

Announcements

Medical Safety Team Meeting Next Sunday
There will be a meeting for the Medical Safety Team next 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.

Fall Fest On October 19
The annual Fall Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will be on Sunday, October 19. Volunteers are needed, and donations of candy or cash are welcome. There is a table set up in the foyer with additional information. You can also see Vicki Cowans for more details.

Needs For The Clothing Closet
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** from 9:00 AM - Noon (*note time change*). See Mike Evans for details.
 - * **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 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:	\$1,211	\$4,718
Designated:	\$45	\$204

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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By Faith In The Son Of God

A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. - Galatians 2:16

We were sheep who had gone astray, and we couldn't have redeemed ourselves with our abilities or skills; yet on the cross Jesus has redeemed those who put their faith in him, instead of in human efforts. We couldn't have justified ourselves with our deeds or knowledge, yet through the cross the Lamb of God has justified those who believe his message and follow him humbly:

So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. - Galatians 2:16

British ambassador, economist, and writer John Bowring (1792-1872) was well-known in his lifetime for his numerous accomplishments, including his diplomatic achievements and his familiarity with many nations and languages. Yet today he is remembered for the hymns he wrote, several of which still often appear in hymnals. In one of his best-remembered hymns, "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory", Bowring reflects on what he had seen on his extensive travels.

John had seen the ruins of once-strong cities, he had been to once-powerful nations that had fallen on hard times, and he compared them with the timeless message of Jesus. The hymn begins, "In the cross of Christ I glory, towering over the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime." Truly, worldly thinking and human ambitions lead to little; yet centuries later, Jesus still lives within those who follow him with a humble heart:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. - Galatians 2:20

Bowring's hymn compares this world's empty promises and its false hopes with Jesus' trustworthy promises, as he writes, "When the woes of life overtake me - hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me, lo - it glows with peace and joy." Indeed, Jesus and his message of forgiveness and eternal life are the same yesterday, today, and forever:

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God . . . Galatians 2:20

As a public official, John had experienced both successes and failures. In his hymn, he writes about how Jesus gives us lasting hope and peace that transcend this world's changing circumstances: "Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide."

On the cross, Jesus poured out his lifeblood and his compassion for us, and he gave himself so that everyone would be able to approach God with a humble heart to receive the grace we all need:

. . . who loved me and gave himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

Jesus is our Alpha and our Omega, our Lord and Savior, and much more.

- Mark Garner, September 2025

When I Think of Thee

When I think upon the world and its many woes -
Hunger, misery and crime - how the long list grows!
Greed and hatred and unrest, strifes that never cease,
Weary, weary grows my thought; I can find no peace.

When I meditate on Thee and Thy works, O Lord,
On Thy strength and majesty, on Thy changeless word;
On Thy Steadfast faithfulness, reaching to the sky;
On Thy patient, watchful care over such as I;
On Thine everlasting love, high and strong and deep;
On Thy wisdom and Thy truth and Thy power to keep;
When I think of what Thou art and what Thy power has done;
When I number all the gifts given in Thy Son --
I forget the things that pass in the things that bide,
And my soul can rest in peace, fed and satisfied.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

O Let Me Walk With Thee

O let me walk with Thee, my God,
As Enoch walked in days of old;
Place Thou my trembling hand in Thine,
And sweet communion with me hold;
Even though the path I may not see,
Yet, Jesus, let me walk with Thee.

I cannot, dare not, walk alone;
The tempest rages in the sky,
A thousand snares beset my feet,
A thousand foes are lurking nigh.
Still Thou the raging of the sea,
O Master, let me walk with Thee,

- Lillian D. Avery-Stuttle, 1855-1933

Writer Lillian Avery-Stuttle was best known for her poetry. She published several collections of her poems, and she also wrote a number of other books, including essays on the Scriptures and writings for children.

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, Micah Evans writes about some Scriptures that have encouraged her to put her "mustard seed" in God's hands.

A Little Becomes Much

God knows exactly how hard it might be sometimes for us to have faith. He understands our human limitations, and he understands the challenges we face in the weariness of our flesh. Jesus specifically lived this very life we are living, to even more deeply empathize with our humanness. And He reveals to us in Matthew 17:20 that in our humanness, if all we can possibly muster is faith the size of a mustard seed, that's enough to move a whole mountain.

This is significant because a mustard seed is so very tiny. We're not talking peach pit here...we're talking so tiny that you could literally hold thousands of them in your hand. All you need for the God of the universe to allow mountains to move in your life, is to have faith in Him that is barely bigger than the tip of a pencil. And when I am walking through the challenges of life, that is so comforting because sometimes that's about all I can come up with. I am thankful that God doesn't require me to always have a mountain-sized faith! He requires that whatever we have, we give to Him - even if it doesn't seem like much. And He can and will do the rest.

We see this theme of a little becoming much throughout the Bible. In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus saw a widow giving to the temple 2 measly coins, which was all she had, and Jesus commended her for giving all she could come up with even when it wasn't much. We of course see this in the feeding of the 5000 as well, where 5 loaves and 2 fish became enough to feed a massive crowd (Matthew 14:13-21). Just like with our mustard seed of faith, God can do great and mighty things with our very little. So I encourage you to give Him what you have, even if it feels like your last bit of pocket change or your small sack lunch. You might just see some mountains move!

- Micah Evans, September 2025