

Family Information

Prayer Cards For August

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 Habakkuk?

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 Habakkuk?"

Children's Class Assistant Needed

We currently need helpers to assist in the ages 4-8 children's Sunday School class that starts right after the Lord's Supper. We don't need a long-term commitment, and you can volunteer for one Sunday at a time. Sign up on the classroom door or contact Vicki Cowans.

Outreach Meeting On September 1

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Sunday, September 1, after the morning worship assembly. There is no meeting this month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Workshop On August 24

On Saturday, August 24th, Caleb and Jeff will lead a training workshop about how to get the most out of church, from 10:00-11:30 AM at the church building. See either of them for more details.

Willow Brook Worship On August 25

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

School Supplies Collection

We are now collecting basic school supplies for those in need. If you see a great deal, please pick up some and put in the Collection box in the Church Foyer. Any supplies or donations will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Cowans or Robbie McVicker.

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. We are also now collecting school supplies. Note that no winter items are needed until this Autumn. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer.

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

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday August 21, 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.

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.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

There is a combined children's class available from 9-9:50AM. Children's worship begins after the Lord's Supper with classes for ages 2-3, 4-8, and 9-10. See Mike Evans for further details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4,421	\$4,475
Designated:	\$0	\$49

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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He Is Our God, The One We Praise

What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart . . . - Deuteronomy 10:12

The Lord knows our thoughts and our hearts, he knows our strengths and our weaknesses, and he simply calls us to walk by faith in the grace and compassion of Jesus. God has shown us his care for us in so many ways, and his words guide us on paths that are good for our souls -

. . . and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? - Deuteronomy 10:13

Puffins have an unusual lifestyle, yet God shows them his mindfulness in many ways; and these birds' attentiveness for one another also reflects God's care for them. The Atlantic puffin (one of 4 puffin species) is known for its bright orange and yellow beak, its orange feet, and its stout body shape. Yet they are ideally equipped for their aquatic lifestyle. They spend most of their lives at sea, yet during nesting season they spend much of their time on land.

Atlantic puffins' wings and webbed feet make them excellent swimmers and divers. They look awkward flying, yet their strong wings enable them to fly over 50 miles per hour. They are also equipped with a gland that produces an oil that makes their wings waterproof. This helps them as they swim, as well as insulating them from the chill of the North Atlantic where they live.

These birds are relatively small (about 8 inches tall, total length about 1 foot), yet God shows them all this care. Similarly, the Lord lives in the highest heavens, yet he is near with us all, he sets his affection on those who seek him with their hearts, and he pours out spiritual blessings on us -

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it . . . the Lord set his affection on your ancestors . . . and he chose you. - Deuteronomy 10:14-15

Atlantic puffins mate for life, and they show their young (called chicks or "pufflings") considerable care. They work together to dig a burrow in a safe place, then pad it with grass to make it soft. They take turns incubating the egg; then, since pufflings need several weeks to be ready to leave the nest, their parents take turns bringing them plenty of food in their large beaks.

Our Heavenly Father has done wonders for these birds; he also gives us kindnesses every day, and he has done even greater wonders of grace and redemption for us through Jesus -

He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. - Deuteronomy 10:21

God is the one we praise, and he gives eternal life to those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner, August 2024

Yes, He Knows

Yes, He knows the way is dreary,
Knows the weakness of our frame,
Knows that hand and heart are weary,
He in all points felt the same.
He is near to help and bless;
Be not weary, onward press.

Look to Him, the Lord of Glory,
Tasting death to win thy life;
Gazing on that wondrous story,
Canst thou falter in the strife?
Is it not new life to know
That the Lord hath loved thee so?

Look to Him, and faith shall brighten,
Hope shall soar, and love shall burn,
Peace once more thy heart shall lighten;
Rise, He calleth thee, return.
Be not weary on thy way;
Jesus is thy strength and stay.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

Frances Havergal wrote this hymn to encourage one of her nieces who was going through some difficult times.

Eternal Depth Of Love Divine

Eternal depth of love divine,
In Je-sus, God with us, displayed;
How bright Thy beaming glories shine.
How wide Thy healing streams are spread.

O King of glory, Thy rich grace
Our feeble thought surpasses far;
Yea, even our crimes, though numberless,
Less numerous than Thy mercies are.

To Thy sure love, Thy tender care,
Our flesh, soul, spirit, we resign:
O fix Thy sacred presence there,
And seal the abode for ever Thine.

- Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760

German writer Nikolaus von Zinzendorf wrote the words to over 1,000 hymns. He also regularly supported missionaries and helped refugees.

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, Karen Susenna writes about the reassurance we can have from knowing that Jesus holds all things together, even the small ones.

Trust And Obey

Each week, I enjoy reading the article in this space. It is from a beloved brother or sister and I always get a new or richer perspective on a topic. As I read what my brothers and sisters wrote on the topic of Colossians 1:15-17, I was struck by the confidence and security I can have from knowing: Jesus was before all things; Jesus created all things; and Jesus holds all things together. These truths give me the confidence to do what Jesus asks me to do. Knowing "He has the whole world in His hands" allows me to "Trust and Obey".

All anxiety and fear can be cast out. I can trust His character and His love. From this platform of trust and confidence, I have the freedom to step out and do His will. *"Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

And, it can be the smallest step of obedience that makes the biggest impact. *"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."* (Zechariah 4:10). Trust and take that first step of obedience and see what the Lord does.

We have added confidence knowing we were *"created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). He has a plan and a purpose for those good works – those steps of obedience.

But what if I mess up? What if I take the wrong step or I didn't hear His voice clearly? God is there to forgive us – to cleanse our consciences. He gets us back into relationship with Him so that we are empowered to keep taking those small steps. *"How much more then will the blood of Christ . . . cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"* (Hebrews 9:14).

As always, Christ has done it all for us! He created us, He loves us, He casts out fear, He gives us confidence to act, He gives us grace and mercy when we fail. We can't go wrong.

Join me in singing the last verse:
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

- Karen Susenna, August 2024