

Announcements

Work Day This Saturday

This Saturday, October 11 there will be a work day at the church building from 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon. See Mike Evans for details.

Guest Speaker Today

This morning Mark Mason (minister from the Lancaster Church of Christ) will be speaking at the worship assembly. Next week Caleb will return.

What's The Point Of Ephesians?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available on the table in the foyer, as well as on the racks. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Ephesians?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under Resources.

Outdoor Maintenance

Outdoor maintenance is continuing, 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.

Prayer Time Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 12, there will be a time of prayer and fasting after the morning worship assembly. This prayer time will focus on Northland members (and relatives of Northland members) with chronic medical conditions. We may split up into men's and women's groups.

Worship At Willow Brook Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 12, Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook. See Caleb 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 (for candy, food supplies, or activity costs), are welcome. There is a table set up in the foyer with additional information. You can also see Vicki Cowans for more details.

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 - November Events

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

- \* **Saturday, November 8 - Bible reading** of 1 & 2 Thesalonians.
- \* **Sunday, November 16** - Northland will be organizing the worship time at **Willow Brook**.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

We would currently appreciate donations of clean, gently used clothes, as well as small kitchen items. 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. 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. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

Current Mid-Week Studies

(See the organizers for more information)

- \* **Mondays at 6:30 PM** (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group, organized by Peggy Kaiser.
- \* **Tuesdays at 7:15 PM** (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell.
- \* **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** - A Bible study on John, organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger.
- \* **First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM** - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans.

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
<b>General:</b>	\$5,164	\$4,688
<b>Designated:</b>	\$495	\$216

**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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Assurance About What We Do Not See

*Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. - Hebrews 11:1*

God made many wondrous things, and he does many acts of kindness to give us assurance in things that earthly eyes cannot see. Jesus shows us God's desire for us to seek him so we may receive the grace we need. Like the ancients, we have many reasons to put our faith and hope in God:

*This is what the ancients were commended for. - Hebrews 11:2*

Northern Irish mathematician John Lennox (1943-present) is known in mathematics for his publications on abstract algebraic structures. Yet he is also known for his writings about the Scriptures and the message of Jesus, for he sees science as being in harmony with his faith.

Lennox writes about the Creation, "Both Genesis and science say that the universe is geared to supporting life. But Genesis says more. It says that you, as a human being, bear the image of God. The starry heavens show the glory of God, yes; but they are not made in God's image. You are . . . it gives you incalculable value." Indeed, the Creation both shows us God's boundless wisdom as well as reassuring us that there is a God who cares about us:

*By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. - Hebrews 11:3*

All of this world's experts and authorities fall well short of answering adequately the most important questions of human existence. Instead, as John writes, "God is not an alternative to science as an explanation . . . he is the ground of all explanation." Truly, our Heavenly Father has the answers to the most important questions, and through Jesus he has met our deepest needs.

When Lennox is asked how God could allow suffering, he answers, "A Christian is not a person who has solved the problem of suffering, but one who has come to love and trust the God who has suffered for them." In this fallen world, we will all face sorrows and fears, yet Jesus came to bear our burdens and our pains, and our Heavenly Father never forgets those who put their faith in him:

*By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did . . . And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. - Hebrews 11:4*

John compares human ambitions with the message of Jesus: "Man thinks he can become God. But infinitely greater than that is the fact that God thought of becoming human." Truly, the good news of Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits, and it gives us a faith in unseen things:

*Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. - Hebrews 11:6*

And God gives priceless spiritual blessings to those who seek him humbly with their hearts.

- Mark Garner, October 2025

**The Field Of Love Divine**

Come, view the field of love divine,  
Where I love to rove and glean,  
How pleasant to this soul of mine.  
What spices blow, what joys are seen.

I'm lost in admiration here,  
Is this the garden of my God?  
What fragrant balm is that so near?  
'Tis pardon sprinkled with rich blood.

Methinks I see the dreadful sword  
Plunged in His body on the tree;  
But why, O why, my dearest Lord,  
Why this extreme expense for me?

O let my soul adoring bend,  
Here is profound, stupendous love,  
Too vast for me to comprehend,  
Too vast for all the saints above."

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784

*(From her poetry collection, "Songs In The Night".)*

**Trust, Trust, Trust**

My need he is pledged to supply,  
I trust for each breath that I breathe;  
And since I have life at His hands,  
What not all He wishes to give?  
Lord, I yield evermore,  
For Thy promise is true,  
While I trust, trust, trust.

He offers me pardon and peace,  
He offers me cleansing from sin;  
The fountain once opened I see,  
Dear Jesus, I dare to plunge in.  
Now I know I am free,  
For Thy blood cleanses me,  
While I trust, trust, trust.

- Susanna Rebecca Graham Clark, 1848-1932

*Canadian-American writer Susanna Clark was best known in her lifetime for writing a popular series of youth and young adult novels based on a young woman as she faced various stages of life. She also wrote several novels for adults, as well as publishing her poetry.*

**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, Leon Norwood writes about the ways that God helps us learn and gain understanding throughout our lives, when we humbly acknowledge him as the source of wisdom.*

**What Is Wisdom, And Where Does It Come From?**

Generally, wisdom can come from a combination of personal experiences and thoughtful reflection, where successes and mistakes are analyzed to gain deeper understanding and insight regarding how to conduct one's affairs and life. In a spiritual context, however, wisdom comes only from God, obtained through studying His word and seeking Him daily. If you are like me, you spend a lot of time seeking wisdom for the daily decisions that need to be made, for example at work or visiting friends and neighbors or even shopping. And I think you would agree that knowledge and understanding are also important to the decision-making process. It's interesting to discover that many verses in the Bible refer to wisdom, knowledge and understanding all in the same passage.

These three words have different meanings, but the Scriptures point out they build on each other. It says *Understanding* comes from learning God's Word. *Knowledge* comes from the experiences and skills God provides to us, and *Wisdom* comes from an accumulation of the understanding and knowledge we receive over time. All three traits, however, ultimately come from God. As Proverbs 2:6 teaches, "*For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.*"

The Hebrew meaning of understanding has been defined as, "perceptive insight with the ability to judge." It is time in God's word that enable us to realize the perils of poor choices and to gain understanding of the situation, resulting in a better solutions and outcomes. Job 28:28 teaches "*Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.*"

Knowledge comes from God, through the experiences, skills, talents and gifts He provides, allowing us to confront in life – provided we're humble enough to learn. Proverbs 1:7 teaches, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*" Fear of the Lord, devoted reverential respect, provides the humility necessary to gain knowledge and excel spiritually.

Wisdom emerges out of the knowledge and understanding we gain over the years. When we have made enough mistakes, the knowledge gained enables us to have wisdom. Applying the lessons we've learned over time provides a pathway for us to gain wisdom, but once again it requires humility. As Proverbs 9:10 sums it up, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*"

In James 1:5 we read "*If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him*".

- Leon Norwood, October 2025