

Announcements

Events Coming Up

More details on each of these will be coming soon
April 19 (Sunday) - Potluck after the worship assembly

April 19 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

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

May 3 (Sunday) - Prayer time after the worship assembly

May 10 (Sunday) - Combined morning class on faith

Crafts & Story Time On April 25

There will be a children's Crafts and Story Time on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 11:00 AM, at the Karl Road Library. It will be for children ages 3-10; it is free for everyone, and no sign up is necessary. (Note: We already have enough volunteers.)

Mission Trip To Ghana

The Ghanaian congregation is organizing a mission trip to Ghana, scheduled to take place in June. If you are interested in joining the group, please tell Franklin or one of the other elders. The congregation will be able to help with the expenses. See Franklin for further information.

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). Their member who has sickle cell anemia has been improving; please continue praying for him. The congregation is also currently building a larger place to meet. See the announcement above about the planned mission trip there this June. 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

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

What's The Point Of 2 Timothy?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available on the table in the foyer, as well as on the racks. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of 2 Timothy?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources."

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:	\$3,978	\$4,351
Designated:	\$55	\$503



4581 Cleveland Ave.
 Columbus, Ohio 43231
 (614) 410-5860

Website
 ncocfamily.com

April 5, 2026
 Volume 35, Number 13

Jesus And The Resurrection

The word "resurrection" appears 40 times in the Bible, all of which are in the New Testament. The word was never used for people until Jesus was resurrected. The term "raised" was the vocabulary used in the Old Testament, and even several times by Jesus as he talked about his future resurrection. So, while the concept of being raised from the dead was not a new concept with Jesus, the term "resurrection" has a distinct, Jesus connection. After the resurrection, Luke (in Acts), Paul, Peter, John, and the Hebrew writer all use the term.

The Greek word itself has a tie to the name Anastasia (*ana* meaning up, *stasia* meaning raised), and there was a time when Paul preached in Athens, Greece, and the crowd said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection." (Acts 17:18) The crowd was hearing "Jesus and Anastasia." Yet, Paul, and we as Christians today, have such a better message than introducing a goddess named Anastasia. We have the message that not only was Jesus raised up (resurrected), but that we too, as his followers, will be raised up (resurrected).

Jesus brought about the vocabulary of resurrection, but it extends through Jesus to his followers. Now, because of Jesus, Paul, and we, can say, "there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust." (Acts 24:15) Resurrection applies to all people, as does the forthcoming judgment. But those who are resurrected (raised) in a new life with Jesus (Romans 6:4) have hope for eternal life and permanent, continual forgiveness of sins.

This is why Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is so important to Christians. It is our spiritual tie to the resurrection of Jesus and our promised resurrection with him. Because Jesus was raised, we, too, will be raised. It is all because of Jesus. So today, celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the way he changed the world with that word, and how he changed not just the world, but your individual life. Praise God for the resurrection.

- Caleb Dillinger, April 2026

God Raised Us Up With Christ

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world . . . gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. - Ephesians 2:1-3

We once were spiritually dead due to our sins, and we couldn't have redeemed ourselves with our words or actions. Yet Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and he was raised from the tomb. Because of God's great compassion for us, and in his abundant grace, he gave us new life:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. - Ephesians 2:4-5

Jellyfish, also known as sea jellies, undergo metamorphosis twice as part of their life cycles. At first, they are born as free-swimming larvae (called planulae), though they soon attach themselves to a rock or similar surface, where they are transformed into immovable polyps. Then, after a time of immobility, a jellyfish begins to metamorphosize into its familiar adult, free-floating form (called a medusa). Similarly, God calls us to let Jesus transform our minds and hearts.

When we were born, God gave us the freedom to decide whether to put our faith in him and to humbly follow Jesus, or to follow this world's thinking and trust in our own reasoning and abilities. We soon chose to follow our own desires, and we went astray. When we did, like a jellyfish polyp we found ourselves tied down by our sins, and we couldn't have freed ourselves by our own strength and efforts. Yet when we put our faith in Jesus and his message, he transformed us; he freed us and he raised us up from the grave of spiritual death:

God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. - Ephesians 2:6

Sea jellies usually have short life spans, yet one small species in the genus *Turritopsis* has been nicknamed the "immortal jellyfish" for its unique ability to reverse its life cycle. When these tiny creatures (less than 1/5 of an inch) begin to suffer from aging, weakness, or similar problems, they simply metamorphosize back into a polyp. They then restart the growth process, and they can do this repeatedly. They only die from certain causes like predators or diseases.

Similarly, in the incomparable riches of God's grace, he constantly renews, cleanses, and sanctifies us when we trust in his words and hold fast to Jesus:

. . . in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith . . . not by works, so that no one can boast. - Ephesians 2:7-9

Our Heavenly Father has raised us up with Jesus, and he gives us eternal life.

- Mark Garner, April 2026

Thy Mercy Brought Divine Relief

O Lord, my God, oppressed with grief,
To thee I breathed my cry.
Thy mercy brought divine relief,
And wiped my tearful eye.

Come, O ye saints, your voices raise
To God in grateful songs;
And let the memory of his grace
Inspire your hearts and tongues.

Hear, O my God, in mercy hear,
Attend my plaintive cry;
Be thou, my gracious helper, near,
And bid my sorrows fly.

Again I hear thy voice divine
New joys exulting bound,
My robes of mourning I resign,
And gladness girds me round.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 30.

The Resurrection & The Life

Christ has conquered death forever,
Hallelujah, sing His praise.
Nothing from His love shall sever,
Hallelujah, sing his praise.

Jesus lives, over death victorious;
Shout His praises evermore;
We shall see His face all glorious,
Shout His praises evermore.

Hallelujah, sing His praises,
Life, eternal life, He gives;
We shall reign with Him forever,
We shall live because He lives.

- Julia Harriette Johnston, 1849–1919

Writer and hymnist Julia Johnston published several books and wrote the words for over 300 hymns, as well as teaching and coordinating children's Bible classes for over 40 years.