

Announcements

Combined Fellowship This Saturday

This Saturday, June 21, we're having a combined fellowship, worship, and lunch time with the Ghanaian congregation. From 10:00-11:00 AM, we'll pass out gospel tracts in the neighborhood near the church building, and then from 11:15-12:00 we'll have a bilingual devotional. Afterwards there will be a lunch and game time for the rest of the afternoon. Aside from the handing out of tracts, everything will take place at the church building.

Outreach Meeting On July 6

There will be an Outreach Meeting on Sunday, July 6 in the fellowship room, shortly after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

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. 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 (\*New Date\*)

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

News From The Ministry In Ghana

Franklin Agyei and Isaac Kyeremateng have been in Ghana, and they're helping the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ (the congregation that Northland and the Ghanaian congregation are supporting). So far, they've been meeting with high school students, and they ask that we pray for God to help this seed grow. You can support the ministry in Ghana with your contribution envelope, or by giving online.

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) - 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:	\$3,162	\$4,767
Designated:	\$45	\$202

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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Our Father Who Is In Heaven

Today is set aside in our country as Father's Day. A day to be thankful to fathers for their love and care. There are many kinds of fathers and yet we who believe in Jesus, all have only one great Heavenly Father. It is from Him that we learn how He intended fathers to be.

In the Old Testament God was known by the names Jehovah, Adonai, or Elohim, but seldom by the name Father. On the occasions when He is known as Father it is in reference to his promise to Abraham and to his descendants, "Sing to God, a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows" (Psalm 68:4-5). In Ps. 2:7 God called himself "Father" in reference to the coming Messiah, "He said to me, 'You are my Son, today I have become your Father,'" also quoted by Paul in Acts 13:33-34, as he directly refers to Jesus' resurrection. So, when God raised Jesus from the grave He proclaimed that Jesus was his son and He was his father. Jesus, the son of the Father is the gateway to God. This close relationship and title of Father, having the relationship to the Son or Word, changed the O.T. perception of God as an unapproachable divine being to a loving caring, approachable Father.

The great blessing and gift is that anyone who believes in Jesus and is born again by the new birth can call God "Father" (Romans 8).

We can learn everything of what it means to be a father from God. In his model prayer, and in other scriptures, Jesus says that:

- A father provides for his wife and children
- A father protects his wife and children
- A father is to be of good repute and fair
- A father is to set a good example to his children and not antagonize them
- A father encourages and disciplines his children
- A father loves his family and is willing to lay down his life for them

These are the characteristics of God, and he teaches men to strive to acquire the same. Jesus and the apostles echo these behaviors and attributes, in almost every page of the New Testament. It is incumbent on God's children to love each other, John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:19-21, because we are all family.

We mortal fathers are human and fallible, but God is perfect. Let us be grateful for our Heavenly Father for his love, gift of eternal life, and all "good and perfect gifts" James 1:17.

- Mike Paden, June 2025

### Rest In The Lord

Rest in the Lord, O weary, heavy laden,  
Look unto Him, your ever present guide;  
Rest in the Lord, whose Word is truth eternal;  
Leave all to him, whatever may betide.

Rest in the Lord, and tell Him all your sorrow;  
Trust in His love, so boundless, full and free;  
He will not leave, nor will He ever forsake you;  
Rest in the Lord, and sweet your rest shall be.

*- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915*

### Get Acquainted With Jesus

Get acquainted with Jesus, my friend,  
He is seeking a place in your heart;  
Let Him come all its wanderings to end,  
And to bid pride and error depart.

Get acquainted with Jesus, I pray,  
'Tis a banquet His smile to behold;  
Those who trust Him, He'll never betray,  
And His love is far better than gold.

Call Him in and know Him,  
This friend who is waiting today;  
Call Him in and know Him,  
Get acquainted with Jesus, I pray.

*- Adelaide Rosalthe Carey, 1841-1910*

*Writer Adelaide Carey lost her eyesight when she was young; she spent most of her life near her hometown, and not much is known about her personal life. A couple dozen of her poems have been set to music as hymns. She was often called by her middle name, and some of her writings appear under the name of Rosalthe Carey.*

### The Lord Our God Is Near Us

*Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. - Deuteronomy 4:1*

God began teaching us well before we came to know him, and he continues patiently teaching us his boundless truths. The Lord has promised us a new land where we may be with him forever, and he calls us to open our minds and hearts to his words and the message of Jesus:

*Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. - Deuteronomy 4:1*

Red foxes usually have 4-6 pups at a time; and after giving birth, the mother needs some rest. The mother fox stays in the den nursing the pups and giving them affection, while the father collects food and brings it to the den for the family. The father also spends a lot of time playing with the pups, which strengthens their muscles. Likewise, our Father in heaven has always been near us, showing all of us his care, whether or not we realized it. Truly, what could be as comforting and reassuring that God is always near us and that he hears us when we call on him in truth:

*What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? - Deuteronomy 4:7*

When red fox pups are about three months old, the father starts carefully teaching them how to find food for themselves. Instead of bringing food to the den, the father will first leave food just outside. Next, the father fox begins hiding food, teaching them how to look for it. Similarly, our Heavenly Father teaches us one step at a time. He knows how easily distracted we can be, and he continually reminds us of his teachings, for to him we will always be his children:

*Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget . . . Teach them to your children and to their children after them. - Deuteronomy 4:9*

Tamarins are a family of small primates that live in South America. The golden lion tamarin (max. body length 10 inches, named for its bright reddish mane) is notable for the way both parents work closely to raise their young. Two or three tamarins are born at once, and after spending their first few days close to their mother, the father begins introducing them to their surroundings.

The father golden lion tamarin carries them on his back most of the day, while taking them one at a time to their mother when they are ready to be nursed. After several weeks, the father begins teaching them to eat solid food, starting with bananas. The father shows how to peel them, and he mashes them for the young. Likewise, our Heavenly Father continually teaches us about his covenant, and reminds us about the eternal land he has promised us:

*He declared to you his covenant . . . the Lord directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. - Deuteronomy 4:13-14*

God will be near us, and he will guide us each step.

*- Mark Garner, June 2025*