

Announcements

Worship At Willow Brook Today

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

Camp Week At NWOCYC Starts Today

Church camp at NWOCYC (Nick Strawser's week) starts today, and it will run through Saturday, June 14. Registration is still open; you can register and pay when you arrive. The camp costs \$250, and potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans if you have any questions.

Volume 14 By Northland Members

Copies of the next collection of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. This is the 14th volume in the series, and the theme for it is "In Jesus All Things Hold Together". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

Church Camp At Fort Hill Next Month

Summer church camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 13-19. Registration is still open; the cost is \$250, and it's \$230 if paid 30 days in advance. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans if you have any questions.

From The Clothing Closet

We are currently overstocked, so for the time being we don't need any donations. Instead, we do need your help with getting the word out to those in need. Please let people know they can visit the Clothing Closet by appointment by calling or texting 614-918-7925. The Clothing Closet Team is very grateful for your donations and support.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday June 11, 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
Twi Bible Study	12:00 PM
Twi Worship	1:00 PM

Support For Ministry In Ghana

Franklin and Isaac have now arrived in Ghana, and they're starting their work with the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ congregation (that both the Northland congregation and the Ghanaian congregation are supporting). Please pray for Franklin and Isaac to have a successful trip. You can also support the ministry in Ghana with your contribution envelope or by giving online. For more information, 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 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) *Update* - Women's Bible study, now coordinated by Tara Bell. See Tara for more information.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study on the gospel of John, 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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5,407	\$4,840
Designated:	\$1,085	\$209

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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By His Wounds We Have Been Healed

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. - 1 Peter 2:21

Jesus died on the cross for us; he calls us to follow him humbly, and to walk by faith in his grace and his compassion and his truth:

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. - 1 Peter 2:22

When hymnwriter George Bennard (1873-1958) was a teenager, his father passed away suddenly, and George had to take care of the rest of his family. During this time, he decided to follow Jesus, and he spent much of his available time writing songs about God and speaking about the message of Jesus. A series of difficult experiences helped Bennard realize even more deeply the importance of the cross, and our constant dependence on God for his grace and guidance. This led him to write his best-known hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross".

George's hymn begins, "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain." Truly, as the Lamb of God poured out his lifeblood, he also showed us his unfailing love for us. As Jesus endured the crowd's insults and scorn, he both trusted in God and also showed us his desire for us to know him:

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. - 1 Peter 2:23

In "The Old Rugged Cross", Bennard also writes, "In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me." Only our Heavenly Father could have taken this gruesome scene and used it to bring redemption and salvation to those who turn our hearts to his Son:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. - 1 Peter 2:24

George also contemplated what moved Jesus to descend from on high to live among us, as the hymn says, "O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary." Jesus left God's side to live among his flock; he knew we were wandering sheep who needed a shepherd, so he came to be our good Shepherd:

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. - 1 Peter 2:25

The Lamb of God brings hope, peace, and meaning to those who open our hearts and minds to him and his message.

- Mark Garner, June 2025

Great Grace

His grace is great enough to meet the great things,
The crashing waves that overwhelm the soul,
The roaring winds that leave us stunned and breathless,
The sudden storms beyond our life's control.
His grace is great enough to meet the small things,
The little pin-prick troubles that annoy,
The insect worries, buzzing and persistent,
The squeaking wheels that grate upon our joy.

For all the promises of God in Him are yes and in Him Amen.
Is God? Does God?
Man's Why? and How?
In ceaseless iteration storm the sky.
I am; I will; I do - sure Word of God,
Yes and Amen, Christ answers each cry;
To all our anguished questionings and doubts
Eternal affirmation and reply.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Live Nearer To Jesus

Live nearer to Jesus,
Ever trust in His power;
Through life He will lead us,
Cheering us every dark hour.
Stray not from His keeping,
In Him always abide;
Joys constantly reaping,
Clinging close to His side.

Live nearer to Jesus,
And His Spirit receive;
He'll never deceive us -
His promise believe.
Sweet is the communion,
Yes, more precious than gold;
In heavenly union
We His beauty behold.

- Alexander Streeter Arnold, 1829-1923

Writer Alexander Arnold was best known for his novels, and he also published a collection of his poems. He also wrote numerous hymns, and published two collections of them.

Jesus Has Overcome The World

In John 16, as Jesus is about to go to the cross, he reassures the disciples that he has overcome this world, though not in the way they might have expected. Jesus has indeed overcome this world's fears, its harshness, its snares, and much more. This week, Karen Susenna writes about how Jesus helps us overcome grief and loss.

The Meaning Of A Little Phone Call

I miss this the most about Dad . . . our morning phone calls. We started this tradition after Mom died in 2020. We joked that I was his "Medic Alert" button. It was the voice of a loved one that confirmed everything was okay for that day. But I've come to realize the greater meaning of this phone call in my life. It confirmed that he was alive and that I was alive and that someone else on the planet knew it! As two single people who live alone, it was a great comfort that our lives mattered to someone else. Now without that phone call, I wonder . . . did Dad's life matter? will he be remembered, or forgotten? And, more personally . . . does my life matter? will I be remembered, or forgotten?

*"The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more." (Psalm 103:15-16)*

That's exactly what I'm feeling about Dad's death... his place is empty. His house has been remodeled, his chair is gone, the carpet is new. Truly, his "place" remembers him no more. But what of God's remembrance of that life and the value God places on that life?

"...I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." (Isaiah 49:15-16)
As I sit in the morning waiting for the call that never comes, I look at the sparrows at my birdfeeder and try to distinguish one from another. I can't do it. But God can, and doesn't forget a one: *"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God."* (Luke 12:6)

At night, looking up at the planets, I realize nothing is missed by God: *"He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing."* (Isaiah 40:26)

God knows us completely: *"You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely."* (Psalm 139:3-4) God loves us greatly: *"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him."* (Psalms 103:11)

In this time of grief, when I feel like I'm walking in chest high water and not able to see dry land ahead, I try to remember these truths about God. He knows and loves Dad; He knows and loves me. He will not forget.

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- Karen Susenna, June 2025