

## Announcements

### Daylight Savings Time Begins This Weekend

Daylight savings time begins this weekend. The time change took place at 2:00 AM today, Sunday March 8, when clocks were to be set ahead one hour.

### Potluck Today

Today there us a potluck right after the worship assembly ends. Everyone is welcome to come!

### Women's Bible Study & Brunch This Saturday

The final women's "Walking In Awe Of God" session will be this Saturday, March 14. This is an opportunity for women to meet in the Fellowship Room (E41-42) from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, for a Bible Study, brunch, and walking together.

### Willow Brook Worship Next Sunday

Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) next Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

### Scripture Reading On March 21

On Saturday March 21, everyone is welcome to join us as we read the books of 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy from beginning to end. It will be at 11:00 AM, and it will meet in the Sunshine Room. You will also have the chance to read part of the letters if you'd like to. See Caleb for more details.

### Upcoming Events In April

\* More details on these will be coming soon \*

**April 11 (Saturday)** - Combined singing with the Ghanaian congregation

**April 19 (Sunday)** - Potluck after the worship assembly

**April 25 (Saturday)** - Story, crafts, and songs time

### 2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2025 can now be picked up in the church office for those who used envelopes or gave online. If you would like your statement mailed to you, see Ashley Dillinger or email the church office at office@ncocfamily.org.

### 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

### Support For The Ministry In Ghana

\* Update \*

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). They're currently building a larger place for the congregation to meet, as their current site is now too small. Please also pray for one of their members who has sickle cell anemia, as well as for a mission group to go there this summer. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

### 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.

### 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, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell. The class topic is now "Grace & Gratitude".

**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>	\$8,520	\$4,623
<b>Designated:</b>	\$55	\$674



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## Walking In The Truth

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love. - 2 John 1:3*

Our Heavenly Father pours out his grace and care on those who believe his words and hold fast to his Son, and he gives us enduring hope and peace. God rejoices when he sees his sons and daughters walking in the truth and in the promises of Jesus:

*It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. - 2 John 1:4*

Today, giant tortoises are found mainly in the Galápagos Islands and in the Aldabra Atoll. Their size (up to 4 feet long and 700 pounds) and their slow pace make it difficult for them to live near human societies. Yet God equips them well to live in their remote, sparse environments. Similarly, this world's uncertainty and loudness can make it difficult to walk humbly by the truth. Yet God enables us to live by faith in Jesus, instead of pursuing this world's false hopes and empty promises:

*This is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. - 2 John 1:6-7*

In spite of their size, giant tortoises do not need to eat very often. Their digestive system extracts all of the available nutrients from the plants they eat, and they store energy for the future. Giant tortoises sometimes go at least a year without eating anything. They can also store large amounts of water, as well as getting extra water from their food, so sometimes they can go without drinking water for as long as a year. Their deliberate walking pace parallels the patient, calm way they live.

Similarly, God calls us to keep in step with his Spirit, instead of racing ahead by following human ambitions and human teachings. Our Heavenly Father continually renews us with the living water of Jesus, and he calls us to remain in Jesus, who alone can give us salvation and redemption:

*Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. - 2 John 1:9*

God also shows his care to giant tortoises by giving them ingeniously constructed tough, lightweight shells for protection. Giant tortoises also have very long memories, so they can recall much earlier food sources and events. Similarly, God always remembers each of us, and he rejoices in being with each of us, as the apostle does:

*I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete. - 2 John 1:12*

God's compassion and his words and his promises will endure forever.

- Mark Garner, March 2026

## The Promises Of God

God's promises are like the birds of heaven  
That fill the hours with music all day long,  
Too oft unheard and oftener unheeded  
Amid earth's voices of despair and wrong;  
Each one a thought of God, a joy, a comfort,  
If we but pause to listen to its song.

God's promises are like the winds of heaven  
And each in turn His trumpet message brings . . .  
Reviving forces that can sooth and strengthen,  
Life in the touch and healing in their wings.

God's promises, forever fixed in heaven,  
Though earth and heaven pass, shall still abide;  
Yea and amen they are in Christ the Saviour  
And all our needs in them are satisfied.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

## That Man Of Calvary

That Man of Calvary  
Has won my heart from me,  
And died to set me free,  
Blessed Man of Calvary.

Granting the sinner life and peace,  
Granting the captive sweet release,  
Shedding His blood to make us free,  
Merciful Man of Calvary.

- Manie P. Ferguson, 1850-1932

*Poet and hymnwriter Manie Ferguson was also known for her mission work. Besides publishing several books, she also helped start several mission sites in the western U.S.*

## A Spring Of Living Water

*In John 4, Jesus talks about the living water that can satisfy our souls' thirst for God. This and other Scriptures tell us about the spring of living water that Jesus promises us. This week, Caleb Dillinger writes about the ways that this fulfills some of God's good promises.*

## The Word Became Flesh, A Living Spring

As we think about Jesus as the living water that he portrays to the woman at the well in John 4, I think it is helpful to remember the author who tells the story is John, who wrote that Jesus is the Word who became flesh. Consider the Word, Deuteronomy 8:7-10.

*For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.*

God brought his people to a promised land with springs, and it prompted them to bless the Lord. Jesus is a living spring, better than a promised land. He is a promised person, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among humanity. We, the church, would not be here without Jesus, the spring, the word, the life. God brought us to Jesus, and we now can be spiritually so much better than we ever could have on our own.

The Jewish people looked for a place to find a spring of life. We, the church, look to the risen Lord Jesus as our spring of life. Jesus will later say *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."* (John 6:35) Look again at Deuteronomy 8:10 - *you shall eat and be full.* We drink of Jesus and we never thirst; we eat of Jesus and we are full. Jesus is all we need to be sustained, to have life. Surely, we can bless the Lord our God for the good Lord Jesus he has given us.

- Caleb Dillinger, March 2026