

Family Information

Work Day This Saturday (October 14)

On Saturday, October 14, there will be a work day at the church building from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. See Mike Evans for more information.

Fall Fest On October 22

This year's Fall Fest will be on Sunday, October 22. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer, and more details will be coming soon.

Men's Lunch On October 29

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday, October 29, after morning worship. For those who can, afterwards we will attend the 2:00 PM worship at Willow Brook, where Caleb will be leading the worship. See Jeff for more information.

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 October 29.

Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, at 6:30 PM. The Outreach Team is now meeting on the first Thursday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

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.

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 - 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.

Visitor Information

Scan this QR to tell us how we may be able to help you, as well as what we could pray about for you.



Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$7942	\$4378
Designated:	\$100	\$498



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It Is Jesus; Don't Be Afraid

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. - Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus often went to deserted places where he could pray to his Father, and he often did many miracles to show us God's splendor and compassion. As the Lamb of God could walk on the lake, he could overcome this world's emptiness and its futile ways - *Later that night . . . the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves . . . Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. - Matthew 14:23-25*

Flying fish are small saltwater fish (most species are about 7-12 inches long) that can swim at about 35 miles per hour, quick enough to escape most predators. Yet there are several kinds of larger fish that can swim even faster than the flying fish, so God gives flying fish the remarkable ability to escape by jumping out of the ocean and gliding, as far as 600 feet and sometimes more.

Similarly, Jesus does amazing things. Besides his miracles that earthly eyes could see, Jesus did even greater miracles by dying for us and raising from the tomb. It is Jesus who saves us and gives us the promise of eternal life, and he reminds us to put our faith in him and not to be afraid - *When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. It's a ghost, they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. - Matthew 14:26-27*

God designed flying fish uniquely to enable them to glide. Their pectoral fins are longer and firmer than most fishes' fins; their tails have especially strong muscles, and unlike most fishes' tails, the lower lobe is larger than the top lobe. When swimming, they keep their pectoral fins close to their sides; and to glide, they jump out of the water using their tail muscles, and then extend their fins. Jesus is even more unique; he was the Son of God, yet he lived in the flesh as one of us - *Those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, Truly you are the Son of God. - Matthew 14:33*

It takes a while for young flying fish to develop their fins and muscles, so God protects them while they aren't yet able to glide, as the faces of young flying fish make them look like plants. Similarly, our Heavenly Father sustains us and shows us his care every step.

People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. - Matthew 14:35-36

As Jesus healed many illnesses for so many people, he reassures us that he is always near, and he cleanses and renews us inwardly when we follow him humbly.

- Mark Garner

Dear God, Our Father

Dear God, our Father, at Thy knees confessing
Our sins and follies, close in Thine embrace,
Children forgiven, happy in Thy blessing,
Deepen our spirits to receive Thy grace.

Not for more beauty would our eyes entreat Thee,
Flooded with beauty, beauty everywhere;
Only for keener vision that may greet Thee,
In all Thy vestures of the earth and air.

The stars and rainbows are Thy wondrous wearing,
Sunlight and shadow moving on the hills;
Holy the meadow where Thy feet are faring,
Holy the brooklet that Thy laughter fills.

- Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

Teacher and writer Katharine Lee Bates is best known for writing the song, "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" (sometimes titled "America The Beautiful"). She wrote books on a variety of subjects, and she taught college English for over thirty years.

All-Surrounding Grace

As swimmers dare
to lie to face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.

- Denise Levertov, 1923-1997

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, Leon Norwood writes about the implications for us of Jesus' sacrifice.

Christ Made One Perfect Sacrifice

Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. - Hebrews 10:11-14

Earthly priests made animal sacrifices again and again, yet it did not take away sins. Christ, in one sacrifice, covered all sins forever. As a result, Christ now sits on a throne at the right hand of God, the exalted lamb who completed the work of atonement for Sin.

The contrast between Christ and the earthly priests demonstrates the inferiority of the earthly priests while emphasizing the superiority of Christ as our true High Priest. Levitical priests are described as standing every day to administer *time after time the same sacrifices for sin*. In contrast, Christ has *sat down at the right hand of God*, because He completed His work. The earthly priests' work was never finished. Prior verses note that the Levitical priests had to continuously offer sacrifices that would *never take away sins*, whereas Christ offered *one sacrifice for sins for all time*.

The earthly priests, under the Old Covenant, worked every day and made sacrifices every year. Christ, by contrast, made one perfect sacrifice, and now sits because His sacrificial work is finished. The earthly priests' sacrifices did not result in the removal of sins forever, but Christ's did.

So, what's the implication of all this?

Christ's sacrifice was superior, as is His priesthood, for the sake of those who believe in Him. For us who believe in the sacrificial work of God's Son are made righteous before the throne of God forever, through Christ. Verse 14 says, *For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified*. To put it another way God's goal ever since the beginning of the fall is perfecting or finishing our sanctification.

The word *sanctified* means to be set apart. In this instance, the reference is to those who have believed in Jesus and are set apart to be in the family of God. His accomplished work lasts forever for those who believe in Him; there are no further sacrifices that need to be made to satisfy God's judgment of sin.

And this is where our spiritual journey of faith must begin. Acknowledging throughout our lives as believers, that only Christ's superior sacrifice has made our sanctification and fulfillment of faith possible. The superior priesthood and the superior sacrifice create both a certainty of belonging in the family of God, as well as an accountability for what we do with this great gift.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness. - Lamentations 33:22-23.

- Leon Norwood