

Announcements

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.

Willow Brook Worship On July 13

Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) on Sunday, July 13 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

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.

Clothing Closet Schedule

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.

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.

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 and Isaac are finishing their time in Ghana, where they've been helping the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ (the congregation that Northland and the Ghanaian congregation are supporting). They have asked us to pray for God to help this seed grow. They will also visit another congregation before returning home. 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. 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 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:	\$4,488	\$4,756
Designated:	\$45	\$196

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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The Wisdom That Comes From Heaven

Who is wise and understanding among you? - James 3:13

We all understand so little, yet God considers wise those who simply put their faith in the message of Jesus, instead of in human thinking and human abilities. We are all sheep who need a Shepherd, yet God considers us wise when we walk humbly in the grace, truth, and compassion of Jesus:

... show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. - James 3:13

In Norton Juster's 1961 children's fantasy novel "The Phantom Tollbooth", young Milo is bored and restless, until he finds a package addressed to him. It contains a map of places he's never heard of, and instructions to assemble a tollbooth. Milo follows the directions, and he is suddenly transported to the Kingdom of Wisdom, where he meets his guide, Tock. Things are not well in this unusual land; it has split into two chaotic kingdoms, for two brothers have become rival kings.

One kingdom is Dictionopolis, where everyone talks endlessly about words; the other kingdom is Digitopolis, where people talk only about numbers. Despite plenty of activity in each, neither has found any meaning or hope. They are also threatened by the demons of ignorance and insincerity. Likewise, this world is full of human teachings and schemes that produce little of lasting value. God calls us to set aside human preconceptions and human ambitions, to look beyond this world's circumstances and appearances, and instead to open our hearts and minds to Jesus' message:

If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it . . . Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven . . . there you find disorder and every evil practice. - James 3:14-16

Milo learns that the kingdom used to live in peace because of two princesses, Pure Reason and Sweet Rhyme, who had mediated between the rivalrous brothers. The two kings each thought they were always right, so eventually they became frustrated with the princesses, and had them imprisoned. Similarly, logic and factual knowledge by themselves are of little value. So, our Heavenly Father calls us to combine them with the sweetness of his truths that comfort our spirits, along with the pure reason of the Scriptures, and to speak the truth with mercy and kindness:

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. - James 3:17

After getting help, Milo and Tock are able to release Rhyme and Reason, restoring harmony. When Milo gets home, he is disappointed when the tollbooth disappears, yet soon he sees many treasures he had overlooked. He now enjoys reading, and watching the clouds, trees and more.

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. - James 3:18

For God desires to gives us a harvest of peace, genuine joy, righteousness, and much more.

- Mark Garner, June 2025

To See Within The Seed

Lord, cleanse our eyes to see
Within the seed a tree,
Within the glowing egg a bird,
Within the shroud a butterfly:

Till taught by such, we see
Beyond all creatures Thee,
And hearken for Thy tender word,
And hear it, "Fear not: It is I."

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Wonderful Peace

Far away in the depths
Of my spirit tonight
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial-like strains
It unceasingly falls
Over my soul like an infinite calm.

What a treasure I have
In this wonderful peace,
Buried deep in the heart of my soul,
So secure that no power
Can mine it away,
While the years of eternity roll.

I am resting tonight
In this wonderful peace,
Resting sweetly in Jesus' control;
For I'm kept from all danger
By night and by day,
And his glory is flooding my soul.

- Warren Donald Cornell, 1858-1936

Schoolteacher, writer and editor Warren Cornell (birth name Hascal Warren Cornell) edited two monthly periodicals, as well as writing poetry. He also served several years as a minister. This poem became a hymn when a songwriter ran across it, and it is also written on his tombstone.

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, Donna Smith writes about how Jesus helps us overcome this world's fears and troubles when we put our faith in him.

Take Heart

But take heart! I have overcome the world. - John 16:33

I can remember being young, naive, and very trusting. If the phone rang at three in the morning, which it rarely did, I simply woke up and groggily answered it. I talked, even laughed, for a few minutes with whichever of my friends and or relatives that were calling and quickly fell back to sleep. There was no period of deep distress or dread prior to picking up the phone. It always seemed to be a small, real or imagined, crisis which was often solved by a few minutes of conversation.

As I've matured this has changed. Just last week the phone rang at three in the morning. In the time prior to answering it, which had to only have been a few seconds, I remember experiencing fear, dread, sorrow and anxiety. If you're asking, yes, I am a Christian. However, thoughts of Jesus, the scriptures, His promises, only came to mind after I answered the phone. In those few moments prior to answering, I was simply a person dreading answering, overcome by sorrow, feeling that all my friends were sleeping, and Lord please not one more thing. (To quote a good friend, "If it's not one thing its two.")

That following Wednesday I had the privilege to hear a talk on Jesus in Gethsemane. Jesus spoke some things which gave me courage and hope. The same Jesus who in John 16:33 said *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* also said in Matthew 26:38... *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."* Also, like me with my friends, Jesus was disappointed that his disciples seemed to be asleep at a time when he needed support. (Matthew 26:45) Jesus also asked the Father if it were possible not to have to go through what he was going to have to go through. (Matthew 26:42) I was comforted by the fact that Jesus submitted to God's will but was willing, if possible, to not have to go through what was to follow.

In Luke 22:43 we are told an angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and strengthened him through his period of agony. As for me, was my phone call good news? No, it was not. However, almost immediately following it, I received an encouraging text containing scriptures which strengthened me. We can read in Matthew, Luke and John and know that Jesus completed what he needed to overcome the world, and he also made it possible for you and me to do so as well. 1John 5:4 - *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

- Donna Smith, June 2025