

Family Information

Today's Worship Schedule

This morning we're having a combined, bilingual time of worship with the Ghana congregation. Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in both English and Twi.

Directory Photos

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. She won't be here to take photos next Sunday (June 9), but will resume on Sunday June 16. 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 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. There is still time to register for it. 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.

What's The Point Of Micah?

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 Micah?"

Willow Brook Worship Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 9, Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come; see Caleb for more information.

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.

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.

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. 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 the Fellowship Room. 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 on Matthew, organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meets 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, beginning 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:	\$4,468	\$4,241
Designated:	\$0	\$70

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



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In Everyone It Is The Same God At Work

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

This world constantly makes comparisons, and worldly minds routinely decide who is important and who isn't; yet the Lord reminds us to set aside this kind of futile thinking, and instead to learn to appreciate one another and to learn that God is at work in each one of us in the body of Jesus -

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. - 1 Corinthians 12:6

Prairie dogs are small (about 12 inches long), vulnerable animals that work together to produce a community that none of them could have made by themselves. Prairie dogs are related to squirrels; they live on the wide-open grasslands of North America, and they are known for the underground "prairie dog towns" they build together. Our Heavenly Father makes prairie dogs' paws ideally equipped for digging, and he also teaches them to do this together.

A prairie dog town contains a complex of tunnels (with emergency exits), rooms for specific purposes (including sleeping areas, a nursery, and a food storage area), and air vents. As these small mammals can make all this in harmony, God calls us to learn to appreciate one another and to care for one another. Whatever abilities God gives us, they are given for the common good -

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. - 1 Corinthians 2:7

When prairie dogs graze, they take turns as sentinels, and at other times some will be tending the nursery or gathering food for the others. Researchers have also identified specific "bridge animals" that communicate with other prairie dog towns. Similarly, God reminds us that all of our abilities come from him alone, and whether they are knowledge, or faith, or healing others spiritually, or listening patiently, or encouraging, each of them is valuable to him -

To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom . . . to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit . . . - 1 Corinthians 12:8-9

Prairie dogs are very good communicators; they make a variety of sounds, including yips, chirps, and barks; and each "town" has specific sounds for the animals and hazards they are likely to encounter. Similarly, God teaches us truths that we could have barely grasped on our own, and he enables us to speak his truths to one another as well as to those who need to hear them. This too is the work of his Spirit, who lives in everyone who walks humbly in the light of Jesus -

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. - 1 Corinthians 12:11

Whatever human minds might think of us, each of us is equally precious to our Father in heaven.

- Mark Garner, June 2024

God, Who Made The Earth

God, who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
He cares for me.

God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
He cares for me.

God, who made the sun,
The moon, the stars, is He
Who, when life's clouds come on,
He cares for me.

When in Heaven's bright land
I all His loved ones see,
I'll sing with that blest band,
God cared for me.

- Sarah B. Rhodes, 1829-1904

British writer and sculptress Sarah Rhodes later became the head of a school that taught arts and crafts. She wrote this poem for a Whitsuntide event.

Forever Near Our God

The Lord, my shepherd and my guide,
Will all my wants supply,
In safety I shall still abide
Beneath his watchful eye.

Amid the verdant flowery meads,
He makes my sweet repose;
When pained with thirst he gently leads
Where living water flows.

Thus shall thy goodness, love and care
Attend my future days,
And I shall dwell forever near
My God and sing his praise.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 23.

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, Caleb Dillinger writes about how Jesus brings back the closeness that humanity had with God in the beginning.

The End In The Beginning

For the last three years or so, I've been reflecting on Genesis 1-3 and the relationship between God and his creation. I read of the beauty of that garden, the simplicity of God's relationship with his people, and the "utopia" experience that existed. I then look at present day, and I'm forced to wonder how it all went wrong and how we ever get back to the beginning experience.

The "how it all went wrong" part is not too hard to comprehend: sin. Sin messed everything up. Death, pain, broken relationships, all of that is due to sin. Read Genesis 3 and it's clear many of the problems we experience today are due to the sin of eating of the tree that was forbidden. But what about how we get back to that beginning experience? That too, is thankfully answered in Scripture: Jesus and his sacrifice and resurrection. Because of the work of Jesus, the beauty of what was in the garden will one day be available to us again.

The awe of Revelation seems to replicate the awe of the beginning moments of the garden of Eden. Because of Jesus, we will be restored in our relationship with God and the beauty of heaven will redeem the brokenness of earth. No more will the earth cause us hardship. No more will men and women be at odds with one another. No more will Satan whisper his deceptions. No more will there be spiritual war. There will be peace. There will be victory. There will be a new heaven and new earth because of Jesus.

I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Revelation 5:4-5)

We may not know what that scroll is or all the details of Revelation, but we know Jesus is the answer. Jesus can save us. Jesus can redeem us. And that gives us hope.

- Caleb Dillinger, June 2024