

Family Information

Outreach Meeting Today

There is an Outreach Meeting today, after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

What's The Point Of Zephaniah?

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 Zephaniah?"

Autumn Picnic On September 14

The Autumn combined congregational picnic will be on Saturday, September 14, beginning at 4:30 PM at Blendon Woods Metro Park, at the Sycamore Picnic Area. Please bring a main dish for yourself, and a side dish to share. Drinks and utensils will be provided.

Needs For The Clothing Closet (Update)

The ministry of the Northland Family Clothing Closet ministry helps those in need, and it is continual need to be replenished. Please ask your friends and family to consider our Clothing Closet Ministry for their donations. We accept gently used clothing in good, clean condition all sizes (especially men's and children's), games, small toys, small household items. (No furniture or electronics, please). Please schedule a donation drop off or pick up time by calling or texting 614-918-7925. If you have questions, please call or text. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Class Assistants Needed

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

Willow Brook Worship On September 29

The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 PM. 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

Clothing Closet Schedule (New Time)

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday September 18, from 6:00-7:30 PM (note the new time). 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 meets 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 led by Karen Susenna. The current study (on 1 Peter) will conclude on September 24. A new study will start on October 1, based on "Strengthening Sisterly Bonds" by Alexis Cornett. See Karen if you would like to order a workbook.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

There is a combined children's class available from 9:00-9:50 AM. 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:	\$4,562	\$4,364
Designated:	\$0	\$43

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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The Heavens Were Opened

In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. - Ezekiel 1:1

As Ezekiel is being taken captive to Babylon, God opens the heavens for him, and he shows the prophet glimpses of his heavenly realms. The images Ezekiel sees are not literal descriptions; rather, they are mere shadows of spiritual reality, to give us just a sense of God's much greater splendor and understanding and glory -

Above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a vault, sparkling like crystal, and awesome . . . I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty. - Ezekiel 1:22, 1:24

In her remarkable life, Helen Keller (1880-1968) was unable to see or hear anything with her physical eyes and ears. Yet, as she learned to communicate, she also learned about God and the message of Jesus, giving her hope and peace that transcended her afflictions. Our Heavenly Father opened her spiritual eyes and ears, and as Keller writes, "God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower - the Light in my darkness, the Voice in my silence."

For God has given us his Spirit, who lives in us, and who helps us understand God's care for us. The message of Jesus is too profound for human minds to have thought of, yet it speaks to our souls. And our Heavenly Father patiently speaks his words to those who humbly follow Jesus -

Then there came a voice from above the vault . . . Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli. - Ezekiel 1:25-26

Helen uses imagery to describe the peace she had from walking by faith in Jesus: "It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky. Behind me and before me is God, and I have no fears." Similarly, the Scriptures often use imagery to reassure us that God's vastness and his compassion for us are far greater than we could know -

Brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. - Ezekiel 1:27-28

When Keller understood who Jesus really was, she said, "My eyes filled with tears, and my heart beat with love for the gentle Nazarene who restored sight to the blind and speech to the mute, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and turned sorrow into joy. Indeed, I felt that the Lord's arms were about the whole world." And this is just the outer fringes of the Lord's care for us -

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. - Ezekiel 1:28

In this life, we see just the appearance of the likeness of God's glory, and he promises us eternal life, when we shall see him forever in his full splendor.

- Mark Garner, September 2024

God's Promise

God is faithful to His promise,
He is mindful of His own;
On our journey to His kingdom
We shall never walk alone.

We shall have His kind protection
And His love as in the past;
Though our days be few or many,
He will guide us to the last.

He has said, and we believe it,
'Tis a promise made of old,
From the trusting and the loving
No good thing will He withhold.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.

- Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

English writer Eleanor Farjeon wrote in numerous areas, including poetry, plays, biography, and children's stories. In 1931, she wrote this as a hymn set to an old Gaelic melody, and since then it has been recorded by a wide variety of singers.

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, Don Milnor writes about the ways that Jesus can hold together families, churches, and other groups.

How Does Jesus Hold Us Together?

For many years, whenever I read that ". . . in Him (Jesus) all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17), I only thought of this as meaning Jesus, in some way, held the universe together, perhaps surrounding it with some kind of forcefield, cosmic super glue or something . . . Now, having read what some of my brothers and sisters have read on this topic, I think it may mean a lot more.

Jesus holds marriages and families together. They don't work well, if at all, unless we follow his instructions. In 1 Corinthians 13, we read about true agape love, needed for this. We also read instructions for marriages in 1 Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5, and Hebrews 13:4 ("*Marriage is to be held in honor among all . . .*"). In Ephesians 6:1-4, we see various instructions given to children and fathers. And throughout the Bible, there are instructions for all these.

From what I've read and heard, any society that has ever existed has had some kind of concept of one or more gods, and of marriage. Even though no society always gets everything right, without these things, no society will do well, if even survive. The closer a society comes to following God's principles, the better. Friendships, co-worker relationships, and any group of people (2 or more) needs God's intervention to be their best.

Jesus holds churches together. He does give us the opportunity to mess this up (and every other type of relationship) with our free will, as he says, to Christians, ". . . being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3). As with many aspects of serving him, we need to do what he commands us, and he said, ". . . apart from Me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5).

- Don Milnor, September 2024