

# Announcements

## Potluck Today

Today there is a potluck in the fellowship room, after the end of this morning's worship time.

## Willow Brook Worship Today

Northland is organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) today at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come. 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, followed by a Trunk or Treat at about 6:30. We are looking for volunteers to help with several things, including setting up, serving food, greeting, supervising activities, and cleaning up. See Robbie in the foyer to volunteer or to donate for supplies.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## Clothing Closet Schedule (New Date)

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday October 16, from 6:00-7:30 PM (note also 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. A new study starts this week, 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
<b>General:</b>	\$4,335	\$4,333
<b>Designated:</b>	\$235	\$74

**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

## 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.

# The Lord God Will Give Us Light

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life . . . - Revelation 22:1*

The Scriptures use the imagery of the water of life flowing from God's presence, both in our eternal home with him and also while we follow Jesus in this world -

*. . . as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. - Revelation 22:1-2*

Kangaroo rats are a family of about 20 rodent species that live in the deserts of the Southwest U.S. and of Northern Mexico. Most kangaroo rats are much smaller (and much cuter) than other rats, and biologists even consider them to be a completely different family. They get their name from their remarkable agility and jumping ability, and these are just a couple of the ways that our Creator enables them to live in a harsh environment.

God designs these small (most have bodies about 3-5 inches long) animals to survive where there is little water, for their systems extract all the water they need from eating seeds and plants. Since sources of these are limited, they have large pouches in their cheeks to gather large numbers of seeds they take back to their burrows, where they keep stockpiles. Likewise, God nourishes our spirits, both in eternity and also in every season in this life. His Spirit lives in us, and living water flows from within us; and his truths and his presence nourish our souls and renew our minds -

*On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. - Revelation 22:2*

To evade predators, kangaroo rats' hind legs and ankle muscles are designed to make them amazing hoppers and jumpers. They can hop nine feet ahead, and they can jump straight up over a foot high. If caught off-guard, their hind legs can startle an attacker with a sudden cloud of sand. Their tails are longer than the rest of the animal, giving them extra maneuverability, either in the air or on the ground. Similarly, God equips us in many ways, including his words, his protection, and one another's help, to face the spiritual dangers, temptations, and distractions we face in this world.

Kangaroo rats usually stay in their cool burrows during the daytime, and are active at night. Their eyes are ideal for night vision; they have large eyes, they can see ultraviolet light, and their retinas are designed to sharpen their vision, even in the dimmest light. Likewise, Jesus himself is our light and our guide in this world's gloom and fog, by day and by night -

*There will be no more night . . . the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. - Revelation 22:5*

And we will be with the Lamb of God and with our Heavenly Father for ever and ever.

- Mark Garner, September 2024



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### Longing After Unseen Things

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:18*

These transient scenes will soon decay,  
They fade upon the sight;  
And quickly will their brightest day  
Be lost in endless night.

O could our thoughts and wishes fly,  
Above these gloomy shades,  
To those bright worlds beyond the sky  
Which sorrow never invades.

There joys unseen by mortal eyes,  
Or reason's feeble ray,  
In ever-blooming prospect rise,  
Unconscious of decay.

Then shall on faith's sublimest wing  
Our ardent wishes rise  
To those bright scenes, where pleasures spring  
Immortal in the skies.

*- Anne Steele, 1717-1778*

### He's Real To Me

He's real to me, my Father God,  
I know Him through His precious Word;  
He's real to me, my shepherd king,  
I see Him now in everything.

It's real to me, my Savior's blood,  
By grace the truth I've understood,  
Its power over sin and fleshly lust  
Is now so real I fully trust.

His word is real, O soul rejoice,  
It is your blessed Savior's voice;  
It tells you of His constant love  
That intercedes for you above.

*- Essek William Kenyon, 1867-1948*

*Writer, poet, and teacher Essek Kenyon published about a dozen books, each of them about God and the message of Jesus. He also established a Bible Institute, which later merged with a college.*

### What Cannot Be Shaken

*This world and its circumstances and its appearances are temporary, and they can be shaken at any time. Yet Hebrews 12 reassures us that there are eternal things that cannot be shaken. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about the unshakable faith we can have when we trust in God.*

### Faith That Cannot Be Shaken

Another Presidential election is upon us, ugh. My attitude about the election is like that of the rabbi in the musical "Fiddler on the Roof". The rabbi is asked a question, "Rabbi, may I ask you a question? Is there a proper blessing for the czar?" asks Leibesh. The rabbi replies, "A blessing for the czar, of course, May God bless and keep the czar . . . far away from us."

This small Jewish community wanted to live and practice their religion in a peace. Me too. The upcoming Presidential election stirs up a lot of emotions as the constant stream of commercials and media attention stoke the political fire. We could very easily get drawn into the drama of the election season. To help extinguish these fierce fires of politics, we could share our unshakeable faith with others. This faith believes in the sovereign God who controls the rising and failing of our political leaders.

Daniel is my favorite Old Testament book. Daniel was plucked from his home in Jerusalem and taken to Babylon. He was trained in all the ways of the Babylonians and served 4 foreign kings during his lifetime. These kings had much different ideas about culture and religion. Daniel never succumbed to the pressure to conform to the kingdom of Babylon. He stood strong and was able to serve the kings in Babylon and remained faithful to the one true God. How was Daniel able to do this, you ask? In Daniel 2:20-23, Daniel says,

*Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.  
He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.  
I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:  
You have given me wisdom and power,  
you have made known to me what we asked of you,  
you have made known to us the dream of the king.*

God's sovereignty is woven through the Book of Daniel. He acknowledges that God is the source of all wisdom, power, knowledge, discernment, and basically everything. Daniel praises God because of who he is. He knows that rulers will come and go, rise and fall. His eyes and heart were firmly fixed on serving and worshipping God. Do not fret or be anxious, the same God who is on the throne on November 4 will still be the same God on November 6.

*- Peggy Kaiser, September 2024*