

Family Information

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon Bible class will be taking a break for September 3 and September 10, and it will resume on September 17. It will resume meeting in the near future.

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 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.

Group Trip On October 7

The group trip to the Ark Encounter has been rescheduled for Saturday October 7. More details will be coming soon; see Mike or Leisha Evans if you have any questions.

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.

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, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

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
General:	\$4205	\$4328
Designated:	\$	\$573



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In A Sun-Scorched Land

The Lord will guide you always . . . - Isaiah 58:11

The Lord is always near, and he guides us whenever we call to him for counsel and discernment. God is our light in this world's gloom and darkness, he is our nourishment in this world's famine; and he asks us to encourage and help one another to walk humbly in the grace and compassion and mercy of Jesus, so that he may give us the grace and guidance we need - *If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry . . . then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.* - Isaiah 58:10

Emus are the second-largest living birds (after ostriches), and like ostriches they are flightless. They are large birds (over 5 feet tall and over 110 pounds) that need plenty of nourishment, yet they live in Australia's sandplains and desert shrublands where food and water are scarce. So God designs them to go for days at a time between eating; when they find food, emus eat only the parts of plants full of nutrients (flowers, seeds, and fruit), and they eat as much as is available.

Emus do need water each day; they have strong legs to walk long distances, and they are quite observant of clouds and other weather conditions, so they can locate sources of water miles away. As these birds can live in the sun-scorched lands of Australia, our Heavenly Father nourishes our spirits in the scorching heat of this world's emptiness, and he satisfies the needs of our spirits - *He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.* - Isaiah 58:11

Emus often face dangerous predators in wide open places, yet they are well-equipped to face them. They can run over 30 miles per hour, and they have strong calf muscles (rare amongst birds), enabling them to jump almost 7 feet off the ground. They are also very good swimmers.

Emus' very small wings (less than 8 inches long) are surprisingly useful. They act as stabilizers when they run, they help them make sudden turns, and emus also use their wings to cool themselves. Likewise, God equips us in numerous ways to face this world's fears and the accuser's snares; his words renew our minds, his Spirit lives within us, and God's compassion never fails - *You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.* - Isaiah 58:11

The emu, like the kangaroo, is an emblem on Australia's national coat of arms; neither of these popular animals can move backwards, symbolizing the nation's hope to be always moving forward. Similarly, God gives us lasting hope as he rebuilds the ruins in our spirits and hearts - *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations.* - Isaiah 58:12

Our Heavenly Father does so many things for us every day; it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

I Walk The King's Highway

I know not where the road will lead
I follow day by day,
Or where it ends: I only know
I walk the King's highway.

I know not if the way is long,
And no one else can say;
But rough or smooth, up hill or down,
I walk the King's highway.

The way is truth, the way is love,
For light and strength I pray,
And through the years of life, to God,
I walk the King's highway.

The countless hosts lead on before,
I must not fear nor stray;
With them, the pilgrims of the faith,
I walk the King's highway.

Through light and dark the road leads on
Till dawns the endless day,
When I shall know why in this life
I walk the King's highway.

- Evelyn Atwater Cummins, 1891-1971

Writer Evelyn Cummins was also the editor of a number of local periodicals. She was also active in public service, helping with the YWCA and a local library, and she later served as the police and fire commissioner in her hometown.

Ere Suns & Moons Could Wax & Wane

I lie where I have always lain,
God smiles as he has always smiled;
Ere suns and moons could wax and wane,
Ere stars were thundergirt, or piled
The heavens, God thought on me his child.

- Robert Browning, 1812-1889

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, Tara Neiswonger writes about God's desire for us to set our hearts on devoting ourselves to him, and the ways this can help us.

Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." - William Shakespeare

The word hypocrite today carries a connotation of a person who does not behave in the way they say, someone who pretends to be someone they are not. The word originates from a Greek word meaning actor.

As we read Matthew 6, we see the term hypocrite used to describe a person giving to the needy, praying, even fasting in a very public way. Jesus emphasizes the outward action not matching the inward motivation. Their motivation is a reward in the eyes and words of man, the action a way to be seen as generous, as devoted, as humble. As we read deeper into the passage, we see it is the state of the heart, the intention, that God seeks.

Matthew 6:21 states, *for where your treasure is there your heart will be also*. Our hearts carry us forward, not just to outward actions but our true motivation, the treasure we seek. If my motivation is on earthly praise and recognition, then my treasure will be here on earth.

Our Father desires our heart's focus to be sincerely on His light, guiding our thoughts and actions. The inspiration underlying our giving, our prayers, and our fasting should be our devotion to serving our God, an intrinsic desire to focus our thoughts and actions as one singular devotion to Him.

- Tara Neiswonger