

Announcements

Potluck Today

Today there will be a Potluck after the morning worship assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Worship At Willow Brook Today

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

Volume 16 By Northland Members

Copies of the next collection of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. This is the 16th volume in the series, and its theme is "What Cannot Be Shaken". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

Combined Morning Class On September 7

On Sunday September 7, the regular morning Bible classes will not be meeting. Instead, there will be a combined adult session in the auditorium (at 9:00 AM). Topics will include what it means to be a member of the church, and updates on the new Greeting and Welcome table. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

More September Events

Also coming up in September (more details on both will be coming soon):

- * Sunday September 13: Fall picnic beginning at 4:30 PM at Blendon Woods Metro Park, at the Sycamore Picnic Area
- * Saturday September 20th there will a Safety Workshop from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. *Note* It will meet at the Activity & Recreation Center in Dublin (not at the church building).

Needs For The Clothing Closet

We would currently 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 Clothing Closet is currently open by appointment only, by calling or texting 614-918-7925. Thank you!

Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Twí Bible Study	12:00 PM
Twí Worship	1:00 PM

Support For The Ministry In Ghana
* New Prayer Request *

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. Please pray for a member of the Seikwa church who has been diagnosed with elephantiasis, and who will need extra care. Prayers also 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.

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, 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.

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:	\$4,128	\$4,818
Designated:	\$45	\$219

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 Lord Made The Heavens

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. - 1 Chronicles 16:8

The Lord is worthy of praise and glory and honor, for he has done many things to show us his understanding and his splendor. Our Heavenly Father has done wonderful acts of grace and compassion, and he patiently calls us to seek him humbly:

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. - 1 Chronicles 16:9-10

Astrophysicist Deborah Haarsma (1969-present) is known in science for her research on galaxy clusters and the curvature of space. She is also known for her writings and talks about the ways she sees the care and the wisdom of God as she studies the vastness and depths of the universe.

Haarsma writes, "The sense of wonder at the night sky goes deeper than spectacle. We know that the heavens are declaring not their own glory, but the glory of God (Psalm 19:1). The universe didn't arise on its own or from an impersonal force. Rather, there is a Creator behind this universe." Truly God created the heavens and the earth; he made each of us, and he wants us to know him:

The Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him. - 1 Chronicles 16:26-27

The more that Deborah thought about the universe and its mysteries, she appreciated even more deeply the compassion and mindfulness our Heavenly Father has for us. She writes, "I am still amazed whenever I remember that God, Creator of the galaxies, became one of us . . . How can humanity be insignificant if the Creator took on our form?"

As Haarsma contemplated both the skies and the truths of the Scriptures, she was awed by God's eagerness to forgive those who humbly follow Jesus. She wrote, "When I consider the Scriptures alongside what I see in the universe, I'm just overwhelmed by the depth of God's love and the incredible forgiveness He's willing to offer." For Jesus brings salvation and redemption to those who believe in him instead of in this world's teachings:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. - 1 Chronicles 16:23

As Deborah Haarsma looked at the immensity of the universe, she realized that God's love for us is even higher and deeper, as she says, "It's amazing, whether you look up at the stars at night or you look at the images from telescopes . . . God says, . . . That is how big my love is.' God's love is as vast as the universe." And nothing can separate us from the love of God through Jesus:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. - 1 Chronicles 16:34

God's promises and the good news of Jesus will endure forever.

- Mark Garner, August 2025

Able To Deliver

O troubled heart, be thou not afraid,
In the Lord thy God, let thy hope be stayed;
He will hear thy cry and will give thee aid,
Whatever thy cross may be.

O troubled heart, when thy way is drear,
He will rescue thee and dispel thy fear;
In thy greatest need He is always near,
To Him all glory be.

He is able still to deliver thee,
And His own right hand thy defense shall be:
He is able still to deliver thee,
Then be thou not afraid.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Christ Is Risen From The Dead

Christ is risen from the dead -
Darkness now no more shall reign;
Thorns no more shall crown the head
That was bowed with grief and pain:
Christ the Lord, the might King,
From our sin hath made us free.
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Where, O grace, they victory?

Faith now knows He is the Lord,
Gives assent to His decree,
Trusts the promise in His Word,
And is crowned with victory,
Shouting praises to the King,
Who from sin hath made us free.
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Where, O grace, they victory?

- Henry Albert Becker, 1841-1884

Ohio writer and editor Henry Becker wrote numerous poems, as well as the words to a number of hymns. He also regularly wrote articles for Christian publications, as well as being the editor for a children's Christian periodical.

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, Donna Smith writes about the ways that God himself makes a seed grow.

The Seed Sprouts & Grows

As a young girl, growing up in the rural coastal plains of North Carolina, I had the opportunity to witness and participate in many plantings and harvests. We grew sweet potatoes, peanuts, blueberries, melons, beans, and many other crops. Some were for personal use and others for commercial purposes. One can learn many lessons from being part of a family of farmers. However, one of my greatest lessons was learned from planting a lima bean in a milk carton in first grade class. Each student carefully filled their milk carton with soil. A single lima bean was then planted in them, and each carton was placed on the classroom windowsill where they could be observed and cared for.

However, being me (extra), I also did the same thing at home. Our plants at school sprouted and grew but mine at home, for some reason, did not. I became impatient and dug it up. It had sprouted so I placed it back in the soil. However, I had interrupted the process, and the result was a smaller sickly-looking plant. The plants at school were beautiful. I learned regardless of whether I could see it or not the growth process occurred naturally and took place without my help. Jesus said it this way when comparing the kingdom of God to growing seed: *"This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows though he does not know how . . . "* (Mark 4:26-27)

As an adult, I still find myself trying to interrupt and control processes that are not my responsibility both physically and spiritually. I often feel it is my responsibility to do more when all that's required of me is to plant, water, or teach. I sometimes want to see my loved ones grasp a concept long before they are ready. It is often tempting to micromanage the lives of friends and relatives and forget that God mercifully and graciously taught me the same concept over a long period of time. It's easy to forget that one does not have to rely on persuasive talk but only present the Spirit's power so that man has a foundation that is not resting on the wisdom of men. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

As in several instances in scripture, God can take what seems insufficient to me and make it enough or more than enough. Jesus demonstrates this in the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) and his feeding of the 5,000 in Matthew 14:13-21. The most amazing example of all to me is that He entrusted the task of spreading the gospel to mere men. It states in *2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.* Psalm 86 states it like this: *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.* I'm grateful He accepts my little as sufficient.

- Donna Smith, August 2025