

Announcements

Afternoon Class Time Change

The Sunday Afternoon Bible class has a new starting time, and it will now be meeting at 5:00 PM. The current study will run through April 13.

Prayers & Funeral Arrangements

Barb Hopkins passed away on Wednesday, March 19. Barb's husband Bill was a minister, and later an elder, at Northland in the 1980s and early 1990s. Please pray for Bill and the rest of Barb's family. Calling hours will be 12:00-2:00 PM, with the funeral at 2:00 PM, both this Saturday, April 5. Both will also be held at the Northland church building.

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Today, instead of the regular morning classes, there will be a combined session led by Caleb and Jeff in Room E44. Classes will resume meeting normally next Sunday, April 6.

Outreach Meeting Next Sunday

There will be an Outreach Meeting next Sunday, April 6, shortly after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Combined Worship On April 13

On Sunday, April, there will be a combined, bilingual time of worship with the Ghana congregation. There will a combined class in the auditorium at 10:00 AM, followed by a worship assembly at 11:00 AM. Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in English and Twi.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday April 9, from 6:00-7:30 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Ghana Bible Study	12:00 PM
Ghana Worship	1:00 PM
English Afternoon Class	5:00 PM

Spring Needs For The Clothing Closet

Spring is around the corner, so please donate season appropriate items in clean and good condition. We also need hangers. For drop-offs, please call or text 614-918-7925 for an appointment. Thank you!

Support For Ministry In Ghana

To help the Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, you can contribute using your envelopes, or by giving online. For more details, see Franklin Agyei.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

There is a combined children's class available from 9:00- 9:50 AM. Children's worship begins after the Lord's Supper with classes for ages 2-3, 4-8, and 9-12. See Vicki Cowans, Lynn Paden, or Emily Graham if you can help with any of these classes.

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group; See Peggy Kaiser for details.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study led by Karen Susenna. The current study is based on "God, Pass By Me: A Study Of The Names Of God" by Casandra Martin.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study on Hosea organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger is currently meeting in the Fellowship Room.

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5,411	\$4,300
Designated:	\$20	\$88

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez



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Wisdom & Power Are God's

The commander . . . had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon . . . Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. - Daniel 2:14-16

Daniel has found himself in peril because the king of Babylon has become enraged at his counselors and experts when they couldn't explain the king's dream. Yet Daniel acts calmly: Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends. - Daniel 2:17

In Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Purloined Letter", Poe's detective Auguste Dupin is consulted on an urgent case by the Prefect of police. A compromising letter has been stolen, and this has led to serious problems. The police are convinced that they know who has the letter, but they haven't found it. Dupin wants to concentrate without any distractions, and says, "We shall examine it to better purpose in the dark." Similarly, God also asks us to clear our minds of any preconceptions.

The Prefect doesn't understand the detective's approach: "That is another of your odd notions, said the Prefect, who had a fashion of calling everything 'odd' that was beyond his comprehension." Similarly, this world considers it "odd" when believers turn to prayer before making key decisions, and considers it "odd" to trust in God. Yet this is what Daniel does in a critical situation:

He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. - Daniel 2:18

In Edgar's story, the police have thoroughly searched the suspect's home, even taking apart all of his furniture, looking for a secret hiding place. So Dupin takes a different approach; he learns about the suspect's devious habits, and he advises the others to reason "As a poet and as a mathematician." Indeed, human logic can only lead us so far, yet when we combine it with seeking God's spiritual guidance, our Heavenly Father can help us see his truths more clearly:

During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel . . . said: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. - Daniel 2:20

Auguste Dupin is now ready to visit the suspect's home. He soon finds the crucial letter hiding in plain sight, in a rack on a wall. Likewise, the answers to the most important questions are right in front of us all, for God's words and the message of Jesus tell us things that human minds couldn't ever have thought of:

He reveals deep and hidden things . . . you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king. - Daniel 2:22-23

As God revealed the mystery to Daniel, Jesus reveals to everyone the answers to our deepest needs.

- Mark Garner, March 2025

The Double Clasp

The Savior's hand - how close its hold,
That none can loosen, none can break.
No powers of heaven or earth or hell
That loving clasp can ever shake.

And over Jesus' wounded hand
The Father's hand of strength is laid,
Omnipotent to save and keep;
Thus is our surety surer made.

So, one beneath and one above,
Father and Son their hands unite.
How safe, how safe the ransomed are
Within that clasp of tender might!

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

As Wide As The Skies

As wide as the skies is Your mer-cy, O God;
Your faith-ful-ness shield-s cre-ation.
Your boun-te-ous hand from the mount-ains abroad
Is stretched ov-er country and na-tion.

Like Heav-en's em-brace is Your mer-cy, O Lord;
In judg-ment pro-found You ap-pear-
You sav-e our souls through Your life-giv-ing word,
The cries of Your child-ren You hear-.

How pre-cious Your good-ness, O Fa-ther ab-ove,
Where child-ren of men are abid-ing.
You spread- through dark-ness the wings of Your love;
We un-der their pin-ions are hid-ing.

For lang-uish-ing souls You pre-par-e a rest;
The quiv-er-ing dove You pro-tect-;
You giv-e us be-ing, eter-nal and blest,
In mer-cy our life You per-fect.

Bernhardt Severin Ingemann, 1789-1862

Danish college teacher and poet Bernhardt Ingemann published over two dozen volumes of his writings. He also wrote the words to several hymns. His wife, Lucie Marie Mandix, was a well-known artist who painted many biblical scenes.

The Lord Looks At The Heart

Human nature looks at outward appearances and temporary circumstances, yet the Lord instead looks into our hearts, minds, and spirits. This week, Micah Evans writes about the many ways we can serve God, and what they all have in common - God's call for us to serve with our hearts.

Bring Your Serving A-Game

What’s your favorite way to serve? Are you a "come early and set up the tables and chairs" kind of person, are you a "make the food" kind of person, are you a "send cards to everyone for everything" person, are you a "teach the preschool age class" person? Something else? I think you get the point . . .

There are endless ways to serve in and with the church. And not every member enjoys serving in the same ways. My husband, for example, will be the first to say yes when asked to help set up, tear down, or help move things. Anything physically laborious, he’s happy to help! But he would be mortified at the thought of being asked to teach a class. Me? Setting up tables before or sweeping floors after a large gathering sounds positively not fun, but I will without hesitation sign up to cook food for the bridal shower or funeral meal, or teach a class.

And the good news is, the church needs us both! The church needs all the different types of servants there are. Not to say that it would be okay for us to refuse filling a need in the church just because it doesn’t suit our preferred "style" of serving. But it is definitely okay to volunteer in ways that you enjoy volunteering, when there are needs in those areas. 1 Peter 4:10 tells us that each person has unique gifts that should be used to serve others.

Regardless of where you serve, God asks for pure motives and loving intentions. There is no shortage of scriptures that remind us of this. Galatians 5:13 tells us to "serve one another through love," while Philippians 2:3-4 reminds us to always serve others with humility, and not for selfish gain. God knows our heart, as 1 Samuel 16:7 tells us, and He knows when our intentions are not aligned with what He asks of us when it comes to serving others.

So whether you are a "set up the tables" kind of person, or a "teach Bible class for toddlers" kind of person, the church needs you. And even more than that, God needs your heart to be in it for real. So put your gifts to use, and bring God your A-game!

- Micah Evans, March 2025