

Announcements

Send-Off For Isaac Kyeremateng Today

There is a send-off for Isaac Kyeremateng today in the Sunshine Room (E31), following the morning worship assembly. This will be an opportunity to thank Isaac for all he has done for Northland, and to say goodbye before he leaves for Medical School. Gift cards would be appreciated to help with his move. See Jeff McVicker if you have any questions.

Willow Brook Worship Next Sunday

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

Men's Lunch Next Sunday

There will be a Northland brothers' lunch next Sunday, July 13, a half hour after morning worship. See Jeff for details.

Church Camp At Fort Hill Starts Next Week

Summer church camp week at Fort Hill starts next Sunday, and will run 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 6-7:30 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Update From The Clothing Closet

We now need to re-stock the clothing closet, and we would appreciate donations of clean, gently used clothes and small household items. We can always use donated blankets and linens. Please continue to let those in need know about our Clothing Closet ministry. The Clothing Closet Team is very grateful for your donations.

Outdoor Worship On July 26

There will be an outdoor time of worship at the Dillinger's house (weather permitting) on Saturday, July 26th from 6-8 PM. Bring your own chair. Hymnals will be provided. See Caleb or Ashley for more information.

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

What's The Point Of 1 Corinthians?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available on the table in the foyer, as well as on the racks. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of 1 Corinthians?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website under Resources.

Ministry In Ghana

Franklin and Isaac have returned from Ghana, and they are thankful for all of your prayers. Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. You can support the ministry in Ghana with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin for more information.

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 9-10. 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 Lynn Bell. The current study is based on "God, Pass By Me: A Study Of The Names Of God" by Casandra Martin. See Tara Lynn 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 (E41).

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:	\$5,105	\$4,757
Designated:	\$65	\$185

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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His Grace Is Sufficient For Us

I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. - 2 Corinthians 12:5

As the apostle Paul realized, we have little to boast about, except for the unfailing compassion and overflowing grace God gives those who humbly walk by faith in the light of Jesus. So instead of talking about what he himself has done, he instead talks about the ways that God makes his strength and understanding perfect in us, when we realize our weakness. Truly, God's grace is sufficient for us, since it is by his mercy and care that we have life and breath and everything else:

He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. - 2 Corinthians 12:9

Wood frogs are small (about 2 1/2 inches long), brown and reddish-brown amphibians that live in Canada and in the northern half of the U.S. While most frogs rely on warm burrows in winter, wood frogs' small legs aren't strong enough to dig burrows. So our Heavenly Father helps them survive, showing us another example of both his wisdom and his mindfulness. God enables wood frogs to simply freeze solid during winter, and then revive in spring.

Most animals cannot do this, since if their cells freeze, the water in them would expand and burst their cells. So, our Creator designs wood frogs ingeniously, so they can survive winter without moving, eating, or even breathing. Similarly, God knows that human abilities and human minds are completely inadequate when it comes to facing the many temptations, sorrows, and fears in this world, so he gives us his own Spirit who helps us and reassures us of God's presence:

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. - 2 Corinthians 12:9

In late autumn, wood frogs will simply hide under a pile of fallen leaves. When temperatures are low enough for ice crystals to form on their skin, this sets off a series of reactions. Their systems release adrenaline, which in turn causes their livers to release plenty of glucose into their bloodstreams. This glucose is then delivered to each cell to keep them free of ice. The frog's body also uses special proteins to freeze the spaces between the cells.

Thus, the inside of each cell avoids freezing, while the rest of the frog is completely frozen. God has designed this remarkable sequence of events just for these tiny animals, and we are worth even more to him. For God has many ways to overcome our weaknesses, to sustain us through hardships, and to protect us from spiritual dangers too strong for us, when we acknowledge our need for him and put our trust in him:

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. - 2 Corinthians 12:10

There is no one like our Heavenly Father, and he remains the same forever.

- Mark Garner, July 2025

The Goodness of God

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. - Nahum 1:7

Ye humble souls, approach your God
With songs of sacred praise;
For he is good, immensely good,
And kind are all his ways.

All nature owns his guardian care,
In him we live and move;
But nobler benefits declare
The wonders of his love.

To this dear refuge, Lord, we come,
'Tis here our hope relies;
A safe defense, a peaceful home,
When storms of trouble rise.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

Sweetly Sing

Sweetly sing, sweetly sing,
Praises to our heavenly king;
Let us raise, let us raise,
High our note of praise;
Praise to Him whose name is Love,
Praise to him who reigns above;
Raise your songs, raise your songs,
Now with thankful tongues.

Far away, far away,
We in sin's valley lay;
Jesus came, Jesus came,
Blessed be His name.
He redeemed us by His grace,
Then prepared in Heaven a place
To receive - to receive
All who believe.

- Julia W. Sampson Haskell, 1835-1919

Poet, schoolteacher, and hymn writer Julia Haskell was born in India while her family was traveling, though she lived most of her life in the U.S. She was also known for her public poetry readings. She was married in her 30's, so she is sometimes credited as Julia Sampson.

Like A Mustard Seed

In Matthew 13 and Mark 4, Jesus compares God's kingdom with a small mustard seed, for God can take the smallest of beginnings, nurture it, and make it grow. This week, Steve Carver writes about what this idea means for us, and how it helps us when we understand it.

The Seeds Of The Kingdom

Have you ever considered what an incredible miracle of God that a seed represents? It is life, and within its small form lies the blueprint and the initial materials needed to support the growth and development of that new life into its mature form. Jesus uses seeds as a metaphor in the middle of Mark 4 in two parables that describe the Kingdom of God. In the second, "The Parable Of The Mustard Seed", Jesus compares the kingdom of God to the smallest of agricultural seeds used at the time that grew into the largest of garden plants (up to 10 feet or more in height) and which provided refuge for a menagerie of birds. God, through the teachings, actions, and influence of his Son, one man among the billions who have/will walk this earth, established a kingdom and calls all men to come and find purpose, grace, rest, and peace ... both now and in eternity.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matt 11:28-30

In the first parable, "The Parable of the Growing Seed", the seed represents the word of God that is planted in people's hearts. We may not know what kind of soil an individual heart represents, we may not even see the results of our attempt to plant the seed. But we know that God and his word are powerful, they will have an impact. While we are not responsible for the seed's germination and growth, we can water and fertilize God's seed through friendship and fellowship.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. - Isaiah 55:10–11

There is another kind of seed that we can inadvertently plant, the growth and maturity of which we may never see, or only see down the road. By our words and actions we can plant seeds of hurt, distrust, and rejection, especially in the hearts of those we are closest to. How do we cull that kind of seed? By watering and fertilizing God's seed in our own hearts, even as we try to do the same for others.

. . . humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you . . . whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do. - James 1:21–25

- Steve Carver, July 2025