

Announcements

Security Meeting Today

There is a security meeting today after worship in E41/42 as a follow-up for those who attended the July Security meeting. We will be discussing Medical, Building and Grounds, and Worship security. For questions, please see Jeff or Art.

Support For Ministry In Ghana

The Northland congregation is joining the Northland Ghana congregation in supporting the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. If you'd like to support this specifically, please write "missions" on line 4 of your contribution envelope, or on the memo line when giving online. If you'd like more information about the ministry in Ghana, see Franklin Agyei.

Scripture Reading On September 28

On Saturday, September 28 at 6:30 PM, everyone is welcome to come to the fellowship room as we read the book of Romans from beginning to end. See Caleb for more details.

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.

Fall Fest On October 20

This year's Fall Fest will be on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 5:30 PM. More details will be coming soon.

Collected Articles By Northland Members

Two new booklets of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. These are the third and fourth volumes in the series.

Clothing Closet Schedule

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.

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.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

The ministry of the Northland Family Clothing Closet ministry helps those in need, and it continually needs to be replenished. We accept gently used clothing in good, clean condition for 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.

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 9-12. See Vicki Cowans, Lynn Paden, or Emily Graham if you can help with any of these classes.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3,100	\$4,398
Designated:	\$40	\$71

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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One Shepherd Over Us

I will place over them one shepherd . . . he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God. - Ezekiel 34:23-24

Amidst this world's loudness and confusion, God has placed one Shepherd over us all, his Son Jesus, our Savior. The Lord alone is our God, he alone has overcome our worst spiritual foes, and he alone can make a new covenant that brings lasting peace and hope to those who humbly accept the message of Jesus -

I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of savage beasts so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety. - Ezekiel 34:25

British hymnwriter Edward Mote (1797-1874) grew up in difficult circumstances, and he recalls that he never heard anything about God until, as a teenager, he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker. When Mote went to church, he quickly became interested in learning about Jesus and his message, and some time afterwards he decided to follow Jesus.

Edward would write the words to about 100 hymns. In Mote's best-known hymn ("The Solid Rock"), he expresses the meaning and spiritual security that knowing Jesus brought him, beginning "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness" and later "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." Truly, God is our only sure foundation, and our Heavenly Father pours out spiritual blessings on those who put their hope in him -

I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. - Ezekiel 34:26

In Mote's hymn, he speaks of how our Shepherd guided him through this world's storms - "When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil." For Jesus has broken the yoke of this world's empty thinking, and he keeps our souls safe -

The people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke . . . They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. - Ezekiel 34:27-28

Edward became a successful cabinetmaker; and in his fifties, he was able to devote himself full-time to proclaiming and talking about the good news of Jesus. He writes, "His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay." Jesus is our good Shepherd, and we are the sheep of his pasture -

Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them . . . You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord. - Ezekiel 34:30-31

And our Heavenly Father rejoices in being with his flock.

- Mark Garner, September 2024

I Could Not Do Without Thee

I could not do without Thee,
O Savior of the lost,
Whose precious blood redeemed me
At such tremendous cost:
Thy righteousness, Thy pardon,
Thy sacrifice, must be
My only hope and comfort,
My glory and my plea.

I could not do without Thee,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own:
But Thou, beloved Savior,
Art all in all to me;
And weakness will be power,
If leaning hard on Thee.

- Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Jesus Is Risen

Jesus is risen, Lift up your glad voices,
Night's dreary shadows are vanished away;
Hark, at the tidings the wide earth rejoices.
Jesus is risen, is risen today!

Death's iron bondage His strong hands have broken;
Come, speaks the angel, behold where He lay.
Faithful the promise His own lips have spoken;
Jesus is risen, is risen today!

Fair by His open grave blossoms the garden;
Life follows death, bloom is born of decay,
Song after sorrow, and peace after pardon:
Jesus is risen, is risen today!

Light dawns in darkness, and comfort in sadness,
Death shall no longer our spirits dismay;
Tears turn to praises, and griefs change to gladness,
Jesus is risen, is risen today!

- Theodore Claudius Pease, 1853-1893

College literature teacher Theodore Pease was also known as a public speaker, as well as being active in ministry. After his passing, his heirs published a collection of his poems, essays, and other writings.

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, Donna Smith writes about the ways that Jesus helps us hold on to him and to his message.

Jesus Helps Us Hold On

In the late 90's a popular soul gospel song was responsible for the reemergence of a question that was once used quite often in fellowship by the seniors at the church where I grew up. If you have fellowshipped with me, you may have even heard me use it. It is the question: You yet holding on Sister/Brother? A few years ago, it once again became popular due to the passing of the songwriter the late Carlton Pearson. While I may have used the question, I do not think I ever really realized the seriousness of it until last Sunday's sermon and Bible class. In both the sermon and Bible class the importance and value of holding to and obeying Christ's teaching was addressed.

The churches at Sardis and Philadelphia in Revelation chapter 3 were both instructed to hold on to what they had heard and had received. What is it they had received? In Colossians 2:6-7 it states: *"So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* In John 15:16-17 and in Acts 1:4-5 Jesus speaks of a gift they would receive from the Father. They were promised to have this gift with them forever. Christ promised in John 15 to not leave them as orphans. He promised a Counselor to be with them, the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Christians they also received fullness in Christ. Colossians 2:10 states *"and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."* Not only are we instructed to hold on, but in 2 Timothy chapter 3 :15-17 we have the promise that through Christ and his word we have everything we need to be equipped to do so. One of the most precious and significant things received is the privilege of being a part of the body, the church of which he is the head. (Colossians 1:18)

As I recall the elderly of my childhood church asking one another each week were they still holding on, I am reminded of a scripture in Jude which states *"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."* (Jude 1:20-21) The hope and promise of eternal life with Christ helps us to persevere and continue to hold on. When circumstances all around sometimes make it tempting to let go of what we have received, remember: *"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."* (Colossians 1:17) Jesus can help us hold on to what we have committed until that day.

- Donna Smith, September 2024