

Announcements

Crafts & Story Time This Saturday

There will be a Children's Craft and Story Time this Saturday, August 16 beginning at 2:00 PM, meeting at the church building. See Vicki Cowans or Caleb for more information.

Potluck On August 24

On Sunday August 24th, there will be a Potluck after the morning worship assembly. Bring a dish to share; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Worship At Willow Brook On August 24

On Sunday August 24th, Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook, starting at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

\* Final Day Collecting Backpacks \*

Today, the Clothing Closet will finish taking donations of gently used backpacks for the coming school year. We would also appreciate donations of clean, gently used clothes and small household items. Also, we can always use donated blankets and linens. Please continue to let those in need know about our Clothing Closet ministry. Note that the Closet is currently open by appointment only, by calling or texting 614-918-7925. Thank you!

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. Current needs include a motorbike for the preacher, computers for high school students, and support for the prison ministry. You can support the ministry in Ghana with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. Prayers for the ministry and for those involved are also greatly appreciated. You can also see Franklin Agyei for more information, as well as for more things we can pray about for them.

Today's Speaker

Today, Jim Robbins will be speaking at this morning's worship assembly. Caleb will return next week.

September Events

Coming up in September: On Sunday September 7th, there will a combined Sunday morning adult class in the auditorium, and on Saturday September 20th there will a Safety Workshop from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. More details will be coming soon.

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group - see Peggy Kaiser for details. \*Schedule Note\*: The group is taking a break tomorrow (August 11), and will resume next week.

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study, 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 1 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 and updates.

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 9-11. See Vicki Cowans, Lynn Paden, or Emily Graham if you can help with any of these classes.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$8,898	\$4,893
Designated:	\$65	\$230

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

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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Holy & Sure Blessings

They asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. - Acts 13:28-29

As the prophets had foretold, Jesus shed his lifeblood on the cross to redeem us; and after his body was put in a tomb, he rose from the grave:

But God raised him from the dead. - Acts 13:30

British writer Robert Robinson (1735-1790) wrote several books about the Scriptures and about religious history, as well as the words to a number of hymns. When he was young, his father passed away, so his family sent him to London to learn a trade. Yet there he began to go carousing with a group of delinquents. One day, a few of them went to heckle someone who was scheduled to talk about Jesus. As the speaker talked, Robinson instead began listening to the message, and soon he decided to follow the Lamb of God.

He is best known today for writing the hymn "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing", and in it he writes about his appreciation of Jesus, "Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood." Robert had realized that the message of Jesus was for him too. Likewise, the good news of Jesus is for all of us, everywhere and in every era, for all those who believe in him and humbly follow him:

We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for us. - Acts 13:32

Soon, Robinson realized the wealth of blessings that our Heavenly Father gives those who put our faith in Jesus. As his hymn begins, "Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise." Truly, God pours out a stream of his holy and sure blessings on those who follow Jesus humbly:

God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David. - Acts 13:34

Sometimes Robert became discouraged, and sometimes struggled with his old ways, so he put his trust in God every moment. As he writes, "O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee." For when we drift or stumble, God promises that when we walk in the light of Jesus, he purifies us from every sin:

Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin. - Acts 13:38-39

Who are we, mere dust and clay, that God pours out all these priceless blessings on us.

- Mark Garner, August 2025

### **Your Father Knows**

*Our Father knows what things you have need of. - Matthew 6:8*

God knows the need of my soul -  
The trial that calls for His grace,  
The weakness that leans on His strength,  
The fear that looks up to His face.  
He knows what sifting is best  
To scatter the chaff from the wheat  
And lay all my self-righteous pride  
Low down in the dust at His feet.

He knows me - yet He can love,  
Can wait with love's patience divine,  
My stubborn and arrogant heart  
Its will to His own to resign;  
He knows my frame is but dust;  
He knows how much it can bear;  
I rest in that knowledge supreme;  
I trust in His power and care.

*- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932*

### **No One But Christ Jesus**

No one but Christ Jesus, who descended from heaven, ever had such power over oneself and one's own nature, from its origins so subject to the sins of carnal desire . . . The humanity in Christ Jesus, therefore, filled in for all the deficiencies of all human beings. Because this humanity is maximum, it embraces the whole potentiality of the species and thus is such equality of being with each human being that it is united with . . .

Minimum things coincide with maximum, as for example, maximum humiliation with exaltation; the most shameful death of a virtuous human being with the most glorious life, and so on. And all these are revealed to us in the life, passion, and crucifixion of Christ . . .

Since we previously showed that Christ died a most cruel death for us, we should now add that it was not fitting for human nature to be led to immortality's triumph by any other way than through victory over death. Christ underwent death in order so that human nature might rise again with him to everlasting life.

*- Nicholas of Cusa, 1401-1464*

*German mathematician and astronomer Nicholas of Cusa (birth name Nikolaus Krebs; he is known in history by his hometown Kues, which in Latin is "Cusa") wrote numerous books about the Scriptures and the message of Jesus. He often used mathematical and scientific examples in his writings about God.*

### ***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, Tara Neiswonger writes about the ways God can take our "mustard seed" of faith and help it grow into a strong foundation.*

### **As A Seed Can Grow, Our Faith Can Grow**

*He replied, "if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted by the sea,' and it will obey you. " - Luke 17:6*

The metaphor of the mustard seed and tree speaks to the power of faith.

Luke 11:9-10 reads *"So I say to you ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."* The source of that power is Jesus, a belief and faith in him. As Hebrews 11:6 reads *"and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. "*

Diving a bit deeper into the seed metaphor, as a seed can grow cannot our faith grow? What actions can I take to strengthen my own faith? Romans 10:17 reads *"Consequently, faith comes for hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ."* Immersing myself in the study of the word, hearing, reading, studying builds a strong faith foundation.

Hebrews 12:2 reads *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Fully understanding the root and core of my faith is Jesus builds a strong faith foundation.

Mark 11:22-24 tells us *"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, Go throw yourself into the sea and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer believed that you have received it, and it will be yours."* A prayer life builds a stronger faith foundation.

*- Tara Neiswonger, August 2025*