

Announcements

Men's Lunch Today

There is a Northland brothers' lunch today, a half hour after morning worship, at the Fiesta Jalisco restaurant near Cleveland Avenue and Route 161. See Jeff for details.

Willow Brook Worship Today

Northland is 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 At Fort Hill Starts Today

Summer church camp week at Fort Hill starts today and will run through July 19. Registration is still open; the cost is \$250. See Josh Evans if you have any questions.

Outdoor Worship On July 26

There will be an outdoor time of worship at the Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home (weather permitting) on Saturday, July 26th from 6:00-8:00 PM. This will be a time of fellowship and singing. Everyone is welcome! Hymnals will be provided, though please bring your own chair.

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 and have them call or text 614-918-7925 for an appointment. The Clothing Closet Team is very grateful for your donations.

Clothing Closet Schedule
* New Date *

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday August 13, 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

Supporting The Ministry In Ghana

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, as well as for things we can pray about for them.

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 (E41-42).

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:	\$5,514	\$4,785
Designated:	\$45	\$180

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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Of The Same Family

Someone has testified: What is mankind that you are mindful of them . . . - Hebrews 2:6

We are mere dust and clay, mere mortals, yet our Heavenly Father cares for each and every one of us, and he looks at our hearts instead of outward appearances:

. . . a son of man that you care for him? - Hebrews 2:6

The dodo bird has become, rather unfairly, a symbol for foolishness and ineptitude. Dodos lived only on the remote island of Mauritius, which was uninhabited by humans until the 1500s. They were indeed slow-moving and odd-looking, but they patiently raised one chick at a time, were kind to one another, ate a wide variety of plants, and were curious to learn about their surroundings. When explorers landed on the island, the dodo's strange, ungainly appearance made it an object for ridicule, and the dodos' friendliness and curiosity made them seem silly to humans.

Because people had formed this farcical image of the dodo, they didn't realize how the side effects of human settlements were harming the dodo population, and by 1700 the dodo was extinct. In a much deeper and more important way, Jesus allowed himself to be made in lowly form like one of us; the Scriptures describe the ways that his outward appearance and his earthly human origins caused many people to ignore him or reject him, and he suffered death for our sakes:

We do see Jesus . . . now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. - Hebrews 2:9
Biologists have found that dodos' closest living relatives are pigeons and doves. Pigeons are known for their patience, their loyal care for each other, and their homing instinct, while doves have long been an image of peace and innocence. Yet these unassuming birds are often ignored, and sometimes even scorned. Similarly, Jesus' message of salvation through God's grace sounds simplistic to worldly minds, and his call to humbly acknowledge our continual need for God goes against worldly thinking and human ambitions. Yet Jesus and his message are full of God's glory:

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God . . . should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. - Hebrews 2:10

Though dodo birds are extinct, the best features of the dodo continue to live today in its family members. Similarly, Jesus knows our weaknesses and our flaws, yet he also knows our hearts, and he is never ashamed of those who follow him humbly, for he considers them part of his family:

Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. - Hebrews 2:11
Who are we, that God is so mindful of us, and that Jesus has made us part of his own family.

- Mark Garner, July 2025

I See You, Little Blossoms

I see you, little blossoms,
So modest, pure and sweet,
Now hiding among the grasses green
That tremble at my feet;
I seem to read on your petals,
That glisten on the dew,
God cares for me, O little one,
And He will care for you,

I hear you, little robins,
Out in the maple tree,
Singing your happy song of spring,
As glad as glad can be;
I seem to hear in your glad notes,
That ring so clear and sweet,
God cares for all the great round world,
And He cares for thee,

O trust, trust in God,
Trust Him all the day long through,
For He who cares for the birds and flowers,
Will surely care for you.

- Ida May Briggs Budd, 1859-1946

Writer and schoolteacher Ida Budd was born in a log cabin, and from her childhood surroundings she developed an appreciation for everything that God had made. She was best known for her many poems (several dozen were later set to music as hymns), and she also wrote numerous short stories and non-fiction articles.

No Mausoleum Entombs Our Savior

No mausoleum built by man
Entombs our Prophet, Priest and King;
Our love no pilgrimage need make,
No fading votive garlands bring.

No death could kill, no guard could keep,
No seal could stay, no grave could hold
Immortal Life in mortal clay;
No darkness could the Light enfold.

Our Prophet's word shall come to pass,
Our Priest is interceding still;
Our King shall reign forevermore,
While heaven and earth shall do his will.

Our Living Lord has conquered Death!

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

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, Leon Norwood writes about the spiritual blessings that come from putting all our faith in God.

If You Have Faith As Small As A Mustard Seed

When looking at the foundations of the Christian life, some include prayer and worship, but the key one is faith. Putting our trust in God, that He will take care of future and provide for our needs and salvation. Jesus used the mustard seed parable several times in the Gospel, usually as a metaphor for the Kingdom of God. However, in Matthew 17, the Lord uses it to teach the importance of faith.

A man had a son possessed by a demon that gave the child seizures, forcing him to often fall into water and fire. Jesus' disciples tried and failed to exorcise the demon, but He succeeded with one rebuke. When the disciples asked why they failed, Jesus uses the mustard seed analogy to explain: *"Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you"* (Matthew 17:20). Jesus wanted to show that it does not take much faith for God to work in a person, but it's important to believe. To have faith, even a little faith in God.

It's a powerful teaching but unfortunately, it's also often misunderstood. It can be inferred they were trying to exorcise the demon because the father asked, and because they saw Jesus do it, but lacked the faith in God to actually expel it. This trait in believers is not just true of the disciples back then, but likely through the centuries. It is easy to believe that Jesus could do great things, but difficult to believe He can use us to do even small things.

Motive is always a good place to start when examining and evaluating the substance of our faith. Too often when we find ourselves overcome with worldly stress and anxiety, we strike out alone wrestling the problem back from God's hands into our own instead of yielding to and trusting His love and power. Beware, that kind of faith equates to cloaking your will under the pretense or facade of belief and likely has little to do with God's will for you or his foreseeing care and guidance. Note: In order for Faith to grow, it must be tested and acted upon. Remain faithful to God and His power and He will remain faithful to you, and even when your faith is small you will do great things for Him.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12).

- Leon Norwood, July 2025