

Family Information

Outreach Meeting This Thursday (October 5)

There will be an Outreach Meeting this Thursday, October 5, at 6:30 PM. The Outreach Team is now meeting on the first Thursday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Group Trip This Saturday

The group trip to the Ark Encounter will be this Saturday, October 7. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; see Mike or Leisha Evans for more details.

What's The Point Of Lamentations?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Lamentations?" The entire series is being posted to Northland's web site (ncocfamily.com) - under "Resources" there is a link that will take you to the series.

Fall Fest On October 22

This year's Fall Fest will be on Sunday, October 22. More details will be coming soon.

Worship Time At Willow Brook

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

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.

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, resumes meeting this week) - 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 on 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Contact Karen for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3895	\$4288
Designated:	\$	\$532

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

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

He Has Done Everything Well

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him . . . Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. - Mark 8:22, 8:25

When Jesus walked among his flock, people often came to him with severe afflictions, and each time our Savior showed them his compassion and healed them. Moreover, as Jesus gave sight to the blind, he also gives spiritual eyesight to those who put our faith in him. Jesus also opens the ears of the deaf and opens our spiritual ears so that we may understand God and his words - *Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him . . . the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. - Mark 7:32, 7:35*

Athlete Mildred "Babe" Didrikson (1911-1956) got her nickname as a child, when her ability in sports led to her being called "Babe" after baseball star George "Babe" Ruth. Among the many sports she succeeded in, she won two Olympic gold medals in track and field, and later she won numerous golf championships. Didrikson often mentioned the constant practice and preparation this took, "The more you practice, the better. But in any case, practice more than you play."

Instead of viewing practice as a boring necessity, Mildred did it with joy, as she said, "Practice, which some regard as a chore, should be approached as just about the most pleasant recreation ever devised." Similarly, God calls us to learn his words, remain close with his Son, and walk humbly in his light; this is not meant to be a chore, rather it helps us learn the depths of God's care for us, as well as showing others his compassion. For Jesus has indeed done everything well - *People were overwhelmed with amazement. He has done everything well, they said. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. - Mark 7:37*

When "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias's career was at its peak, she was diagnosed with cancer. Cancer was then so feared that people rarely even discussed it. Instead, she made public her battle with the disease, which led to open discussion about cancer and how to treat it and prevent it. She said, "You have to play by the rules of golf just as you have to live by the rules of life. There's no other way." She continued playing in tournaments, until shortly before she passed.

Similarly, in an even deeper way Jesus showed us compassion and understanding in spite of knowing what awaited him - *He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things . . . and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. - Mark 8:31*

Day by day, Jesus poured out his compassion on the crowds; even on the cross, he found joy since he was reconciling us with God, and he was bringing eternal life to those who humbly follow him.

- Mark Garner



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Grand Is The Song

Grand is the song of the Easter morn,
Victory is won, victory is won.
Far o'er the hills with the light 'tis borne,
Victory is won thro' Christ.
Chasing the shades of night away,
Bringing the light of glorious day,
Taking from Death his strength and sway,
Victory is won thro' Christ.

Grand was the word that the women brought,
Victory is won, victory is won.
Mingled with wonders, with glories fraught,
Victory is won thro' Christ.
Seek not the living, angels said,
Seek not the living among the dead;
Sorrow is past and the night is fled,
Victory is won thro' Christ.

Grand is the truth, O saints, for you,
Victory is won, victory is won.
Yours is the joy and the blessing, too,
Victory is won thro' Christ.
Since Jesus took from Death his key,
He from the tomb will set us free,
And through all time and eternity,
Victory is won thro' Christ.

- Anna Louisa Walker, 1836-1907

British writer and teacher Anna Walker (she was married in her late forties, so sometimes she is known by her married name, Anna Coghill) also spent several years in Canada, where for a time she and her two sisters ran a school for girls. She wrote several books on various subjects.

Rivers To Thy Sea

Lord, we are rivers running to Thy sea,
Our waves and ripples all derived from Thee:
A nothing we should have, a nothing be,
Except for Thee.

Sweet are the waters of Thy shoreless sea,
Make sweet our waters that make haste to Thee;
Pour in Thy sweetness, that ourselves may be
Sweetness to Thee.

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

One Sacrifice For Sins

By one sacrifice for all time, Jesus has made it possible for everyone to come to God with a humble heart and receive forgiveness of all our sins, an eternal home with God, and much more. This week, Jeff McVicker writes about the ways Jesus' sacrifice has fulfilled and replaced all of the Levitical sacrifices.

The Aroma Of Christ

The first and most important part of the worship sacrifices was the burnt offering; it was addressed exclusively to God, and completely consumed for His pleasure. No part of it was given to anyone else. Whatever happened to the animal sacrificed was to be viewed as what was happening to the worshiper. The worshiper would present himself and his "stand-in" sacrifice to God, and would place his hand on the head of the sacrifice there by appointing the animal as his "stand-in".

The spiritually minded Jew would be saying to God; I want my life to be totally given to You for Your pleasure. The worshiper was required to kill his own victim to help the worshiper realize that he was responsible for the death of his substitute. He saw immediately the terrible consequences of his sins. He was saying to God, "I hate my sin. I want to destroy it." It was he who was being given to God, totally.

That messy bloody sacrifice was really a beautiful shadow of Jesus' blood offered for us by God. Understanding the purpose for the burnt offering should inspire us to examine ourselves, and what it means to consecrate ourselves to God. Even my general attitude can be presented as a living sacrifice pleasing to God.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

The law also required that continual burnt offerings be made, one every morning and another every evening, by the priest on behalf of the whole nation. Three times in Leviticus (6:9, 6:12, 6:13) God said, "Do not let the fires go out" because this would indicate that the worshiping, devotion, and commitment of the nation to God no longer existed. We are also called to not let our "burnt offerings" go out, not only as the Church but also as individuals. We are called to live our lives as a continual offering and gift to God, in the attitude we have, and in our speech and our words.

Philippians 4:17-18 Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am looking for the fruit that may be credited to your account. I have all I need and more, now that I have received your gifts from Epaphroditus. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

The second of the "sweet savor" offerings was the grain offering. This is where the worshiper would offer the first fruits of his labor to God. This was the way the Jew would consecrate all that he owned to God. The worshiper was to realize that all he had was given by God and he would want to use it to be a pleasing fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- Jeff McVicker