

Announcements

Willow Brook Worship Today

Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) today at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

Scripture Reading This Saturday

This Saturday, March 21, everyone is welcome to join us as we read the books of 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy from beginning to end. It will start at 11:00 AM, and it will meet in the Sunshine Room. You will also have the chance to read part of the letters if you'd like to. See Caleb for more details.

Volume 20 By Northland Members

Copies of a new collection of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. This is the 20th volume in the series, and its theme is "Like A Mustard Seed". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ (along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, as well as a prison ministry). They're currently building a larger place for the congregation to meet, as their current site is now too small. Please also pray for one of their members who has sickle cell anemia, as well as for a mission group to go there this summer. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Twi Bible Study	12:00 PM
Twi Worship	1:00 PM

April Events

* More details on these will be coming soon *

April 11 (Saturday) - Combined singing with the Ghanaian congregation

April 19 (Sunday) - Potluck after the worship assembly

April 25 (Saturday) - Story, crafts, and songs time

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

We currently have three children's classes (ages 2-3, ages 4-8, and ages 9-10) that begin right after the Lord's Supper. During the 9:00 morning Bible classes, there is a combined class for ages 2-10. **Please see Vicki Cowans or Lynn Paden if you can help with these classes.** There are regular teachers for these classes, so we just need volunteers to help with the class activities and lessons.

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group, organized by Peggy Kaiser.

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell. The class topic is now "Grace & Gratitude".

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meeting in the Fellowship Room. Currently the class is studying John.

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41-42. See Mike or Leisha for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$2,682	\$4,429
Designated:	\$55	\$612

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Franklin Agyei, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep,

John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez



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He Cares For Us In The Wilderness

They will be like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. - Hosea 13:3

As God addresses some believers whose faith is wavering, he reminds them that without him, their lives will soon become meaningless and without lasting hope. Then God reassures them, and us, that he has always been our God, our only source of salvation and enduring peace:

*But I have been the Lord your God ever since you came out of Egypt.
You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me. - Hosea 13:4*

Marine iguanas are large lizards (up to 4 1/2 feet long) found only in the Galápagos Islands. In this remote, meager environment, God designs them uniquely for their surroundings. So that they won't need to scrounge for vegetation on the rocky soil, they are designed to feed on the green and red algae that are plentiful in the ocean. Though the climate is usually warm, cold ocean currents provide for the abundant growth of algae and other aquatic life.

Marine iguanas are the only ocean-going lizards in the world, which led our Creator to give them some other unusual abilities. Similarly, there is no spiritual nourishment in this world's empty thinking and its false hopes. So amidst this spiritual wilderness and the burning heat of its futile ways, God cares for us and he nourishes our souls from sources worldly minds do not know about:

I cared for you in the wilderness, in the land of burning heat. - Hosea 13:5

Marine iguanas are designed differently than other lizards. To handle the salt they accumulate during their time in the ocean, they have a special gland that collects salt, which is then expelled through their nostrils. Their long, flattened tails are designed specifically for swimming. As these lizards thus eat and are satisfied, God satisfies our deepest needs when we humbly follow Jesus:

When I fed them, they were satisfied. - Hosea 13:6

The biggest danger to marine iguanas comes from the "El Niño" event that from time-to-time warms the waters around the Galápagos islands. This change makes it impossible for green and red algae to thrive, making their food source scarce. To adapt to this, these remarkable reptiles not only can significantly slow down their metabolism, but they can actually shrink their entire bodies up to 20% of their normal size. As part of this, their systems can re-absorb bone material.

Similarly, this world distorts the message of Jesus, and truth is quite scarce. So our Heavenly Father transforms our minds and nourishes our spirits when we trust in him instead of trusting in this world's loud voices and empty promises:

I will deliver this people . . . I will redeem them from death. - Hosea 13:14

Truly, Jesus has redeemed us from our sins, and he gives eternal life to those who hold fast to him.

- Mark Garner, March 2026

Let All My Anxious Cares Be Gone

In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6

Let all my anxious cares be gone.
Why should they now disturb my breast?
My soul confides in God alone,
And in his glorious promises rest.

O for a heart that loves to pray,
That loves to converse with the Lord;
Fain would I call my fears away,
And live by faith upon his word.

On God I'll cast my every care,
To him my every want make known:
When troubles come, in humble prayer,
I'll spread them all before his throne.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784 (from her poetry collection "Songs In The Night")

All I Need

Though dark and dreary be life's way,
And burdens hard to bear;
There's One whose love will never fail -
My heart shall never despair.
My hope is stayed in Him today;
And He will safely lead,
To that sweet home beyond the sea -
Christ's love is all I need.

Though trials press on every side,
And many snares there be,
I look in simple faith to Him,
Who calmed the stormy sea.
He is the Shepherd kind and true,
His sheep He'll ever feed;
This cheers me on and makes me strong -
Christ's love is all I need.

- George William Sides, 1880-1956

Hymnwriter and music teacher George Sides grew up working in a coal mine before teaching music and writing hymns. He also started a farm, and later he served as a local justice of the peace.

A Spring Of Living Water

In John 4, Jesus talks about the living water that can satisfy our souls' thirst for God. This and other Scriptures tell us about the spring of living water that Jesus promises us. This week, Karen Susenna writes about the certainty of God's promises and of his spiritual nourishment of us.

Trust Me

I've learned so much from my mom ever since she passed into eternity. She had a quiet, internal faith. She lived with a non-believing husband (my dad) for 60 years. The only time I ever heard her quote scripture to my dad was very poignant. He was proclaiming at the dinner table that this earthly life was the only real life that existed and that there was no life after death. She quietly said: "In my father's house are many rooms and he has prepared a room in heaven for everyone who loves Him." I was shocked. That was the only time I heard her speak to my father about spiritual matters.

Years later, after her death, as I was cleaning out her Bible, I found a small piece of paper, tattered and worn, and here is what it said:

Trust Me. Do you believe that I am the Son of God? And do you believe that I died for all men and women and that I rose from the dead? Then why do you continue to be too distracted and anxious about your loved ones? Do they not also belong to Me? Could it be that I could somehow refuse to work in their lives while performing wonders in your own? I have not put you in charge of savings them. Nor have I charged you with changing them. Yours is the task of forgiving, loving, interceding and letting go in my Name. Come closer to me for the grace to do it and I will do the rest. Trust Me.

I was shocked and in awe. Growing up I knew she prayed for him every Sunday at Church, but I never saw or understood the depth of her quiet faith, until that moment.

She knew that she could not control the Lord but only join Him in praying for dad's salvation. She did this by drawing closer to the Lord in her own quiet way. What a lesson I've learned from my mom, on this the 100th anniversary of her birth – to seek the Lord and to trust Him in all things. *"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." (John 14:2-4)*

My mother did indeed know the way to the place of God. We can learn so much from those that have travelled the Christian life before us.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- Karen Susenna, March 2026