgan Yates

### New Northland Church Phone Numbers

The following is a list of new phone numbers:

Prayer Request Line	528-1104
Announcements	528-1105
Weather & Special Info	528-1108

### Drivers Wanted

Northland is in need of people willing to obtain their commercial driver's license so we may utilize the bus more. If interested see Tom Barnhardt.

### Words Of Wisdom

When we are tempted by the devil, he is trying to bring out the worst in us. When we are tried by the Lord, He is trying to bring out the best in us. -Sparks

### For The Month Of February

**Announcements:**  
**Visitors Table:** Barnhardt  
**Greeter:** Lawrence  
**Foyer Duty:** Art Silva, Tim Mauter

## 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.
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

Last Week	\$5771
Average	\$6333

Russia	\$345
Average	\$271

Youth	\$235
Average	\$228

### Attendance

Sunday Class	157
Sunday Worship	278
Weds	112
Life Groups	75

### February

6 Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.  
6 All Groups Meet At Building  
6 L.G. Leaders Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
10 Christian Women's Fellowship  
13 Duke Visits  
13 Pampering Shower For Silvas  
At Thornes, 4:00-6:30 p.m.  
16 50's Plus Meeting  
18-21 Winterfest In Gatlinburg  
20 50's Plus "Eat Out Sunday"  
21 President's Day  
25-26 30 Hours Of Famine

### Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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## How Precious....

### HOW PRECIOUS IS CHRIST JESUS!

*"I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go" (Song of Songs 3:4).*

Does Christ receive us when we come to Him, notwithstanding all our past sinfulness? Does He never chide us for having tried all other refuges first? And is there none on earth like Him? Is He the best of all the good, the fairest of all the fair? Oh, then let us praise Him! Daughters of Jerusalem, extol Him with timbrel and harp! Down with your idols, up with the Lord Jesus!

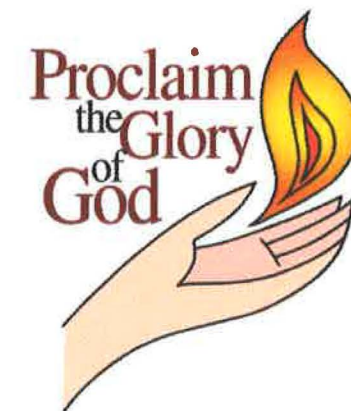
Now let the standards of pomp and pride be trampled under foot, but let the cross of Jesus, which the world frowns and scoffs at, be lifted on high. O for a throne of ivory for our King! Let Him be set on high forever, and let my soul sit at His footstool, and kiss His feet, and wash them with my tears.

Oh, how precious is Christ! How can it be that I have thought so little of Him? How is it I can go abroad for joy or comfort when He is so full, so rich, so satisfying. Fellow believer, make a covenant with your heart that you will never depart from Him, and ask the Lord to ratify it. Bid Him set you as a signet upon His finger, and as a bracelet upon His arm.

Ask Him to bind you about Him, as the bride decks herself with ornaments, and as the bridegroom puts on his jewels. I would live in Christ's heart; in the clefts of that Rock my soul would eternally abide. The sparrow has made a house, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. So, too, would I make my nest, my home, in You, and may the soul of Your turtle dove never go forth from You again, but may I nestle close to You, O Jesus, my true and only rest.

"When my precious Lord I find,  
All my ardent passions glow;  
Him with cords of love I bind,  
Hold and will not let him go."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
From *Morning and Evening*



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## GIVE US THE BREAD OF LIFE

You have said, eternal Father, that through the love that you have for your rational creatures, and the prayers and the many virtues and labors of your servants, you would show mercy to the world and reform the church, and thus give us refreshment. Therefore do not delay, but turn the eye of your mercy towards us, for you must first reply to us before we can cry out with the voice of your mercy.

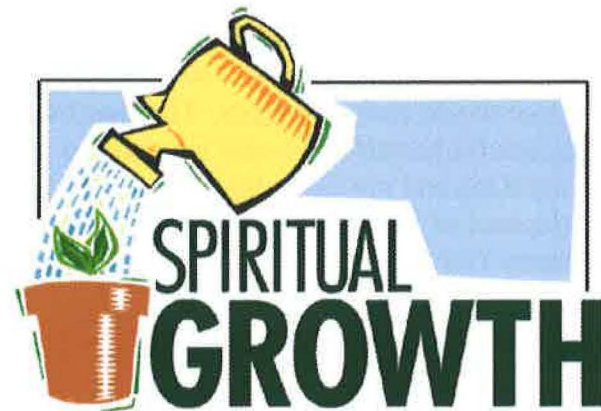
Open the door of your inestimable love which you have given us through the door of your Word. I know indeed that you open before we can even knock. For it is with the affection of love that you have given to your servants, that they knock and cry to you, seeking your honor and the salvation of souls.

