

Announcements

Today's Speaker
Today, Mike Paden will be speaking at this morning's worship assembly. Caleb will return next week.

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.

Fall Picnic On September 13
Our congregational Fall Picnic will be on Saturday September 13, from 4:30-7:30 PM. It will be at our usual place, at the Sycamore Picnic Area in Blendon Woods Metro Park. More details coming soon.

Safety Workshop On September 20
On Saturday September 20, there will a Safety Workshop from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. It will not be at the church building; it will meet at the Activity & Recreation Center in Dublin ("The ARC"). The address is 7200 Coffman Road, Dublin; it is across the street from the Dublin Baptist Church. This will be the third in a series of safety workshops, and it is open to all members.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

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.

Contribution		
	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4,516	\$4,810
Designated:	\$45	\$213

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's Presence Will Go With Us

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting". - Exodus 33:7

As Moses used to go into the tent to listen to the Lord proclaim his words, we too can both learn God's words and we can speak to him, whenever we need him to renew our spirits:

As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. - Exodus 33:9

When future hymnwriter C. Austin Miles (1868-1946) was a pharmacist, he decided to follow Jesus. The peace and hope that Jesus gave him led him to begin writing hymns. His hymns became so popular that he soon devoted himself full-time to writing about God and the good news of Jesus. One day Miles was reading John 20, and Mary's joy and relief upon just seeing Jesus reminded him of the blessings that knowing Jesus had brought him.

This moved Austin to write the hymn, "In The Garden" (sometimes titled "I Come To The Garden Alone"). In the refrain, he expresses the blessings of knowing that Jesus was with him, "And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me that I am His own; and the joy we share . . . none other has ever known." Similarly, Jesus walks with us, he teaches us and he listens to us, like God spoke to Moses as one speaks to a friend:

The Lord would speak to Moses . . . as one speaks to a friend. - Exodus 33:11

Miles begins the hymn, "I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses." Similarly, God is always ready, whenever we set aside this world's distractions and noise, whether for a couple minutes or a couple hours. He speaks to us through his words, through nature, through the blessings he gives us, and more. As God tells Moses, the Lord's presence will go with us, and he gives us rest for our souls:

Moses said to the Lord . . . If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you . . . The Lord replied, My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. - Exodus 33:12-14

Austin's hymn continues, "He speaks, and the sound of His voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing." Truly, God shows us his goodness amidst this world's sadness and anxieties:

And the Lord said, I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you . . . and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. - Exodus 33:19

Our Heavenly Father rejoices in being with those who open our hearts and minds to him.

- Mark Garner, August 2025

Where Shall I Go?

Where shall I go but to my Lord,
Who bled and died that I might live?
O let me now attend His word,
He has eternal life to give.

Come, Blessed Spirit, and confine,
My meditations on His love;
That I may sing of grace divine,
And worship Him like those above.

Enter, my soul, His gates with praise,
And thankfully adore His name
Whose mercy lengthens out thy days,
Whose love to thee is still the same.

- Susanna Harrison, from her poetry collection "Songs In The Night".

The Little Birds

The little birds seek their nest;
The baby sleeps on mother's breast;
Thou givest all Thy children rest,
God of the weary.

The sailor prayeth on the sea;
The little ones at mother's knee;
Now comes the penitent to Thee,
God of the weary.

Thou sendest rest to tired feet,
To little toilers slumber sweet,
To aching hearts repose complete,
God of the weary.

In grief, perplexity, or pain,
None ever come to Thee in vain;
Thou makest life a joy again,
God of the weary.

- Matilda Barbara Betham-Edwards, 1836-1919

British poet, travel writer, and novelist Matilda Betham-Edwards published over two dozen books in several areas. She became friends with Charles Dickens and writers Charles Lamb and Mary Lamb, and her aunt Mary Matilda Bentham was well-known in the early 1800s as a poet and a portrait artist.

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, Frank Cowans writes about how God makes our mustard of seed of faith enough.

The Faith Of A Mustard Seed

"I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20 NKJV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV
Salvation is one of the greatest gifts a human being can receive. It is not earned, nor is it something we can ever pay for—it is freely given by God through His grace. To receive this salvation requires faith, and Jesus tells us that even the smallest measure - the faith of a mustard seed - is enough.

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, He reminded them that they already had enough. The same is true for us. We don't need *more* faith, we need to learn to *use* the faith we've been given. Scripture and history are filled with accounts of people who trusted God and saw extraordinary things happen. That same mustard seed faith has the power to move mountains: the mountains of sin, death, disbelief, despair, and hopelessness. And if God willed it, even an actual mountain could be moved.

I've witnessed this in my own life. During seasons of death, job loss, and deep uncertainty, my mustard seed faith was enough. God met me there, blessing the challenges, showing mercy, teaching lessons, and restoring what was lost. If I had possessed more faith, I might have tried to move things that were not in His plan. But He always provides just the right amount—not too much, never too little.

Because of that mustard seed faith, I have seen God move mountains.

What mountains stand in the way of your relationship with God? And what might your mustard seed move out of the way?

- Frank Cowans, August 2025