

Family Information

Combined Worship Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 2, there will be a combined, bilingual time of worship with the Ghana congregation. There will be a combined class in the auditorium at 10:00 AM, followed by a worship assembly at 11:00 AM. Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in English and Twi.

Directory Photos Continue Today

Meagan is continuing to take photos for the new church directory. She will be available for about 30-45 minutes after the morning assembly ends, in the back corridor near where the old library used to be. This will continue until we have photos of everyone who would like to have one in the directory. If you need to have your photo taken before the assembly, see Meagan to make arrangements.

Summer Needs For The Clothing Closet

As summer approaches, please remember the Northland Clothing Closet for your donations. We can use in season clean, new or gently used clothing of all sizes, games, toys, and household items. Note that no winter items are needed until this Autumn. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued support.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday June 19, from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Willow Brook Worship On June 9

The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM.

Summer Church Camp Registration

Registration is currently open for summer church camps. Nick Strawser's week at NWOCYC will be from June 9-15, and the cost is \$200. Camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 14-20. The cost is \$220 if paid a month ahead of time, and it is \$230 if paid after that. (Potential scholarships are available.). See Josh Evans if you have any questions.

Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Ghana Bible Study	12:00 PM
Ghana Worship	1:00PM

There is currently no Sunday evening class.

Midweek Bible Studies

Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Sunday, July 7, after the morning worship assembly. (The group won't be meeting in June.) Except for June, Outreach Meetings are currently taking place on the first Sunday of each month; see Caleb if you have any questions.

Current Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - 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.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger is currently meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (Online) - 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.

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:	\$5,240	\$4,229
Designated:	\$0	\$73

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



4581 Cleveland Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43231
(614) 410-5860

Website
ncocfamily.com

May 26, 2024
Volume 33, Number 21

Our Refuge, Shield, & Helper

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty. - Deuteronomy 33:26

Truly, there is no one like the Lord our God; he lives in a high and holy place, yet he rides across the heavens to help us when we call on him humbly. Amidst this world's storms of futility and its vast deserts of emptiness, Jesus came to live among us, to bring us redemption and salvation, and to give us refuge from this world's harshness and chaos -

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. - Deuteronomy 33:27

Writer Carrie Elizabeth Beck (1855-1934) wrote well over 1,000 poems, many of which were later set to music as hymns. Though she was frail and battled various ailments, Beck lived an active life, and she was known for her care for others. During the day, Carrie would often need to rest; and she used these times to sit in a rocking chair with her notebook, writing about God and the good news of Jesus.

In one of Beck's poems that later became a hymn, she writes "My blessed Lord was crucified, the day was dark, and grief was wide, for hope was crushed and all seemed vain, until the Savior rose again." Indeed, when we trust in Jesus, he gives us safety from the accuser's snares and traps; and the Lamb of God nourishes our souls with living grain and living water from heaven -

Israel will live in safety; Jacob will dwell secure in a land of grain . . . where the heavens drop dew. - Deuteronomy 33:28

In Carrie's poem, she also wrote "He brings His great salvation nigh, and on His love bids us rely; he bought our peace through grief and pain; but oh, he did not die in vain." Truly, Jesus endured grief and pain that we can barely begin to understand, so that in his unfailing compassion we may be saved through our Heavenly Father's plentiful grace -

Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? - Deuteronomy 33:29

In another of Carrie Beck's poems, she said "I know Jesus will not forget me, for that is the word He hath said; He helps me when trials beset me, and daily by Him I am led", and later she says "I'm glad I have a Good Shepherd who banishes fear and regret; I'm glad that He loves me so dearly, and never His child will forget." He shields us from spiritual foes too strong for us, and he helps us every step when we put our faith in him -

He is your shield and helper. - Deuteronomy 33:29

Jesus is our Redeemer, our Good Shepherd, our refuge, our shield, our helper, and much more.

- Mark Garner, May 2024

The Thought Of Paradise

If but the thought of Paradise
Gives joy on earth,
What shall it be to enter there
Through second birth?
To find once more
Our dearest treasure gone before?

To find the Shepherd of the sheep,
The Lamb once slain,
Who leads His own by living streams
Never again
To thirst, or need
Aught in green pastures where they feed.

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

God Saw Otherwise

To man, it seemed that evil had prevailed,
That His fair life had altogether failed,
And naught was left but what the Cross impaled -
But God saw otherwise!

It seemed as though His life had gone for naught -
Nothing to show for that long battle fought,
But a pale prisoner to the gibbet brought -
But God saw otherwise!

We, too, at times, come nigh to lose our hope,
When with life's evils we no more can cope,
And in the dark with heavy hearts we grope;
But God sees otherwise!

- William Arthur Dunkerley, 1852-1941

In the middle of a successful career as a businessman, British writer William Dunkerley decided to give up his business so that he could write and teach full-time. He published about a dozen books, most of them about God and Jesus.

In The Beginning

Genesis teaches us that in the beginning God created the world, the skies, and the seas, and everything in them; and John tells us that in the beginning Jesus was the Word and that he was with God. This week, Tara Neiswonger writes about what it means to us that Jesus is the Word, who was in the beginning.

The Word That Brings Meaning & Good News

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever. - Isaiah 40:2

Images to me convey a depth of meaning that draws one into the narrative and allows one to experience the passage, not just register it. John is a writer who pens a portrait that swirls around the reader, carrying one to a greater understanding than simple prose could. In John 1:1-2 he harkens back to the very beginning and draws us through history - accompanying the Word from creation to the crucifixion and resurrection. Genesis 1:1's opening, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*", is echoed in John 1:1. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*"

So rabbit hole time . . . what is this Word? We can understand it as a reference to Jesus Christ, the son of God, the Trinity. But why the use of this word, Word?

The small print in my NIV references the Greek word logos- noting beyond just spoken word but including the unspoken - the reason. The Greeks in their philosophical outlook would see this as the rational governing order of all things - think logical.

The Hebrew use of "word" carries with it the connotation of an expression of God - a communication channel, if you will, to His people.

The Word as a means of communication, an ordering of chaos - the Word present at the beginning, active in the creation and in verse 14, "*The Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us.*" The Word that brought order to darkness, creation from nothingness, steps into humanity, to share with us the good news, the Gospel - the path to and back to relationship with God.

- Tara Neiswonger, May 2024