

Family Information

Men's Lunch Today

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

Willow Brook Worship Today

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time today at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road), beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders if you have any questions.

Fort Hill Church Camp Starts Today

Church camp week at Fort Hill starts today, and it will run through Saturday, July 20. See Josh Evans or Mike Evans if you have any questions. Whether or not you are going, please pray for everyone at camp this week.

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.

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
General:	\$3,304	\$4,308
Designated:	\$0	\$54

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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Love the Lord & Listen to His Voice

What I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you . . . It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it." - Deuteronomy 30:11-12

Our Heavenly Father has not made it difficult to know him; he surrounds us with his works so that we may see his splendor and understanding, and he has brought near his words -

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart. - Deuteronomy 30:14

Scientist and writer Mikhail Lomonosov (1711-1765) lived in the grim times of Russia in the early and mid-1700s, when the nation had a succession of oppressive and inept rulers. Lomonosov made many discoveries in science and contributions to literature, and today he is seen as a pioneer in both science and language. Mikhail's findings were in numerous fields, including geology, astronomy, physics, and chemistry; and in all of these he saw God's understanding and care.

As Lomonosov writes, "Raise your mind to their Creator and with extreme reverence give thanks to him . . . even the smallest creatures tell you about his omnipotence . . . and innumerable stars show his incomprehensible Majesty." Then, in a poem about the sun, he says, "Wonderful luminary, spreading its light over the earth, and revealing God's works: Grasp it, my spirit; wondering about such bright rays, imagine, how is the Creator Himself!" God is the giver of life, and he calls us to open our minds and hearts to him so that we may know him and follow him -

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him. - Deuteronomy 30:15-16

Besides his admiration for what God has created, Mikhail also saw God's deep compassion and mercy in the Scriptures and in the message of Jesus. He wrote, "The Creator gave humanity two books . . . The first book is the visible world created by Him so that when looking at its greatness, beauty, and harmony of its makeup, we can recognize God's omnipotence . . . The second book is the sacred Scripture. In it is shown the Creator's blessing." Indeed, our Creator not only gives us life, for he also gives eternal life to those who humbly listen to his voice and follow his Son -

Love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. - Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Mikhail Lomonosov also writes of God's unfailing grace and compassion, "What are the depths of His bounty to us, that he sent to earth his beloved Son! He did not despise descending to this small sphere to save the lost by His suffering." Truly the Lord is our life -

For the Lord is your life. - Deuteronomy 30:20

It is good to be near God, and it is good to praise and honor him.

- Mark Garner, July 2024

Jesus, To Thee I Lift My Eyes

When sins and fears prevailing rise,
And fainting hope almost expires;
Jesus, to thee I lift my eyes,
To thee I breathe my soul's desires.

Art thou not mine, my living Lord?
And can my hope, my comfort die,
Fixed on thy everlasting word,
That word which built the earth and sky?

If my immortal Savior lives,
Then my immortal life is sure;
His word a firm foundation gives,
Here, let me build, and rest secure.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

In The Shadow Of His Wings

In the times of bitter trouble,
When the heart is grieved with loss,
And over rough, hard ways we stumble,
'Neath the burden of our cross,
Then a thought comes, comfort bringing,
And the heart's disordered strings
Lose their discord in its music -
In the shadow of His wings.

Just to think, God is so near us,
That His hand our hand may find
If we reach out in the darkness,
Though our eyes with tears are blind.
Close beside us, O the comfort
That this thought of nearness brings,
Though His face for tears we see not,
In the sha-dow of His wings.

O the thought is sweeter, sweeter,
Than the song the skylark sings,
Soaring toward the gates of Heaven -
In the shadow of His wings!

- Eben Eugene Rexford, 1848-1916

Poet and hymnwriter Eben Rexford had his first poem published when he was a teenager. He supported himself by working as a town clerk, and later as a postmaster.

In Jesus All Things Hold Together

In Colossians 1, amongst other key truths about the significance of Jesus, the apostle also tells us that in Jesus all things hold together. This week, Renée Jackson writes about how Jesus holds together everything in this universe, as well as in our daily lives.

He Holds All Things Together

There are days when it appears like everything is crumbling. With pain or hardships, our lives feel like they are collapsing before us. With weary minds, tired bodies and worn-out spirits nothing seems to make sense. We feel anxious, fearful and overwhelmed by feeling like we need to hold things together; to hold ourselves together. But Paul offers us some wonderful news. There is already someone who is holding things together, and it's not us. It's Jesus: *"And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."* (Colossians 1:17).

In times like this, we might ask WHY. But in reality our hearts long for the WHO. What matters most when things seem to fall apart is that God stays with us. For Christians who have walked through valleys, they know the lowest low can be survived if God is near. There's nothing more comforting than to know that *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."* (Isaiah 43:2). God also comforts us with these words: *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10)

Christ is the key that unlocks the purpose of the universe and of what God has done, is doing, and will do. Since Christ sustains the whole universe, then he can sustain believers. *"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."* (Hebrews 1:3). Jesus cares for and oversees everything happening in his domain. He not only creates, He sustains. He completes what he begins. He is faithful to finish anything he starts. Even when life feels like it's falling apart, Jesus holds everything together.

For everything, above and below, visible and invisible - everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and he holds it all together right up to this moment. From beginning to end he's there. All the broken pieces of the universe - people and things, animals and atoms - get properly fixed and fit together in harmony all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

His power declares that nothing keeps him from accomplishing his plans. His wisdom signifies that he knows how to use his power to best order all things for our good and his glory. His goodness and love assure us that everything that comes from his hands is from his goodness. When life unravels, we can find comfort knowing that Jesus is holding all things together in his power, wisdom, goodness and love.

- Renée Jackson, July 2024