

Announcements

Medical Safety Team Meeting Today
There is a meeting for the Medical Safety Team today, after worship at 11:30 AM in the fellowship room. See Franklin Agyei for more details.

Outdoor Maintenance
In the near future, there will be some workers doing outdoor maintenance, including some concrete work around the church building. Please use caution. Note also that at times the main entrance may be temporarily blocked; if that happens, the Cleveland Avenue entrance will be used.

Work Day On October 11
On Saturday, October 11 there will be work day at the church building from 9:00 AM - Noon (*note time change*). See Mike Evans for details.

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

More Autumn Events
* Includes Changes & Additions *
These events are also coming up in October and November (more details on each of these will be coming soon):
* Sunday, October 12 - A time of prayer and fasting after the morning worship assembly. *Note: This replaces the men's lunch* See Jeff for details.
* Sunday, October 12 - Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook. See Caleb for details.
* Saturday, November 8 - Bible reading of 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

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.

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, 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. Please also continue praying for the ministry and for those involved, and please continue praying for the member of the Seikwa church who has elephantiasis. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

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:	\$3,127	\$4,676
Designated:	\$395	\$209

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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Remaining In The Son & The Father

You have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. - 1 John 2:20

The Holy One knows us by name, he anointed us when we turned to Jesus, and he gave us the gift of his Spirit. Jesus, the living Word, teaches boundless truths to those who hold fast to him. God calls us to humbly acknowledge our need for him and for the grace that comes from Jesus:

Whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. - 1 John 2:23

The candy darter is a small fish (about 3 inches long) that lives in one specific environment. They live only in fast-moving, clear rivers and streams in the Central Appalachian Mountains. These small fish need to avoid silty and muddy water. Similarly, God calls us to look beyond the muddiness of this world's confusion and emptiness, to put our faith in him instead of in human abilities and human thinking, so that he may give us eternal life with him:

As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us - eternal life. - 1 John 2:24-25

When candy darters look for food (they eat small aquatic insects), they face powerful currents that would be too strong for most fish, particularly most larger fish. God gave them remarkably strong pectoral fins, especially for such small fish, that enable them to withstand these forces. Moreover, they are resourceful in finding rocks to rest behind when they need a respite. Similarly, we often face the strong currents of this world's empty reasoning and the loudness of its futile ways, yet God's words teach us timeless truths, and he is always near when we open our hearts to him:

I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray . . . his anointing teaches you about all things . . . just as it has taught you, remain in him. - 1 John 2:26-27

Candy darters get their name from their vivid array of bright colors. Their severe habitat makes them hard to find, yet some biologists consider them to be North America's most beautiful freshwater fish. God has given this striking beauty to these tiny, little-known creatures. Similarly, this world may consider us to be insignificant, but our Heavenly Father considers us his dear children, his treasured possession, and he simply calls us to continue in him:

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. - 1 John 2:28

Our Holy One patiently reminds us to walk in the light of Jesus, so that he may give us the spiritual treasure of being with him.

- Mark Garner, September 2025

Come Close To The Savior

Come close to the Savior, He calleth thee gently,
Draw near to thy Father's throne;
His eyes will behold thee, His mercy enfold thee,
Why carry thy grief alone?
Come close to the Savior, O trust and remember,
Through trials our souls are blest.
Whatever betide thee, thy Refuge will hide thee,
O come unto Him and rest.

Peacefully, tranquilly, tenderly rest,
Folding thy wings like a dove,
Peacefully, tranquilly, tenderly rest,
Safe in the arms of His love.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Rest In The Lord

Rest in the Lord, impatient heart,
With smile His pleasures wait;
Rest in the Lord, He knows full well
Thy trials, small and great.

Rest in the Lord, uneasy heart,
With calmness wait his will;
He knows thy wishes, every one,
Then wait, and trust him still.

- Clara Janetta Denton, 1842-1927

Writer Clara Denton published a wide variety of works. She wrote several stage plays, published a collection of her poems, and she wrote the words to a number of hymns. She also wrote several children's books. She also served as the post-master of her home town.

Where Does Wisdom Come From?

In Job 28, as he is enduring a painful time, Job ponders the true source of knowledge and wisdom. It is also good for us to remind ourselves that all genuine wisdom comes from God. This week, Steve Carver writes about how personal experiences taught him to trust in God's wisdom.

How Wise Are You

In Job chapter 28, he expressed a deep desire to know, *But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?* — Job 28:12 (almost verbatim again in V20). He laments because, *No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living. ... It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky.* — Job 28:13,21. Job recognizes the inestimable value of wisdom, but also the utter futility in trying to find it in anything material in this world. He concludes by saying, *And he said to man, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding."* — Job 28:28 ESV

As a kid, I was into baseball, football, and basketball. But it wasn't the players who were my real heroes (other than Jerry Lucas and John Havlicek), it was Spock and other imaginary and real people like him. It was those who could dispassionately pull together facts in such a fashion to bring undeniable clarity to a given situation or course of action. I wanted to be like them, a fount of wisdom that would have an authentic impact on people. I thought if I read enough books, memorized enough sayings, implemented enough life changes that I could absorb wisdom and utilize it to guide my own steps and perhaps set out a few road markers for others. Trouble was I never got to the point where I felt wise, that innately I knew how to travel the road ahead. The few times that I thought I understood how to handle life's twists and turns, I usually ran off the highway.

The following verses I've studied and memorized since the early days in my walk with the Lord. But for me, unfortunately, the path between my head and heart is sometimes long and arduous.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. — Proverbs 3:5–7

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. — Proverbs 16:25 ESV

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. — Proverbs 12:15

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. — Psalm 111:10

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. — 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

- Steve Carver, September 2025