

Announcements

Area-Wide Worship Evening This Saturday
This **Saturday**, May 16, Northland will be hosting an area-wide worship evening. It will be from 6:30-8:30 PM, and afterwards there will be light refreshments and cookies.

More Events In May & June

* **New Events Added - More Details Coming Soon ***

May 17 (Sunday) - Lord's Supper training, after the worship assembly

May 31 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

June 20 (Saturday) - Northland family Jubilee with the Ghanaian congregation

June 27 (Saturday) - Work day

June 28 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship

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). Please continue praying for the member who has sickle cell anemia, the construction for a larger place to meet, and the planned mission trip there this June (see also the next announcement). You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

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.

Sunday Service Times

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

Summer Church Camps

Registration has now opened for both summer church camps. Nick Strawser's week at NWO-CYC will be from June 7-13, and the cost is \$250. Camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 12-18, and the cost is \$260. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans or Meagan Stover if you have any questions.

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.**

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. The current topic is "Grace & Gratitude". See Karen Susenna for more information.

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:	\$9,684	\$4,809
Designated:	\$1,655	\$568



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Motherhood - A Calling & A Blessing

Today is Mother's Day. Every May we take a moment to pause and thank our moms for giving us life, and we joyfully celebrate mothers. In addition to recognizing our moms, we should also recognize the spiritual moms, sisters that offer encouragement, mentoring and godly counsel to other people's children. We are daughters of the King!

This may also be a bittersweet day for some who have experienced the loss of mom, the loss of a child or even the absence of a child so deeply desired and longed for. Yet, we thank God for the gift of motherhood, the gift of mothers and the gift of children. Scripture offers plenty of guidance about the role and traits of mothers, and the importance of a strong family bond. Biblical insight can help strengthen and guide the parent/child relationship through everyday joys and struggles.

My mother was my example of a godly woman as a wife, mother of seven, grandmother of six and more importantly a child of God. I try every day to be like her in so many ways. She transitioned at the young age of 64 after battling cancer for a short time. I find myself doing so many things just like she did, and pray I set an example of Christ in me to my children and granddaughter.

Every challenge in motherhood can become an opportunity to experience God's grace more deeply. As we walk through our journey, mothers are encouraged to lean on God's promises, trust in His divine plan, and find joy in our sacred roles. Remember, no matter the season, God's love and encouragement are always present, guiding and strengthening us every step of the way.

Mothers who hope in Christ have a Helper within us, the Holy Spirit, who empowers self-sacrificial love and care for our children. *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of him who has called us to his own glory and excellence."* (2 Peter 1:3) Motherhood forces us to work muscles we never used before, to function at unimaginable levels of tiredness. The challenges of mothering are real, but they pale in comparison to the faith-building victories that come with taking God at His word.

Throughout scripture there are verses that highlight a mother's compassion, courage and role in shaping faith at home. The following passages can offer comfort, inspiration and a deeper understanding of how God sees and values motherhood: *"She is clothed with strength and dignity, . . . She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."* (Proverbs 31:25-26). *"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted."* (Isaiah 66:13)

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12) *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded now lives in you also."* (2 Timothy 1:5) *"You created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* (Psalm 139:13-14) Happy Mother's Day!

- Renée Jackson, May 2026

Praise Ye The Lord

Praise ye the Lord, let praise employ
In His own courts, your songs of joy;
The spacious firmament around
Shall echo back the joyful sound.

Recount His works in strains divine,
His wondrous works, how bright they shine.
Praise Him for all His mighty deeds,
Whose greatness all your praise exceeds.

Let all whom life and breath inspire
Attend and join the blissful choir;
But chiefly ye who know His Word,
Adore and love and praise the Lord.

- Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Saved Through Grace Divine

My soul is saved through grace divine,
I am the Lord's and He is mine;
For Him all things I now resign,
For Jesus saves me now.

He doth on me His grace bestow,
And sets my heart with love aglow,
And in my inmost soul I know,
That Jesus saves me now.

With contrite heart I sought His face,
And I am fully saved by grace;
For me He hath prepared a place,
For Jesus saves me now.

- Melville Winans Miller, 1856-1933

Writer Melville Miller worked professionally as a civil engineer, later holding public office as a county surveyor and then as the director of the local water works. Later he was the editor of a local newspaper, and he published several collections of poems and short stories, many of them about Jesus and his message.

Correction From Last Week

The poem "God Will Take Care Of You" in last week's bulletin was written by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879). The author was erroneously given as Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915), who wrote a different poem with the same title.

The Work Of God, The Maker Of All Things.

*Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where it falls, there it will lie. - Ecclesiastes 11:3*

Human nature often finds it hard to accept that we understand so little, and that we have so little control over things in this world. Even in our daily lives many things happen, both good and bad, that we could neither have caused nor prevented. Human nature looks at temporary circumstances and appearances, yet this often leads us astray:

*Whoever watches the wind will not plant;
whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. - Ecclesiastes 11:4*

In the animal world, there are unexpected examples of caring parents that remind us of God's boundless understanding and unfailing care. The family of poison dart frogs gets its intimidating name from the high level of toxins in their bodies (they are even dangerous to touch), yet the parents of most of these species are good caregivers for their young. In one species, the strawberry poison dart frog, the mothers are exceptional in the lengths they go to provide for their young.

Unlike most frogs, strawberry poison dart frog mothers lay only 4-6 eggs. Both parents guard the nest until the eggs hatch. Then, the mother frog takes each tadpole, one at a time, on her back. They climb, sometimes 40 feet or more, to find a place where leaves hold a reservoir of water (they prefer plants in the bromeliad family). The mother provides each tadpole with its own secluded place to grow, then visits each tadpole regularly every day, for several months, and feeds them.

These tiny amphibians (less than one inch long) devote all this care to their tadpoles. God gives us what we need each day, and how much even more caringly he provides for our deepest needs through Jesus. God is the Maker of all things, and we can only understand so little about his ways:

*As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. - Ecclesiastes 11:5*

Sloths are known for their lethargic pace, yet sloth mothers are particularly caring and devoted to their young. They hold their baby sloths for 6-12 months, constantly feeding and teaching them. Each sloth has its own area, and when a young sloth is ready, its mother gives her former territory to the young one. Similarly, God is always near, and he continually nourishes our spirits. Human nature wants to theorize and follow its own desires, while God patiently calls us to let him and his words guide us, and to walk by faith in Jesus' light:

*Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle,
for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.
Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun. - Ecclesiastes 11:6-7*

Jesus is the light of the world, and it pleases our souls to follow him.

- Mark Garner, May 2026