

Announcements

Worship At Willow Brook Today

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

More Upcoming Events

* New Events Added *

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

August 1 (Saturday) - Book presentation

August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

NWOCYC Church Camp Starts Next Week

Church camp at NWOCYC with Nick Strawser is starting next week, and registration is still open for it. It will run from June 7-13, and the cost is \$250. Also, 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 about either camp week.

Ministry In Ghana

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. Please also continue praying for next month's mission trip. 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

Volume 22 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 22nd volume in the series, and its theme is "The Lord Looks At The Heart". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

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:	\$3,350	\$4,749
Designated:	\$805	\$536



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The Lord Speaks To Us Out Of The Storm

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. - Job 38:1

Amidst the storms of this world's loud voices and empty teachings, the Lord patiently unfolds his trustworthy promises to us. This world's futile thinking obscures God's words, and this world's authorities speak without understanding, yet our Heavenly Father speaks his timeless truths to us:

He said: Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? - Job 38:1-2

Parrots are known for their beautiful feathers, their amusing antics, and their ability to repeat human words. Yet they are also highly intelligent and remarkably resourceful. In birds, a Y-shaped organ called the syrinx, instead of a larynx, produces sounds like the songs that many birds are known for. The parrot's syrinx is designed so it can readily reproduce the sounds they hear. They use this skill to blend in when in unfamiliar territory, or to find other parrots.

In recent decades, biologists have found that parrots can understand the meaning of some of the words and other sounds they mimic. Grey parrots are considered to be the most intelligent species of parrots, and experiments have demonstrated their ability to count up to six, to solve simple problems, and to recognize similarities between objects by shapes and colors.

As these entertaining birds have hidden abilities that biologists are just starting to understand, the fullness of God's wisdom and understanding are even much deeper than we could ever fully grasp:

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. - Job 38:4

Parrots' strong beaks and their specialized, flexible feet enable them to perform numerous practical tasks as well as complicated acrobatic feats. They are also good at using basic tools. Cockatoos are particularly good at using wedge-shaped twigs, sharpened sticks, and flattened twigs, enabling them to eat a wider variety of foods. As God gives parrots these surprising abilities, how vastly many more ways God feeds us spiritually, protects us, guides us, and teaches us.

Parrots also have long memories of events, individual birds, and humans. Parrots can remember names, and they often remember both a person's words and voice (in this way, parrots have helped humans with a variety of problems). As significant as parrots' abilities are, they all come from our Creator, who gives life to every living thing. Likewise, everything we have and everything we can do all comes from our Heavenly Father:

Does the rain have a father? Who fathers the drops of dew? From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens? - Job 38:28-29

Through Jesus, God calms our spirits in the storms both within us and around us, in more ways than we could even imagine.

- Mark Garner, May 2026

No Man, Nor Angel, Can Compare

No man, nor angel, can compare
With our almighty Lord:
To speak like Him what seraph dare,
Or imitate His word?

Jesus for me fulfilled the law,
And justice satisfied;
My guilt and misery He saw,
And for my ransom died.

Love such as His can never be found,
His grace is rich indeed;
Such words as His there's none can sound,
Nor do as Jesus did.

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

How Pleasing Is Thy Voice

How pleasing is Thy voice,
O Lord, our heavenly King.
That bids the frosts retire,
And wakes the lovely spring.
The rains return, the ice distills,
And plains and hills forget to mourn.

The morn with glory crowned,
Thy hand arrays in smiles;
Thou bid'st the eve decline,
Rejoicing over the hills.
Soft suns ascend; the mild wind blows;
And beauty glows to earth's far end.

With life He clothes the spring;
The earth with summer warms;
He spreads the autumnal feast,
And rides in wintry storms.
His gifts divine through all appear,
And round the year His glories shine.

- Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817

Writer and college teacher Timothy Dwight contracted smallpox when he was young, and it permanently affected his eyesight (for the rest of his life, he could only read about 15 minutes at a time). Besides numerous writings, he also help found two colleges, as well as serving as an Army chaplain during the American Revolution.

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, Karen Susenna writes about the ways Jesus illuminates the way for us as we trust in him.

We Are All On A Road Going Somewhere

We are all on a road going somewhere. Is the Lord with us? Does he care? Does he hear our cries for help? Does he answer?

The men on the Road to Emmaus were in the same situation (Luke 24: 13-35) -- saddened, disillusioned, uncertain -- wondering where to go next and who would lead them there. As the men were in everyday conversation, verse 15 says, "Jesus came near". That is our God! He comes near to us and approaches us. Jesus then asks them questions.

Since God knows all things, why is he asking? He is engaging these men in conversation. They then share their heart about all things that have happened in Jerusalem and the fear, uncertainly and confusion they are feeling. Jesus then opens the scriptures to them, explaining how his resurrection (that day) was the culmination of God's mission to be intimate with his creation. As they approach their destination, verse 28 says "Jesus walked ahead as if he was going on". Hmmm, why would that be? Is he waiting for us to call to him, for us to ask him to stay, for us to ask him to come near? The men urge him to stay with them, and they recognize it to be Jesus as he blesses, breaks and shares the bread.

It's a reenactment of the love sacrifice he has just made for them on the cross. This expression of sacrificial love opens their eyes. And, then he disappears! Might this signify that his work is done and now it is for the Holy Spirit to work in the believer's life?

What a great picture of how the Lord works in our lives. He draws near, he asks questions, he draws us into conversation, he gives us his wisdom, and he wants to know that we want him.

Ask him to come near. He wants you with all his heart.

- Karen Susenna, May 2026