

Family Information

Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: **jelly**, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, 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.

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.

The Lowest Place

Give me the lowest place, not that I dare
Ask for that lowest place, but Thou hast died
That I might live and share
Thy glory by thy side.

Give me the lowest place, or if for me
That lowest place too high, make one more low
Where I may sit and see
My God and love Thee so.

Christina Rossetti(1832-1894)

Communion Servers For February

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

For The Month Of February

Announcements: Brian Arnold
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 \$8258
Average \$6654

Russia \$238
Average \$265

Youth \$180
Average \$220

Attendance

Sunday Class 161
Sunday Worship 278
Weds 112
Life Groups -

February

13 Duke Visits
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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Consider The Lilies...

CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD

Flowers preach to us if we will hear:-

The rose saith in the dewy morn:

I am most fair;

Yet all my loveliness is born

Upon a thorn.

The poppy saith amid the corn:

Let but my scarlet head appear

And I am held in scorn;

Yet juice of subtle virtue lies

Within my cup of curious dyes.

The lilies say: Behold how we

Preach without words of purity.

The voices whisper from the shade

Which their own leaves have made:

Men scent our fragrance on the air,

Yet take no heed

Of humble lessons we would read.

But not alone the fairest flowers:

The merest grass

Along the roadside where we pass,

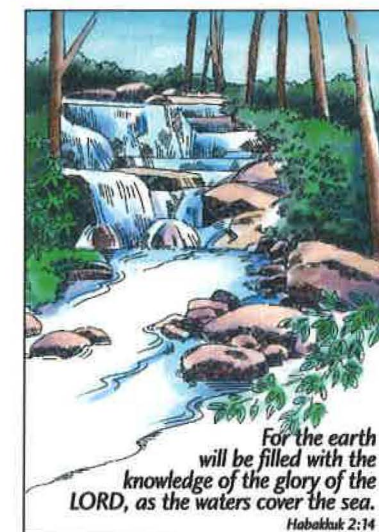
Lichen and moss and sturdy weed,

Tell of His love who sends the dew,

The rain and sunshine too,

To nourish one small seed.

Christina Rossetti (1862)



For the earth
will be filled with the
knowledge of the glory of the
LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14

DOING IT “JUST RIGHT”

You’ve heard of analysis paralysis, right? Some people are so determined to think through every detail of every possible eventuality that they can only see opportunity in the rear-view mirror. The window of opportunity for many profitable investments, career options, or relationships sometimes closes before she is comfortable with making the move. By the time she determines to act, the time for acting has passed. Thus the dictum **carpe diem**, Latin for “seize the day.”

Good judgment is one thing. Prudence and caution before taking a risk is appropriate. But the inability to make a decision and take action is not a virtue.

Then there’s the variant of analysis paralysis that I’ll call the penchant for perfection. When it is **self**-oriented, this spirit embraces incredibly high and unrealistic standards of performance; it is unable to acknowledge fault or failure. It is the person who must make all As in school, be the top performer in the company, and always be acknowledged to be right in family decisions. Some researches claim a link between the penchant for perfection and depression. Some even link it to a high percentage of suicides.

If the penchant for perfection is **other**-oriented, it imposes unrealistic expectations on the people in one’s environment. He can only criticize and find fault with his employees and co-workers; nothing is every so good that he cannot tell the person how it could have been better. In his family, his take on things is that the house is never clean enough, the children never do as well as they could in school, and nobody really deserves praise. These people make other people unhappy and find it hard to keep good employees or to stay married.

God didn’t put us here to do everything “just right.” He certainly didn’t put us here to be one another’s monitors and critics. Each of us is imperfect, and the best way to relate to one another is with patience and encouragement.

Admitting our shared imperfection is not an excuse for failure. It isn’t meant to keep us from trying. And it certainly isn’t whitewash for low standards and puny performance. It is simply acknowledging that we human beings must accept our imperfection and admit that we can’t do everything right all the time. It’s a plea for our right as humans to learn from our mistakes and continue moving ahead.

It is in our moments of imperfection and failure that God meets us with his grace and empowerment. And you don’t want to miss that encounter, do you?

From “The FAX of Life”

Youth Announcements

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F.O.G. this evening is at the home of Ron, Cheryl, and Tiffany Shirk.

MOUNT ZION & MOUNT ESAU THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Week Seven A Promise of Deliverance (Obadiah 1:16-18)

In contrast with the message that Edom received from Obadiah, Israel is assured of God's care, and of the eventual victory that God will give to her. Obadiah gives us a revealing look at the ways that God disciplines. God often disciplined his own people, sometimes in ways similar to the means that he would use to discipline Edom, but God never destroyed Israel. Edom, on the other hand, would soon be gone from the earth forever, while God's people would be restored and strengthened.

In these verses, the prophet shifts his emphasis from the denunciations of Edom. God now speaks to his own people (1:16-18), and for the rest of the book, when the prophet says "you", he is addressing the Israelites. And his message to them is one of deliverance from those who oppressed his people. Just as God's people drank of his discipline, and had no choice but to submit to it, so now they shall see their persecutors drink from the same cup.

For Mount Zion (Israel), there will now be deliverance and holiness, and Israel will be better and stronger for having been disciplined. In a spiritual sense, Jacob (Israel) will now be a raging fire that cannot be stopped, certainly not by Edom. Esau (Edom), on the other hand, will be like stubble, the sad and meager remains of a once proud and secure nation. While discipline made Israel stronger, it will leave Edom with no survivors.

Whenever we undergo God's discipline, we should always be thankful that we are being disciplined as Christians, since we can know that God will use it for good in the long run. Hebrews 12:4-11 explains to us that discipline from God is a natural part of the Father/child relationship. That passage also reminds us that discipline is not supposed to feel pleasant at the time. Its value comes in the long run, in the righteousness and spiritual fruit that it produces.

So we should not seek to avoid discipline, but rather should strive to focus our thoughts on God, so that when he does have to discipline us, it will be for a worthwhile, spiritual purpose. The worldly and pagans have no hope, and so every misfortune they suffer is for nothing if they do not use it to turn back to God. But for Christians, "our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17), and "so we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen" (2 Cor. 4:18).

- Mark Garner

Be Continually In Prayer

Please keep Sally Dunkin's brother, John in your prayers. He is in the advance stages of cancer.

Victor Hatcher asks for prayers to become a better Christian and that God will use him as a tool to bring souls to Christ.

Shawn Ellis asks for prayers for his dad, Jim Davis who is in the hospital suffering with diabetes.