

Announcements

Joint Worship Today

Today Northland is having a combined, bilingual time of Bible study and worship with the Ghana congregation. There is a combined class in the auditorium at 10:00 AM, followed by a worship assembly at 11:00 AM. Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in English and Twi.

Sunday Afternoon Class Resumes Today

The Sunday afternoon Bible class is resuming today, at 4:00 PM in room E44. Mike Paden will be using the Ray Vander Laan series. See Mike for more information.

Prayers & Sympathy

Donna McMasters (Gary's wife) passed away on November 1. The McMasters family has been an important part of the Northland church family for many years. Please pray for Gary and for the rest of the family.

Worship At Willow Brook In Two Weeks

Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook on Sunday, November 24 at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

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 November 13 (recent date change), from 6:00-7:30 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Pam or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Support For Ministry In Ghana

The Northland congregation is joining the Northland Ghana congregation in supporting the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. You can support this with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. For more information, see Franklin Agyei.

Current Mid-Week Studies

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.

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

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

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:	\$4,699	\$4,663
Designated:	\$815	\$89

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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As The Waters Cover The Sea

The Lord replied: Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets. - Habakkuk 2:2

The Lord has written down many of his truths and thoughts, so that we may learn them and ponder them; and God has made plain the lasting meaning and peace we can have when we open our hearts to Jesus and his message. Through Jesus, he has promised salvation and eternal life and other spiritual blessings; and his promises are trustworthy and true -

Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. - Habakkuk 2:3

Pufferfish swim very slowly, and most of them are small (most are 1-6 inches long, though some species can grow to 2 feet or more). God gives these vulnerable creatures a single, yet very effective, defense. When threatened, they can quickly swallow enough water to grow to several times their size. Moreover, their bodies are covered with small spines that stand up when the fish are inflated, making them very difficult to attack.

When puffers are properly nourished, they can make full use of this ability, giving them good protection. Likewise, our Heavenly Father reminds us to be spiritually nourished through his word and prayer, and by trusting in him instead of in this world's thinking and human strength, so he can protect us from spiritual snares and dangers -

The righteous person will live by his faithfulness. - Habakkuk 2:4

Pufferfish bodies have some unusual characteristics, to maximize their flexibility. They have no rib cage and have no pelvic bones (and no pelvic fins), and their muscles are uniquely designed. Similarly, God transforms us as we follow his Son. He calls us to look beyond this world's appearances and its temporary circumstances, so that we may see the knowledge of the glory of the Lord that fills the earth, as the waters cover the seas -

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. - Habakkuk 2:14

When a puffer is inflated, it has to remain still, trusting in its defenses instead of trying to swim away. Likewise, when we face this life's sorrows and fears and disappointments, God gently reminds us to take some time to be silent before him and focus on him, so that he may renew our minds and spirits, and may reassure us that he is always near -

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. - Habakkuk 2:20

Jesus came from heaven to redeem us, he has given us his Spirit to live within us, and our Heavenly Father pours out his care and grace on those who walk by faith in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner, November 2024

I Walk With Love

I walk with Love along the way,
And oh, it is a holy day.
No more I suffer cruel fear -
I feel God's presence with me here;
The joy that none can take away
Is mine: I walk with Love today!

Who walks with Love along the way,
Shall talk with Love and Love obey.
God's healing truth is free to all;
Our Father answers every call:
'Tis He dispels the clouds of gray
That all may walk with Love today.

Come, walk with Love along the way.
Let childlike trust be yours today;
Uplift your thought, with courage go -
Give of your heart's rich overflow:
And peace shall crown your joy-filled day.
Come, walk with Love along the way!

- Minnie Maud Hanff Ayers, 1879-1942

Writer Minnie Maud, often known as "Sunny Minnie", wrote poetry as well as the words to hymns. She and her daughter also opened a publishing firm that specialized in children's stories.

Grant Us Such Grace

Grant us such grace that we may work Thy Will
And speak Thy words and walk before Thy Face,
Profound and calm, like waters deep and still:
Grant us such grace.

Not hastening and not loitering in our pace
For gloomiest valley or for sultriest hill,
Content and fearless on our downward race.

As rivers seek a sea they cannot fill
But are themselves filled full in it embrace,
Absorbed, at rest, each river and each rill:
Grant us such grace.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

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, Frank Cowans writes about how we can experience God's unshakable things, even in this easily shaken world.

Experiencing The Unshakable

*"For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD, who has mercy on you".
- Isaiah 54:10 NKJV*

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
- Hebrews 12:28 NKJV*

Can anything be unshaken? The people of North Carolina or Tennessee may have thought so until hurricane Helene changed life for so many. Things that man built were wiped out in just a few hours. Living on the mountain, building strong structures or lives were no match for the "shaking" that occurred.

Even the Temple of Solomon, where God "dwelt", was not unshakable. Jeremiah 52:17 says, *"The bronze pillars that were in the house of the Lord, and the carts and the bronze Sea that were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces ..."* The second Temple was also not unshakable, being destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. Even our own lives can be shaken with death, job loss, loss of possessions, or broken relationships.

Despite "a whole lotta shaking going on!", as Christians we get to experience the Unshakable!

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. Psalm 125:1-2

As the world around you is shaken take hope in knowing that the One who does the shaking will surround you. After all, faith, hope and love will remain, as you will when you are shaken from this place to an unshakable place to dwell with the Lord forever!

- Frank Cowans, November 2024