

Announcements

Special Contribution For Hurricane Relief

Today Northland is taking a special collection for relief for those who have been affected by the recent hurricanes. You can contribute either by writing the amount on the "Special" line of your contribution envelope, or by indicating the amount on the memo line when giving online. For more information, see one of the elders.

Fall Fest Next Sunday

This year's Fall Fest will be next 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.

New Booklets

Two new collections of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. These are the fifth and sixth volumes in the series. See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

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.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday October 16, from 6:00-7:30 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Willow Brook Worship On November 24

The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday, November 24 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

Sunday afternoon class will resume November 10.

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.

Sunday Afternoon Class Resumes On November 10

The Sunday afternoon Bible class will resume meeting on November 10, at 4:00 PM in room E44. Mike Paden will be using the Ray Vander Laan series; see Mike for more information.

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.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study led by Karen Susenna. The current study is based on "Strengthening Sisterly Bonds" by Alexis Cornett. See Karen if you would like to order a workbook.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study on Matthew, organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meets in the Fellowship Room.

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:	\$6,263	\$4,380
Designated:	\$50	\$97

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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Knock & The Door Will Be Opened

When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. - Luke 12:54-55

As the clouds and the wind can tell us what weather might be coming, Jesus calls us to look also beyond the surface, to ask deeper questions, and to ask him for the meaning and understanding that can only come from God -

You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? - Luke 12:56

British physicist Nevill F. Mott (1905-1996, best known for his pioneering research that led to the development of several electronic devices) was also intrigued by the human mind and human consciousness. After years of contemplation, he concluded, "Neither physical science nor psychology can ever 'explain' human consciousness. To me then, human consciousness lies outside science, and it is here that I seek the relationship between God and man."

Realizing the implications, Mott began looking for answers, and as he wrote, "I believe it is better and more interesting and fulfilling to build a personal faith . . . than to throw it all away and start again in the arid plains of atheism." And Jesus promises that if we ask him for the truth, he will explain it to us -

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. - Luke 11:9

As Nevill continued his search, in God he also found meaning and hope in addition to the answers he wanted. He writes, "I believe in God, who can respond to prayers, to whom we can give trust and without whom life on this earth would be without meaning". For lasting meaning and peace come from God alone, and the answers to our deepest needs are found in Jesus -

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds. - Luke 11:10

Mott made the decision to follow Jesus when he was 80, and for the rest of his life he wrote about Jesus, as well as publishing a collection of other scientists' thoughts about Jesus. Nevill said, "I believe that God has revealed Himself to us in many ways . . . and the clearest revelation is through Jesus". Truly, through Jesus, our Heavenly Father has shown us his compassion and his understanding and his holiness. The Lamb of God has opened the way to God's presence -

. . . and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. - Luke 11:10

Jesus has opened the door to everyone, everywhere who seeks him with a soft and humble heart.

- Mark Garner, October 2024

Be Thou My All

Be Thou my friend, my close com-pan-ion ever;
Earth's paths di-verge as com-rades on-ward wend;
Friends may de-part, but Thou, O leave me ne-ver!
Be Thou my friend, be Thou my friend.

Be Thou my strength, for I am full of weak-ness;
In Thee alone can I be strong at length;
Help me to lean on Thee in trust and meek-ness;
Be Thou my strength, be Thou my strength.

Be Thou my life: no oth-er one can feed me;
I, wea-ry, faint, so worn with pain and strife;
Where liv-ing waters flow, O gent-ly lead me;
Be Thou my life, be Thou my life.

- Emma C. Dowd, 1851-1938

Writer Emma Dowd wrote poetry for both adults and children, and she also wrote a series of novels for young adults.

Behold, The Dawn Is Breaking

Behold, the dawn is breaking,
In splendor is breaking,
When all the earth awaking
At Jesus' Name shall bow;
When He, who once our sorrow bore,
Shall reign supreme from shore to shore,
Triumphant now and evermore
Our coming King of Glory.

Behold, the dawn is spreading,
In beauty is spreading:
The beams of love are shedding
The light of joy divine.
From Zion's tower the watchmen cry,
Rejoice! rejoice! the time is nigh,
When we shall meet our Lord on high,
Our blessed King of Glory.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

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, Leon Norwood writes about God's kingdom and the new covenant Jesus brings.

A Kingdom & A Covenant That Cannot Be Shaken

In changing and uncertain times, it can be challenging to hold onto the real meaning and purpose of life. With change on a global scale about to unfold, due to the uncertainty of our own election outcomes, war and rumors of war, natural disasters and worldwide economic chaos you may be tempted to pull back and wonder about the faithfulness and promises of God. Change is inevitable and nothing remains the same.

As Christians, however, we have something that will never change or come to an end; we have the kingdom of God. Let us be thankful for this! Let us be thankful that whether we live or die, we have an inheritance in a kingdom to come (Hebrews 13:14). Let us be thankful that this kingdom was designed by God himself (Hebrews 11:10). Because of all of these truths, we can be thankful for a kingdom that cannot be shaken. The Apostle Paul writes in Hebrews 12:26-29, *At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."*

The kingdom of God will always be, and no ruler or natural disaster can destroy it. Think about this in relation to all the turmoil that is happening in the world with wars, economic problems, and natural disasters.

The response to this amazing truth is to be grateful and to worship our faithful, loving Father in heaven. Let us worship with reverence and awe because our God is a consuming fire. Our God is bigger than any skyscraper touching the tip of the sky. Our God is more powerful than the mightiest ruler. Our kingdom is ruled by the King of kings and Lord of lords. Our temporary home may be fading and shaking under us right now, but our soon-to-be permanent home is standing as firm as ever.

The old covenant's introduction came with an earthquake, and the earth itself is destined to one day be undone and remade (Revelation 21:1). Heaven, and the new covenant, on the other hand, are part of the eternal plan of God that will never be undone. Unlike the fallen world, and the temporary old covenant, heaven, and the new covenant, are those things which "cannot be shaken," and so they will remain, forever. Amen.

- Leon Norwood, October 2024