

Announcements

Safety Workshop This Saturday

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.

Medical Safety Team Meeting On September 28

There will be a meeting for the Medical Safety Team on Sunday, September 28, after worship at 11:30 AM in E41/42 (the fellowship room). Franklin Agyei is now organizing the group (see him for more details). *Note* This is for the Medical Safety Team, and it is a different session from the one on the 20th.

Volume 17 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 17th volume in the series, and its theme is "The Way & The Truth & The Life". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

Needs For The Clothing Closet *Updated*

We would currently appreciate donations of clean, gently used clothes, as well as small kitchen items. We can also always use donated blankets and linens. Please continue to let those in need know about the Clothing Closet. Note that the Clothing 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 either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online.

Treatment has started for the member of the Seikwa church who has been diagnosed with elephantiasis, and the congregation would appreciate your continued prayers. Please also continue praying for the ministry and for those involved. You can also see Franklin Agyei 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

Mark Your Calendars - October Events

These events are coming up in October (more details on each of these will be coming soon):

- * **Saturday, October 11 - Work day** 9 to 11 AM.
- * **Sunday, October 12 - Men’s lunch** after the morning worship assembly.
- * **Sunday, October 12** - Northland will be organizing the worship time at **Willow Brook**.
- * **Sunday, October 19** - Annual **Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat**. Volunteers are needed and donations are welcome. For more information, see Vicki Cowans.

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:	\$4,145	\$4,815
Designated:	\$45	\$208

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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Strengthened By Grace

Now may the God of peace . . . - Hebrews 13:20

Our Heavenly Father, the God of peace, makes an everlasting covenant with those who follow his Son. We were wandering sheep who needed a shepherd, so God sent Jesus to be our good Shepherd:

. . . who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep . . . - Hebrews 13:20

The Pallas's cat is a small feline that lives in the rocky, high altitude plains and shrublands of Central Asia. God has ideally designed them to live in this harsh, remote habitat. Pallas's cats are roughly the size of a familiar house cat, yet they look somewhat larger since they are covered with thick, fluffy fur.

They face extreme temperature swings, as in the summer it can reach 90 degrees, and in winter it can be -40 degrees or lower. In the summer, they shed much of their fluff, and in the winter they regain their thick coats. They also have heavily furred tails, which they stand on when their feet need extra warmth. Likewise, God equips us to live in this world's changing circumstances and appearances, for his words are always true, and his promises are always trustworthy:

. . . equip you with everything good for doing his will . . . - Hebrews 13:21

Pallas's cats are resourceful in finding food, yet at the same time they face threats from several larger predators. So God designs their bodies ingeniously. Their heads are flattened, their ears are low-set, and they have short legs. Thus, they can peer over a boulder or over a snowbank without being seen, and this also enables them to slip into narrow rocky crevices to escape danger. As God gives all this care to these small cats, even more so he gives us everything we need to follow Jesus, even in this world's spiritual dangers and distractions:

. . . and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ. - Hebrews 13:21

The fur of Pallas's cats is a mix of grays and browns, camouflaging them when they're among rocks. When they are caught in the open, they flatten their bodies to resemble rocks. Pallas's cats are slow and vulnerable, yet when they use the resources God gives them, they can live safely. Similarly, God cautions us to avoid this world's teachings, and to put all our hope and faith in him and in the message of Jesus, so that he can strengthen our hearts with his grace:

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace. - Hebrews 13:9

God's grace overflows to those who humbly and reverently walk in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner, September 2025

Gods Wonderous Power & Boundless Wisdom

Praise the Lord: O blissful theme,
To sing the honors of his name.
'Tis pleasure, 'tis divine delight,
And praise is lovely in his sight.

No more our breaking hearts despair,
He binds our wounds with tender care,
His healing hand removes their pain,
And cheerful comfort smiles again.

He counts the host of starry flames,
Knows all their natures and their names,
Great is our God, his wonderous power,
And boundless wisdom we adore.

He veils the sky with treasured showers;
On earth the plenteous blessing pours;
The mountains smile in lively green,
And fairer blooms the flowery scene.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 147.

Arise, My Soul

Arise, my soul, new light receiving,
The dismal haunts of sorrow flee;
All earthly care and worry leaving,
Come forth the sun of joy to see.
The Lamb of God for you has treasured
Celestial joys as yet unmeasured;
A wondrous feast He does provide.
Then will you shine in heavenly splendor
And unto God your praises render
Amid joys that ever shall abide.

- Anders Abrahamsson Achrenius, 1745-1810

Finnish poet and hymnwriter Anders Achrenius (he is also known as Antti Achrenius) was also well known as a teacher and public speaker about the message of Jesus. Many of his hymns still appear in Finnish hymnals, though only a few of them have been translated into English.

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, Dot Duncan writes about the ways God can help our "mustard seed faith" grow, when we seek him and trust him.

How to Increase Your Mustard Seed Faith

Several years ago, I facilitated etiquette workshops and classes for groups and individuals. Though these workshops taught basic etiquette, there was so much more the participants could have learned in an advanced etiquette class. However, I cannot remember one participant asking about an advanced class.

Luke 17:5-6 states, *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.*

Amidst Jesus’ teaching, the apostles had the audacity to ask Christ to increase their faith (v 5).

Jesus does not skip a beat, and answers them (v 6).

I believe Jesus is telling the apostles, since I'm the author of faith, stick with me, I'll take your small faith multiply it into a faith that will transform your lives and the lives of others. You will experience the miraculous.

How you can increase your faith in Him

Ask God to multiply the mustard seed faith that He has placed in you.

Make a daily habit of studying God's word, praying, and take action when necessary. Commit your ways to the Lord and watch the transformation occur.

Ask God to help you go beyond where you are right now. Then wait to see and experience the miraculous power of Christ in your life.

As Christians, we can become stuck at the basic level of faith and never reach our full potential. Just as a participant in the advanced etiquette class must commit him/herself to going beyond the basics. We must commit the time and energy to growing our faith in Christ. For we have a God who is willing to take the mustard seed faith He has given us and make the ordinary extra-ordinary.

- Dot Duncan, September 2025