

Family Information

Sunday Afternoon Class Resumes Today

The Sunday afternoon Bible class resumes meeting today at 4:00, in room E44.

Men's Lunch Next Sunday (August 20)

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be next Sunday, August 20, after morning worship. See Jeff for more information.

Crafts & Story Time On August 26

The Outreach Team is planning a Crafts and Story Time at the church on Saturday, August 26th, from 2:00-3:30 PM. See Caleb for more information.

Wednesday Outreach Meeting On September 6

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 PM. The Outreach Team is currently meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Combined Worship On September 10

There will be a combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation (and possibly also with the Spanish congregation) on Sunday evening, September 10, at 6:00 PM. More details will be coming soon.

Willow Brook Schedule

The next two times that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at 2:00 PM at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) are September 17 and October 29.

More Autumn Events

Two more events are planned for this Autumn. Our Fall Picnic with the Ghana congregation will be Saturday, September 30 at Blendon Woods Park. Also, Fall Fest will be on Sunday, October 22. More details about each of these will be coming soon.

On Line Bible Studies

Current Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him or Leisha for locations, details, and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (On-Line) - 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 (On-Line) - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is in Titus. On September 5, the class will begin a study of 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Contact Karen for more details.

Children's Classes

We currently have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them begins after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details. The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

Contribution

| | Last Week | Average YTD |
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| General: | \$3656 | \$4378 |
| Designated: | \$ | \$573 |



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Our Savior Was Among Us

I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord, because you are called an outcast. - Jeremiah 30:17

This world can wear us down with its loudness and harshness; it can make us feel like outcasts with its empty promises and its false hopes. Yet our Heavenly Father renews inwardly day-by-day those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus, he heals the spiritual wounds this world cannot heal, and he rebuilds the ruins in our souls - *This is what the Lord says: I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents . . . the city will be rebuilt on her ruins. - Jeremiah 30:18*

As 1781 began, in the northern colonies the colonists were making steady progress in their efforts to obtain independence, but in the southern colonies things weren't going well. So George Washington sent two of his generals south to try to turn things around. One of these generals, Daniel Morgan, went to the Carolinas where they had suffered some discouraging defeats. So Morgan began by talking with the soldiers and their officers.

Daniel found that their previous general's plans had been disorganized, overburdening or misusing some units, while not making use of the others. So Morgan devised a different strategy for the next battle. Instead of forming a rigid front line, Daniel arranged them into several lines, and told each line to advance, fire twice, then retreat. This showed Morgan's soldiers that he knew they all were ready and able to help, without putting undue pressure on any of them.

Similarly, God knows that each of us can help the body of Jesus, and he considers each part of the body indispensable. Our Heavenly Father calls us to encourage one another with the message of Jesus, and to see one another as his own sons and daughters. He is our God, our Creator, and Jesus has made us part of God's own family - *So you will be my people, and I will be your God. - Jeremiah 30:22*

Daniel Morgan also learned that their previous general had watched the battles from a distance; and when things didn't go well, he had simply left without leaving instructions. So the next time they met the opposing forces, Daniel took a place in line alongside the others, letting them know that he would be a part of whatever happened. (The overall plan also surprised the opposing commander; the colonists won decisively at Cowpens that January, starting a series of successes.)

Likewise, Jesus has done this for us in a much deeper way, for our Savior and Redeemer and Lord lived among us as one of us, he endured our sorrows and pains, and he laid down his life for us - *Their leader will be one of their own; their ruler will arise from among them. - Jeremiah 30:21*

Truly, the Lamb of God is worthy of praise and honor and glory.

- Mark Garner

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

Father, Who The Light This Day

Father, who the light this day
Out of darkness didst create,
Shine upon us now, we pray,
While within Thy courts we wait.
Wean us from the works of night,
Make us children of the light.

Savior, who this day didst break
The dark prison of the tomb,
Bid our slumbering souls awake,
Shine through all their sin and gloom.
Let us, from our bonds set free,
Rise from sin and live to Thee.

Blessed Spirit, Comforter,
Sent this day from Christ on high,
Lord, on us Thy gifts confer,
Cleanse, illumine, sanctify.
All Thy fullness shed abroad;
Lead us to the truth of God.

- Julia Anne Elliott, 1809-1841

English hymnwriter Julia Elliott wrote at least a dozen hymns, and several became well-known at the time. Her niece Emily Elliott was also a hymnwriter as well as a composer, and her sister-in-law Charlotte Elliott was also a poet and hymnwriter.

Eternal Source Of Joys Divine

Eternal source of joys divine,
To Thee my soul aspires;
O could I say, "The Lord is mine,"
'Tis all my soul desires.

Thy smile can give me real joy,
Unmingled and refined,
Substantial bliss, without alloy,
And lasting as the mind.

My hope, my trust, my life, my Lord,
Assure me of Thy love;
O speak the kind, transporting word,
And bid my fears remove.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

Almost 100 years after British poet Anne Steele wrote this poem, a composer read it and wrote music for it is a hymn.

Treasures In Heaven

In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us of treasures in heaven, and he calls us to set our hearts on these things. This week, Don Milnor writes about the differences between God and this world's idols.

Worship God . . . Not the Many Idols Out There

Back in centuries past, and still today in some locations, there are people who bow down and worship physical objects of wood, stone and metal. To most of us 21st century people, that probably sounds crazy. Isaiah describes this:

Those who fashion a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame . . . No one recalls, nor is there knowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then I make the rest of it into an abomination, I fall down before a block of wood!" -Isaiah 44:9, 44:19

We may think, "How silly are these people, who bow down before these manmade things!" But we're not much different. Satan has adapted, and we often do the same thing they did: bowing down to the idols of pride, approval, materialism, pleasure, power, worldly security and comfort, peace at any price, sometimes even oneself..and more.

When it comes down to it, any time we choose to put our faith, hope and trust in anything other than God, we're doing the same thing. I believe that, for most of us, fighting idolatry will be a lifelong task. But we must continually seek to put God above all else. Some passages to consider:

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.'" -Isaiah 44:6

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. -1 Peter 1:13

"You shall have no other gods before Me." -Exodus 20:3

If we put our faith in this one true God, will our earthly needs be met? God's word addresses this:

Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. -Matthew 6:31-33

More importantly, our spiritual needs will be met, the only needs which really matter:

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -Matthew 6:20-21

- Don Milnor