

Family Information

Directory Photos Resume Today

Today, Meagan will resume taking 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 (we want to have new photos of everyone). If you need to have your photo taken before the assembly, please contact Meagan to make arrangements.

Registration Open For Church Camp At Fort Hill

Registration is currently open for camp week at Fort Hill, which 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.

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 be open, by appointment only, this Wednesday June 19, from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. The next time it will be open will be on Wednesday, July 17. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Men's Lunch On July 14

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday July 14, a half hour after morning worship. The location hasn't yet been determined. See Jeff if you have any questions.

Willow Brook Worship On July 14

The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday, July 14 at 2:00 PM. Northland will also be organizing the worship time on August 25. See Caleb or one of the elders 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 1:00 PM

There is currently no Sunday evening class.

Midweek Bible Studies

Outreach Meeting On July 7

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Sunday, July 7, after the morning worship assembly. 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 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:	\$5,416	\$4,400
Designated:	\$0	\$64

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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A Perfect Father

Some people grow up with a Father who expects perfection - maybe even demands it! Perfect straight-A's in school, perfect attendance at church, perfect percentage at the free throw line, or any number of expectations. With this pressure of perfection, it's almost crushing to read Jesus say "*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48).

When we think of the word, "perfect", we think "without flaw, no errors". And that is true of God! However, I'd like to offer two thoughts to consider this Father's Day as we reflect on this statement of Jesus about our perfect Heavenly Father.

The first thought reflects on the purpose behind this statement. I don't think Jesus wanted to demand perfection from people, nor condemn the world for failing to be perfect like the Heavenly Father. Rather, Jesus is showing us our need for him and the cross. For us to ever have the perfection of God, we need God! To be perfect as our Heavenly Father is, we need Jesus.

The second thought focuses on the word itself. Culturally, we think of perfection as no flaws - but in the Greek language and culture, perfection is "being complete". Maybe that's just nuance, but someone who has the Spirit dwelling in them, seeks Jesus as their Lord, and looks to the Father, is complete! Father, Son, and Spirit are one and complete. For us to be complete like the Father, we too, need Father, Son, and Spirit. Jesus may not be demanding perfection, but calling for an embrace of God in completeness.

God our Father is perfect, complete, and certainly an example to look to as we live our lives. But if there's one lesson made clear through Jesus in the New Testament, it's that the Father is full of grace and forgiveness. Take the load off your shoulder this Father's Day. Don't worry about your perfection. Trust in the perfection of your Heavenly Father to make you complete.

- Caleb Dillinger, June 2024

His Grace Is Great Enough

His grace is great enough to meet the great things,
The crashing waves that overwhelm the soul,
The roaring winds that leave us stunned and breathless,
The sudden storms beyond our life's control.
His grace is great enough to meet the small things,
The little pin-prick troubles that annoy,
The insect worries, buzzing and persistent,
The squeaking wheels that grate upon our joy.

For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen.

Is God? Does God?
Man's Why? and How?
In ceaseless iteration storm the sky.
I am; I will; I do - the sure Word of God,
Yes and Amen, Christ answers each cry;
To all our anguished questionings and doubts
Eternal affirmation and reply.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

The Touch Of His Hand

There are days so dark that I seek in vain
For the face of my friend divine;
But though darkness hide, He is there to guide
By the touch of His hand on mine.

There are times, when tired of the toilsome road,
That for ways of the world I pine;
But He draws me back to the upward track
By the touch of His hand on mine.

When the way is dim, and I cannot see
Through the mist of His wise design,
How my glad heart yearns and my faith returns
By the touch of His hand on mine.

- Jessie Brown Pounds, 1861-1921

Ohio writer and editor Jessie Pounds began having her poems and essays published in local newspapers when she was 15. An editor suggested that her poems would work well as hymns, which eventually led to her writing the words to hundreds of hymns as well as several cantatas. She also wrote a number of novels, and later she was the editor of several Christian periodicals.

He Will Be Our Peace

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah . . . out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. - Micah 5:2

Years ago, out of the small town of Bethlehem came our Lord and Savior Jesus; his origins were from ancient times, for he was the Word, who was with God in the beginning. The Son of God has come; he is our Good Shepherd, and he makes his strength perfect in our weaknesses -

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. - Micah 5:4

The hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" came about unexpectedly as British writer and editor Edward Bickersteth (1825-1906) was travelling. As part of his trip, he planned to visit a relative who was seriously ill; it was a Sunday, and at morning worship he heard a talk on Isaiah 26:3 (*You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you*). The lesson made an impression on Bickersteth, so he jotted down some notes about it.

That afternoon, Edward visited his relative, who was also a believer in Jesus; yet his relative was not only badly ill, but was also considerably distressed and discouraged. Bickersteth read the Scripture from Isaiah, and they discussed it. This comforted and relieved his relative; and afterward Edward arranged his thoughts in the form of a poem, beginning "Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? The blood of Jesus whispers peace within."

As the reminder of Jesus' presence reassured Bickersteth's relative, the Lamb of God is always with us too, shepherding us and comforting us, giving peace to those who humbly trust in him -

And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be our peace. - Micah 5:4-5

Edward's poem was soon set to music, and it continues "Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging around? On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found." This world is indeed surging with sadness and fears, yet Jesus protects us from the Assyrians of its harshness and distractions -

He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders. - Micah 5:6

Edward Bickersteth's hymn concludes, "Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown? Jesus we know, and He is on the throne." This world is always full of uncertainty and confusion, yet God's words and his thoughts transcend human thinking and outward appearances -

The remnant of Jacob will be . . . like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for anyone or depend on man. - Micah 5:7

Day by day, our Heavenly Father renews our spirits with living water from heaven, and the message of Jesus gives us an enduring hope.

- Mark Garner, June 2024