

Announcements

Men's Lunch Today

There is a Northland brothers' lunch today, 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

- 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

Volume 23 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 23rd volume in the series, and its theme is "A Spring Of Living Water". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

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:	\$5,674	\$4,888
Designated:	\$65	\$440

- 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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The Lord Is The Maker Of Us All

Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all. - Proverbs 22:2

The rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, have this in common: the Lord made each of us, and he alone determines our eternal fate. The famous and the obscure, the popular and the outcast, have this in common: the Lord does not look at outward appearances and does not consider human opinions; instead he looks at our hearts, souls, and minds. True knowledge comes from God alone:

The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge. - Proverbs 22:12

The springbok is a species of antelope found in the dry, hot grasslands in the southern regions of Africa. Springboks face extreme heat, lengthy droughts, and numerous predators, so God has designed them to live in this hazardous environment. To warn one another of danger, springboks have a bright, fan-shaped crest of hair on their backs that is usually concealed; when one senses fear, the animal will reveal the crest to warn the others.

Similarly, God has written his words on the hearts of those who faithfully follow Jesus, so we can remind one another to take refuge from this world's many spiritual dangers:

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. - Proverbs 22:3

Springboks are known for their habit of "pronking". Springboks (average height 3 feet) can jump 10 feet high, hanging their legs beneath them as they prepare to land. This helps them jump over obstacles, surprise and confuse predators, and to get a good view of their surroundings. Depending on circumstances, they can instead jump 25 feet forward, and they can also run 55 miles per hour.

Likewise, when we reverently and humbly walk in the light of Jesus, God helps us in numerous ways to spot and avoid the snares of this world's empty promises and the pitfalls of its misguided teachings:

Humility is the fear of the Lord . . . In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. - Proverbs 22:4-5

Our Maker also designed these agile and intriguing animals to survive the heat and the lack of water. Springboks can identify and eat plants with high water content, so that they can go years at a time without a single drink of water. Similarly, in this world living water is scarce, and we are surrounded by voices that reject or distort God's teachings. Yet the Lord teaches us his timeless truths, and through his Spirit he nourishes our souls with the living water of Jesus:

Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise. . . for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart . . . So that your trust may be in the Lord. - Proverbs 22:17-19

- Mark Garner, August 2026

Increase Our Faith, Beloved Lord

Increase our faith, beloved Lord.
For Thou alone can give
The faith that takes Thee at Thy word,
The faith by which we live.

Increase our faith, O Lord, we pray,
That we may not depart
From Thy commands, but all obey
With free and faithful heart.

Increase our faith, O Savior dear,
By Thy rich sovereign grace,
Till, changing faith for vision clear,
We see Thee face to face.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

There Is Shelter At The Cross

Are you worn with griefs and fears,
Have you wasted many years?
There is shelter at the cross for you.
Have you wandered far astray,
In the darkness lost your way?
There is shelter at the cross for you.

Though by deeds of sin defiled,
You are still the Savior's child,
There is shelter at the cross for you.
Though by doubt and fear oppressed,
In its shadow there is rest -
There is shelter at the cross for you.

There is shelter at the cross for you;
By a world of sin denied,
Jesus suffered there and died;
There is shelter at the cross for you.

Katherine A. Grimes, 1877-1967

Writer and teacher Katherine Grimes began writing when she was young, and soon worked as an editor for an agriculture magazine. She later taught music, and she once accompanied an expedition for the Smithsonian Institute. Later in life, she started a consulting business that helped inexperienced writers.

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, Don Milnor writes about how we can seek, and then accept, what God's words teach us.

Seeking And Accepting Good Input – Pleasant Or Not

We all need input. There’s just too much out there for any of us to know it all. Even Solomon, the wisest man ever other than Jesus, knew enough to know that he didn’t know everything, and he had various people advising him. When his son Rehoboam took over Israel, he had a big issue come up right away, and consulted with the elders who had served Solomon for advice (1 Kings 12:1-17; you may want to read this passage). To me it seems likely that Solomon himself got advice from these people. To sum up this passage: The Israelites want Rehoboam to ease their workload. The elders advise him to do as they have asked. He appears not to like that advice, gets other advice from another set of people who are much less qualified to do so, but appear to tell him what he wants to hear: that he will actually make things tougher on them. They don’t like that, and the country is split in half.

There are several things we can learn from this account. It’s good to get good advice, from qualified people. There are also people who will give advice we want to hear, but that’s bad...and we shouldn’t get that kind. (I think the Internet can be a good source of not-so-great advice we want to hear if we’re not careful.). Some other passages of Scripture relating to this:

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory. - Proverbs 11:14 (One of my personal favorites.)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. -Proverbs 27:6. A real friend tells us what we need to hear, even if we hate it . . . even if we don’t like that person at the moment. (If so, hopefully we’ll look back later and appreciate what was said . . . and will deal with it.)

After Jesus told his disciples about how he was going to be killed and raised up on the third day, and Peter rebuked him and said it wasn’t going to happen, Jesus’ response was, “Get behind Me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23). That sounds pretty harsh, doesn’t it? Jesus was perfect, so apparently Peter needed this. We need rebuking and correcting at times. We do well to accept it when appropriate...and act on it.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. -2 Timothy 4:3-4. Wow! Have you ever found yourself seeking out someone who will tell you what you want to hear, and/or avoiding someone who won’t? I suspect we all have at some point.

And how about this one? *Whoever hates correction is stupid. - Proverbs 12:1* *God opposes the proud (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5).* Let us all have the humility to seek and listen to the truth, and act on it.

-Don Milnor, August 2026