

## Announcements

### Lord's Supper Training Today

This morning there will a training session on giving the thoughts for the weekly Lord's Supper time. It will be shortly after the worship assembly concludes. See one of the elders or Caleb for more information.

### More Upcoming Events \* New Event Added \*

May 30 (Saturday) - Book presentation (See next announcement for details)  
 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

### Book Presentation On May 30

On Saturday, May 30 from 3:00-4:00 PM, Caleb will be presenting some thoughts from a book he recently read as part of his graduate studies, "Participating In God's Life" by C. Leonard Allen. The book combines church history with ideas on understanding the Holy Spirit. The session will meet in the Bible Study classroom (E44).

### 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 ongoing 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
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

### 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
<b>General:</b>	\$4,446	\$4,790
<b>Designated:</b>	\$55	\$541



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## The Lord Is There

*You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.*

*You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. - Psalm 139:1-2*

The Lord is always near; he knows our inmost thoughts, both good and bad, and he knows everything we have done in our lives. The Lord always knows where we are and where we are going, and our Heavenly Father is always ready to hear us when we call on him with our hearts:

*Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. - Psalm 139:4*

Film director Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980) was known for making brief "cameo appearances" in each of his movies. In one of his earliest movies, there is a scene with some of the main characters riding in a train, while to one side Alfred tries to endure patiently the mischievous antics of a restless child. As Hitchcock always found a way to appear, God is always present, whether or not we realize it, and he also understands the difficulties we face. Wherever we go, God will be there:

*If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. - Psalm 139:8*

Some of Alfred's movies made it difficult for him to make his appearance. One of his films takes place entirely in a small lifeboat. When one of the characters picks up a newspaper that had been left in the lifeboat, as he reads it, the camera focuses on the other side of the paper - which has an amusing advertisement with a picture of Hitchcock as a "satisfied customer". How much more, then, can God always find ways to remind us that he is near, to comfort us, and to help us.

In a couple of Hitchcock's appearances, he is seen lugging around a large musical instrument, getting him into comical predicaments. Similarly, even when we don't notice God's presence, he is always with us as we face a wide assortment of circumstances every day. Then too, it is always the Lord who sustains us each moment, and who guides us when we put our trust in him:

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me. - Psalm 139:9-10*

Alfred Hitchcock's brief appearances made many movie-goers watch his films more carefully, hoping to spot him for the few seconds he was on the screen. Likewise, when we look for God's presence, we can always find him, whether in nature, in his guidance, in an encouraging word, or in numerous other ways. For even the darkness is as light to our Heavenly Father:

*Even the darkness will not be dark to you . . . for darkness is as light to you. - Psalm 139:12*

There is no one like God, who crosses the heavens to be with those who humbly seek him.

- Mark Garner, May 2026

### **I See Jesus**

I don't look back: God knows the fruitless efforts,  
The wasted hours the sinning, the regrets;  
I leave them all with Him Who blots the record,  
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets

I don't look forward, God sees all the future,  
The road that, short or long, will lead me home,  
And He will face with me its every trial,  
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

I don't look round me: then would fears assail me,  
So wild the tumult of earth's restless seas;  
So dark the world, so filled with woe and evil,  
So vain the hope of comfort or of ease.

But I look up - into the face of Jesus,  
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled.  
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,  
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

### **The Lord Will Provide**

No strength of our own,  
Neither goodness we claim,  
But trust the dear Savior,  
Who for us was slain;  
For in Him God's promise  
Was once verified.  
And now He's our Savior;  
The Lord did provide.

Though often temptations  
Arise in our path  
And fill us with fears,  
We can triumph by faith;  
When tempted, though weak,  
And our faith sorely tried,  
There's one thing to cheer us,  
The Lord will provide.

- Philip H. Woolsey, 1843-1904

*Hymnwriter Philip Woolsey practiced medicine for many years, though he supported his family by working for a lumber company. He also often spoke at his local congregation, in addition to writing both the words and music to his hymns.*

### ***Let There Be Light***

*In the beginning, God brought first of all light into this world. And now Jesus has become the light of the world. This week, Paula Robbins writes about the spiritual benefits of walking faithfully in the light of Jesus.*

### **Asleep In The Light**

Light is impossible to ignore. We're told that Jesus is a light to all people (John 1:4-5). People had a variety of reactions to Him, but the light of His presence did not go ignored. As followers of Jesus, we're assured that we are walking in God's light (1 John 1:5-7). We are manifestations of God's kingdom in this world.

Unlike Jesus, we can sometimes forget our identity (1 John 3:1). The cares of life and wealth distract us from our mission (Mark 4:19). When we are prosperous, we can become complacent, self-satisfied, and judgmental (Amos 4:1-3; James 2:2-4). We can become discouraged and weary in serving God (Galatians 6:9). Our lights dim.

Keith Green's song Asleep in the Light has a sobering observation:

"The world is sleeping in the dark, but the church just can't fight, because it's asleep in the light."

To whatever extent we take our eyes off Jesus and all to which He calls us, the light of His presence in our lives will dim. The influence of His love in our lives and our ability to show His love to others will wane.

How do I know this? I've experienced it! That makes me appreciate the final lines of Green's song:

"Come away from this mess. Come away with me, my love."

God's response to our confusion, distraction, pride, and weariness is to tenderly call us back to Himself, back to the light. He wants us to both walk in Him and bring others to Him as Jesus did.

How brightly is your light shining?

- Paula Robbins, May 2026