Give them then the bread of life, that is to say, the fruit of the blood of your only-begotten Son, which they ask of you for the praise and glory of your name and the salvation of souls. For more glory and praise will be yours in saving so many creatures, than in leaving them obstinate in their hardness of heart.

To you, eternal Father, everything is possible, and even though you have created us without our own help, you will not save us without it. I beg of you to force their wills, and dispose them to wish for that for which they do not wish. And this I ask you through your infinite mercy.

You have created us from nothing. Now, therefore, that we are in existence, show mercy to us, and remake the vessels which you have created in your image and likeness. Re-create them to grace in your mercy and in the blood of your Son, sweet Christ Jesus.

A Prayer of Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)



## Youth Announcements

**Teens** - No F.O.G. this Sunday due to the Super Bowl party. There will be a Super Bowl Party and Devotional at the Yates residence on 2/6/05 from 3 p.m. until the game is over. Guys bring soda, gals bring a snack.

**The** next NYM Café is scheduled for 2/4/05 from 8:30 p.m. till 11 p.m.

**No** High School Hang Out this Sunday due to the Super Bowl party.

**There** is a Life Group Leaders meeting this Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

**Northland** is in need of people willing to obtain their commercial driver's license so we may utilize the bus more. If interested see Tom Barnhardt.

**F.O.G.** next Sunday is at the home of Ron, Cheryl, and Tiffany Shirk.

## MOUNT ZION & MOUNT ESAU THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

### Week Six Edom's Sins Against Israel (Obadiah 1:10-15)

Now the prophet is ready to detail Edom's sins against Israel (1:10-15), the sins for which Edom's doom has been pronounced. For years, Edom had often rejoiced at the trials and sufferings of God's people, and now in the recent crisis (probably, as discussed in an earlier study, the invasion of 586 BC), Edom was again joyful over Israel's suffering. Worse still, this time Edom kicked his brother when he was down, instead of helping as a brother should.

In this time of crisis and despair for God's people (that is, when Babylon invaded and conquered Jerusalem), Edom did not do anything to help their neighbors and brothers. Rather, Edom looked to share in the plunder, and even (see verse 14) hunted down fleeing Israelites, to kill them and rob them. Moreover, when Jews who were trying to escape from the destruction in their homeland reached Edom safely, the Edomites did not offer them hospitality or protection, but rather handed them over with a cold heart to the invader, to receive brutal treatment.

Edom's motivation for this atrocious behavior was probably a combination of pride, jealousy, and selfishness. In their pride, they laughed at small nations that fell to large empires such as Babylon, little realizing that one day Edom too would learn what it felt like to be crushed and ruined. Also, in Edom's long-standing jealousy towards the more numerous and prosperous Jews, they hardened their hearts towards the Jews' sufferings, and refused to help. Finally, out of blind selfishness, Edom looked to gain favor with powerful nations by refusing to stand with their own neighbors against the invaders.

For all of this, says the prophet, the day of the Lord (that is, a day of judgment and retribution) will come soon for Edom. As Edom has done to others, so will God do to them. Since they showed no mercy, they will not be shown mercy. This principle has always been important to God, and Jesus himself often emphasized it with such sayings as "with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (see Matthew 7:2, Mark 4:24, and Luke 6:38).

In our own relationships, we would do well to remember God's judgment on Edom, so that we do not rejoice over the misfortunes of others, whether they are our brothers, or whether we perceive them as rivals. Nor should we ever exploit, in any fashion, the sufferings or misfortunes of others. Our own pride, jealousy, and selfishness make this a challenge, but we must accept the challenge to overcome our fleshly desires, and we should strive to treat those in need as we know Jesus himself would have treated them.

- Mark Garner

## Be Continually In Prayer

**Ivana Osei-Sarpong** is home from the hospital.

**Jack Mauersberg** is home from the hospital.

Please continue to pray for both of them.

**Rose Fudge** - Please pray for her manager, Donna, that she will be open to God.

**Ernest Davis** - His mother, Lymmiece has been in the hospital. Please pray for her.