

Announcements

Book Presentation This Saturday

This 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).

More Upcoming Events * New Event Added *

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
July 5 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

Previous Volumes By Northland Members

On the table in the foyer, there are copies of some previous collections of bulletin articles written by Northland's members. See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the other previous booklets.

Ministry In Ghana * With Updates *

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ (along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School) appreciate your continuing prayers and support. The member with sickle cell anemia has improved significantly, and the construction of a larger place to meet has made considerable progress. (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 Starting Soon

Summer church camps will be starting soon, and registration is open for both. Nick Strawser's week at NWOCYC 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.

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.

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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5,375	\$4,819
Designated:	\$165	\$522



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The Lord Is God; There Is No Other

I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering . . . Observe them carefully. - Deuteronomy 4:5-6

As Moses taught God's words to the Israelites, Jesus and the apostles have proclaimed a New Covenant. We are called not to forget the grace God gives us, the truths he taught us, or the humility and purity he calls for in our lives:

Be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart. - Deuteronomy 4:9

The Saharan silver ant is a useful scavenger in the Sahara Desert. These tiny insects (about 2 millimeters long) are vulnerable to many predators, so they leave shelter to eat during the peak of the blazing sun's deadly effects, when other animals can't emerge. They are ingeniously designed to survive temperatures of over 120 degrees.

In one second, these long-legged insects can run over 100 times their body length, minimizing their time in the sun. They also have specialized bristles to deflect sunlight, and their bodies are full of heat-shock proteins ("HSPs") for additional protection. Similarly, our Heavenly Father has brought us out of the furnace of this world's empty teachings and its false hopes, and he protects us from the heat of this world's whims and temptations:

As for you, the Lord took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are. - Deuteronomy 4:20

Chickadees are known for their ability to go through very cold winters. Chickadees eat as much as possible during sunlight, then at dark they lower their body temperatures 15 degrees. To prevent their bodies from freezing, they systematically twitch their muscle groups to generate just enough heat. Likewise, God equips us spiritually to endure the chill of this world's harshness and chaos. Chickadees also mate for life, as God also calls us to remember his covenant and to live faithfully:

Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God. - Deuteronomy 4:23

Chickadees' familiar call "chick-a-dee-dee" is used as an alarm, and the more urgent the danger is, the more "dees" it has at the end. When the danger has passed, they give a simple "chick-a-dee" call as an all-clear signal. They often flock with a variety of other small birds, and these birds learn to rely on chickadees' calls. Similarly, God asks us to help one another avoid the snares of this world's fine-sounding yet deceptive teachings. There is truly only one God; there is no other:

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. - Deuteronomy 4:39

The Lord is, always has been, and always will be the only true, living God.

- Mark Garner, May 2026

Come Unto Me, You Weary

Come unto Me, you weary,
Sorrowing ones oppressed;
I am your tender Shepherd,
Waiting to give you rest.

Come unto Me, you weary,
List to that voice again,
Over the barren mountain,
Over the lonely plain.

Come unto Me, you weary,
Why will you longer roam:
Come to the arms of mercy,
Come to a Father's home.

Come, come, come unto Me,
Weary and sore distressed;
Come, come, come unto Me,
Come unto Me and rest.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

O Shepherd Beautiful

O Shepherd beautiful, I pray Thee, feed me,
Forever in Thy beautiful land;
Where the living waters are I pray Thee lead me,
By Thine own hand.

O Shepherd beautiful, be near to guide me,
Fill all my soul with love and praise to Thee;
Let not my supplication be denied me,
Grant me to see.

The shining of Thy footsteps in the river,
To hear Thy voice far up the mountain side;
"Put thou thy trust in Me, I will deliver,
For thee I died."

- Mary G. O'Sheridan, 1859-1932

Poet, author, and songwriter Mary O'Sheridan wrote several collections of poems and stories for both adults and children. She also wrote two collections of Gaelic folk takes in memory of the stories her grandfather had read to her when she was a child.

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, Don Milnor writes about the many blessings that physical light brings, and the even greater spiritual blessings that God's light gives us.

Spiritual Light

In the beginning of the book of John, it talks about the beginning of the universe:

In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. - John 1:1-5

Physical light is very important to us; we either need it, or sometimes need people to guide us. It's a good analogy to spiritual light, which is talked about here. Lots of people who met Jesus saw him physically, and heard his teachings, but didn't get him. Often it was not that they didn't see evidence that he was someone very, very special, but rather they refused to accept it. We'll look at one example: the man born blind in John chapter 9.

One reason Jesus did miracles was to show that he was from God, or specific things like his having the authority to forgive sins. (See Mark 2:8-12.) Jesus did things normal people simply couldn't do. But that doesn't mean that everyone who sees evidence that he is who he says he is, will admit it and act upon it. We see this in John 9. I'll just read parts of it here.

In verses 1-7, Jesus heals the blind man. In verses 8-12, neighbors argued about whether he was the same guy or not. Apparently figuring he was, in verses 13-34, he's brought to the Pharisees, who try every trick in the book to discredit Jesus (even "he did it on the Sabbath" when they couldn't disprove the healing). God clearly showed his power through Jesus... and they didn't care. We can see in the last three verses: *And Jesus said, "For judgement I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."* -John 9:39-41

Physical light is a big deal. Spiritual light is a much bigger deal. Our willingness to be open to God's light can make a difference for all eternity.

-Don Milnor, May 2026