

Family Information

Outreach Meeting Today

There is an Outreach Meeting today, shortly 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.

Fort Hill Church Camp

Registration is still open for camp week at Fort Hill, which will be from July 14-20. The cost is \$230. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans if you have any questions.

New Prayer Cards For July

There are new prayer cards available for this month, along with suggestions for how to use them, on the table in the foyer.

What's The Point Of Nahum?

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 Nahum?"

Men's Lunch Next Sunday, July 14

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be next Sunday, July 14, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at Fiesta Jalisco. See Jeff if you have any questions.

Willow Brook Worship Next Sunday, July 14

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) next Sunday, July 14 at 2 PM. Northland will also be organizing the worship time on August 25. See Caleb or one of the elders if you have any questions.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

This summer, 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 July 17, 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 1:00 PM

There is currently no Sunday evening class.

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

Midweek Bible Studies

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 (via Zoom) - 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 |
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| General: | \$5,415 | \$4,347 |
| Designated: | \$0 | \$56 |



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The Riches Of Our Inheritance In Jesus

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. - Ephesians 1:13-14

Through Jesus, God has given us his own Spirit to live within us, he has forgiven all of our sins, and he gives us many more spiritual blessings. As we humbly walk by faith in the Lamb of God, he helps us know our Heavenly Father even better -

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. - Ephesians 1:17

Toucans are known for their long, colorful beaks. Their beaks can give them a comical appearance, yet they serve many useful purposes in toucans' daily lives. Despite their size, their beaks are quite light; in most toucans, they are about one-third of their body length, yet constitute less than 3% of their weight. Yet God also ingeniously constructs their beaks to make them remarkably sturdy.

Their elongated beaks have a thin framework of bone, coated with keratin; and they have serrated edges. This enables toucans to reach and hold with minimal effort choice fruits that would otherwise have been difficult or impossible for them to get. Similarly, through Jesus, God gives us rich spiritual blessings that we could never obtain by human efforts or human abilities -

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. - Ephesians 1:18

Toucans' beaks also help them handle the heat in the forests of Central and South America where they live. Their beaks have a network of small blood vessels, so as blood flows through them, this releases excess body heat. Then, on the occasional cold nights, toucans simply sleep with their beaks tucked under their wings, retaining their body heat until morning. As the toucan's beak does so many things, in a far deeper way God shows us his incomparable compassion and power and wisdom in the message of Jesus, who was crucified and raised from the grave for us -

... and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead. - Ephesians 1:19-20

Toucans don't use their beaks for biting, yet their beaks are still effective for defense; for their bright colors and considerable size deter most predators. As God shows his care for these birds in so many ways, through Jesus our Heavenly Father does more things for us than we could count -

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. - Ephesians 1:22-23

The fullness of God dwelled in Jesus, he is always near us, and he brings us eternal life with him.

- Mark Garner, July 2024

Lord, Be Thy Love Round Us, Everywhere

O Lord, seek us, O Lord, find us,
In Thy patient care;
Be Thy Love before, behind us,
Round us, everywhere:
Lest the god of this world blind us,
Lest he speak us fair,
Lest he forge a chain to bind us,
Lest he bait a snare.
Turn not from us, call to mind us,
Find us, embrace us, bear;
Be Thy love before, behind us,
Round us, everywhere.

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Golden Trumpets

Blow, golden trumpets, sweet and clear,
Blow soft upon the perfumed air;
Bid the sad earth to join your song,
To Christ does victory belong.

O let the winds your message bear
To every heart of grief and care;
Sound through the world the joyful lay,
Our Christ has conquered death today.

On cloudy wings let glad words fly
Through the soft blue of echoing sky;
Ring out, O trumpets, sweet and clear,
Through death immortal life is here.

- Margaret Wade Deland, 1857-1945

Writer Margaret Deland wrote numerous books, including poetry collections, biographies, and studies in the Scriptures.

In Him All Things Hold Together ... Including My Life

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. — Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. — Hebrews 1:3a

When I look up at the cloudless night sky, I catch a glimpse of the moon and thousands upon thousands of stars; all of which are just a small sampling of the immensity of God and his power and control in the orderly universe he created. But when I return my gaze to my own life in this world, I see disorder, uncertainty, insecurity, hardship, and pain — despite my best efforts to control my surroundings, my actions and the outcomes of those actions. I live in a physical world that is broken; one in which the actions of others, the vagaries of nature, not to mention my own foibles and shortcomings, undermine my best attempts at control and self-direction.

How can I find certainty, and even joy and peace in this uncertain world? By remembering that He who is the creator and sustainer of this world and universe will sustain me in this life and in the next, if only I will step aside and allow him to. By building the house of my life according to his blueprint instead of my own, I can know that the storms of life will not shake its foundation (Matthew 7:24-27).

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves. — Psalm 127:1-2

Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me. ... I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. ... Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. — Psalms 54:4; 3:5; 55:22

- Steve Carver, July 2024