

Family Information

Fall Fest This Evening

This year's Fall Fest will be this evening from 5:30-7:00 PM. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer, if you'd like to help.

Clothing Closet Updates

The Clothing Closet is now open once per month, by appointment only, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. It will be open on November 18 and on December 13 (due to the holiday); for appointments call 614-918-7925 from 5:30-8:00 PM Monday. We are looking for helpers to sort and hang clothes on Wednesdays when the Clothing Closet is closed. (Currently clothes donations are not needed, since we are still being blessed by the prior donations.)

Men's Lunch Next Sunday

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be next 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 At Willow Brook Next Sunday

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

Outreach Meeting On November 1

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 (not meeting this week; will resume on October 30) - 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:	\$2913	\$4302
Designated:	\$	\$498



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The Victory That Has Overcome...

The Victory That Has Overcome The World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the father loves his child as well. - 1 John 5:1

Jesus is the Way and the truth and the life, and he calls us to love our Heavenly Father and to love one another, so that we may become God's own sons and daughters. It is not burdensome to love God and to love what he has made - *This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands . . . And his commands are not burdensome. - 1 John 5:2-3*

Among his many humorous stories, Columbus, Ohio writer James Thurber (1894-1961) published a collection titled "Fables For Our Time". In one of the fables, a moth sees all the other moths spending their lives flying around street lamps and house lamps, often getting burned and charred. So he decides instead to try flying towards a bright, distant star, hoping someday to reach it.

Similarly, as moths are drawn to light, our souls also seek something to give us hope and meaning. Like most of the moths in Thurber's story, most people relentlessly chase things like fame, power, authority, wealth, and popularity, harming their souls and spirits (as well as causing harm to others), since none of these things can bring lasting contentment or hope.

Yet Jesus has won the victory we couldn't have won; when we put our faith in his message we share in his victory, for Jesus has overcome this world's pointless ways and its barren thinking - *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. - 1 John 5:4*

In James Thurber's story, the other moths constantly belittle the moth and his hope to reach the star, and they even boast about the burns and injuries they've gotten from chasing house lamps and street lamps. Yet, though the moth never reaches the star, he not only lives much longer and much healthier than the rest of the moths, he also finds contentment and peace. James adds this 'moral' to the story, "Who flies afar from the sphere of our sorrow is here today and here tomorrow."

Likewise, the message of Jesus may not make sense to worldly minds, yet it brings enduring hope and meaning and spiritual comfort to those who believe in God's words and promises. Moreover, our Heavenly Father promises eternal life to those who believe Jesus' good news and open our hearts and minds to him, for he has overcome the world - *Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. - 1 John 5:5*

Jesus has overcome the world and he has overcome death itself, so that those who walk in his light may know God and may be with him forever.

- Mark Garner

Wherever I Am

O Love divine, wherever I am,
Thou dost abide with me;
Whatever path in life I take,
I still remain in Thee;
For Thou art here and everywhere,
Thou fillest every spot:
O ever present Love divine,
O Love, thou movest not.

O Love divine, whate'er befall,
If good or ill my lot;
Whatever I may bring to pass,
O Love, thou changest not.
Thou art the same, unvarying,
Throughout eternity:
All steadfast, changeless, helpful, good,
O Love, art thou to me.

- Hannah More Kohaus, 1844–1914

Writer and editor Hannah Kohaus wrote on a variety of subjects; she is best known for her poem "Prayer Of Faith". She also wrote the words to a number of hymns, as well as editing a collection of hymns.

You Are Present

Of course I have always known you
are present in the clouds, and the
black oak I especially adore, and
the wings of birds. But you are present
too in the body, listening to the body,
teaching it to live . . .
we make our appreciative response.
Slowly appreciation swells to
Astonishment. And we enter the dialogue
Of our lives that is beyond all under-
standing or conclusion. It is mystery.
It is love of God . . .

--- Mary Oliver, 1935-2019

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, Steve Carver writes about the ways that Jesus' one sacrifice makes us one with him and God when we give our hearts to him.

Because Of One Sacrifice For Sins, We Are Part Of The Heavenly Orchestra

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. — Hebrews 10:10-14

When I was in middle school (junior high for us 'fossils') I had a clarinet. I played it, or rather played at it, in the school orchestra and in the school-sponsored summer orchestra. There was always a fairly large clarinet section, and I was usually close to last chair. In all the time that I played (I gave it up before leaving middle school) I never saw much improvement in my ability with the instrument. My efforts to better my position met with continual disappointment. I was frustrated because I perpetually made fingering mistakes, and never learned how to make the harsh sound that came from my clarinet into the melodious one that the instrument is capable of. Ultimately, I gave it up because I lost my heart for it.

In many ways, my life is similar to my experience with the clarinet. I know that I have the right sheet music, after all it is the Master's score. But when I try to play the music, I continually make 'fingering mistakes' and the 'sound' that comes from my life is too often harsh, far short of the melodious sound that the master would have it to be. On my own, it is enough to lose heart in the effort and give up.

Jesus played the score perfectly, and with a beauty that is breathtaking. Because Christ's life was perfect, his sacrifice is perfect, making all others ineffective and obsolete. That sacrifice was not for himself, but for all who would humbly give their heart to him in active faith, even me. Now, when the Father sits down with me to evaluate my performance in the orchestra, he does not hear my feeble, faltering attempts, he hears the glorious sound of his son's - our big brother's life. Imagine the resplendence of the heavenly orchestral sound now, and to come because of his life, sacrifice, love, and grace.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:20-21

- Steve Carver