

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.

Men's Lunch Next Sunday

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be next Sunday, August 16, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at Fiesta Jalisco (2700 Northland Plaza Drive, just off of Route 161). See Jeff if you have any questions.

Events Coming Soon * New Event Added *
August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook - see also announcement above
August 16 (Sunday) - Men's lunch - see also announcement above
August 29 (Saturday) - Area-wide worship at Reynoldsburg, 6:30
September 12 (Saturday) - Outdoor worship at the Dillingers' home
September 13 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship

Auditorium Renovations

The elders are currently considering making some renovations to the auditorium in the church building. These include features that would benefit both the English-language worship and the Ghanaian congregation. More details will be coming soon. See Jeff or one of the other elders if you have any questions.

Benevolence Fund

The benevolence fund has been used recently to bless several people. For those who designate funds in the contribution, we encourage focusing on this specific area for the month of August. See one of the elders for more 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

Ministry In Ghana (& The Village Of Hope)

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information. See Franklin also if you'd like to contribute to the Village Of Hope orphanage, or if you would like more information about it.

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 room E41-42. Over the summer, the class will be studying a variety of topics.
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:	\$7,370	\$4,863
Designated:	\$970	\$452

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



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As The Lord Promised

The Lord said to Joshua son of Nun . . . Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. – Joshua 1:1-2

Just as God called the Israelites to go on a journey to an unknown land, he has also promised us a home in an unseen, eternal place. And our Heavenly Father's promises are trustworthy:

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. – Joshua 1:3

The bar-tailed godwit is one of several birds that travel very long distances during their seasonal migrations. Although a few birds travel longer total distances, the bar-tailed godwit holds the record for the single longest non-stop flight. They spend half of the year in the Arctic, and the other half of the year in New Zealand and other southern areas. As part of their migratory pattern, bar-tailed godwits can fly over open seas without resting or stopping (they can't swim or float) for over 6,000 miles, without eating, and without landmarks.

These impressive trips take over a week of continuous flying. These medium-sized birds (about 15 inches long with a wingspan of about 30 inches) undertake them so that they can live in mudflats in good weather, where they can get plenty of food with their unusual, upturned bills, as well as in comfortable places for hatching and raising their young. Similarly, sometimes God leads us on paths that may seem difficult, so that he may give us a bounty of spiritual nourishment or the fruit of the Spirit. And God promises us that he will be with us each step:

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. – Joshua 1:5

When bar-tailed godwits prepare for these long journeys, they spend a few weeks eating especially large amounts of food. This not only gives them plenty of stored energy, it also builds up the pectoral muscles that drive their wings. Likewise, the Lord reminds us not just to read his words, but also to meditate on them, so that they may nourish our souls as he guides us on the path ahead:

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. – Joshua 1:8

Since bar-tailed godwits travel across open water, God gave them the ability to navigate by using the stars, the sun, and the earth's magnetic field. Similarly, God promises that he will always be with us, wherever he leads us; and he will guide us in ways that earthly eyes cannot see:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

- Mark Garner, August 2026

Often, God, I've Heard Of Thee

Often, Great God, I've heard of Thee,
As righteous, just, and wise:
But now Thy holiness I see,
And sink in deep surprise.

My soul with reverence adore,
How awesome is the sight.
Let me presume to speak no more
Of excellence so bright.

Ten thousand tongues in vain pretend
To tell what Thou hath wrought;
God and his glorious works transcend
The utmost reach of thought.

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

Hear My Cry, Lord

Hear my cry and supplication;
Lord, I pour out my complaint.
Heed my tale of tribulation;
lead the way when I am faint.

Lord, I am oppressed and lowly;
I depend upon your care.
Save me now, O God most holy,
hear me in my deep despair.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
oh, there are ten thousand charms.

- Clarence Peter Walhout, 1934-present

Writer and college teacher Clarence Walhout taught English at a Christian college for many years. He is also known for his books and articles about Christianity and literature, and he also edited a journal on the subject for several years. He also wrote the words to a number of hymns, including this one.

Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear

Jesus often says, "Whoever has ears, let them hear", in the hope that we will listen carefully to what God says, instead of this world's loudness and chatter. This week, Donna Smith writes about the reasons Jesus makes this appeal, and its significance to us.

Let Them Hear

I sometimes like to watch historical movies. In these movies the king often sent messages to the people. These messages informed the people of any new orders, events, taxes etc. established by the king. A royal messenger would shout "hear ye, hear ye" to get the people's attention and make them stop and listen to whatever message the king had sent. Sometimes a few people were so distracted they had to be forced by the king's men to stop and listen to the messenger.

In Mark 4:9, Jesus uses a similar phrase, *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."* He had just taught the parable of the Sower. His purpose in using the phrase was the same as the royal messenger's hear ye, to indicate that they should listen attentively. In this parable, He had given several examples of how the conditions in which seeds are planted will affect whether they grow or produce a crop. He later, in Mark 4:13-19, explained to the Twelve, that the seed in His parable represented various people along the path where the word is sown. Satan, lack of a strong root system, trouble, persecution, the deceitfulness of wealth, the desire for other things, may come in and choke the word and make it unfruitful in a person's life. However, some were like seed sown on good soil. A bountiful crop was produced.

Revelation 2:7 states *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.* This was written to the church at Ephesus, and is another example of what's in store for those who hear and overcome. Rather than force us to listen like the king, Jesus offers us promises of eternal life. He also warns us to hear and not harden our hearts and to encourage each other to do likewise. (Hebrews 2:12-15)

We don't have town criers or royal messengers like those in my movies. However, we do have the Bible, (Luke 11:28) brothers and sisters in the church, (1Thessalonians 5:11) and the Holy Spirit. (Revelation 2:11) Psalm 85:8 states *I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants- but let them not turn to folly.*

- Donna Smith, August 2026