

Announcements

Prayer Time Today

Today 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 Today

Today, Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road), starting at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

Fall Fest Next Sunday
* Additional Information *

The annual Fall Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will be next Sunday, October 19, from 5:30-7:00 PM. 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, including ways you can help. You can also see Vicki Cowans for more details.

Support For The Ministry In Ghana
* A Thank You & A New Request *

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ. Current needs include a motorbike for the preacher and support for the prison ministry. Thank you to those who contributions helped the church obtain computers for the high school students. They appreciate your prayers as well; please also pray for one of the other churches in the region - it is currently inaccessible to outsiders, due to fighting in the area. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. 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 - 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 Thessalonians.
- * **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!

Current Mid-Week Studies

- * **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. The current study is based on "God, Pass By Me: A Study Of The Names Of God" by Casandra Martin.
- * **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
General:	\$7,219	\$4,752
Designated:	\$1,100	\$238

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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A City Where We Could Settle

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. - Psalm 107:2

The Lord redeems those who open their minds and hearts to the good news of Jesus, and he has gathered his scattered sheep from all over the world:

Those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. - Psalm 107:3

Leo Tolstoy's 1869 novel "War And Peace" is set in the Napoleonic Wars of the early 1800s. The lengthy story has many characters and events. One sub-plot involves two Russian friends, Pierre Bezukhov and Andrei Bolkonsky, as each of them looks for meaning and direction for their lives. Though Russia is fighting against France, Pierre and Andrei both have considerable admiration for French leader Napoleon Bonaparte, for different reasons.

Pierre is a naïve idealist who believes in helping others; he believes Napoleon's promise to fulfill the original ideals of the French Revolution. Andrei is a hardened cynic who sees life as a battle, and he admires Bonaparte's skill and success. So, each one overlooks all of the bloodshed and devastation the revolution and the wars have caused. Each of them will learn later that God alone can satisfy our deepest needs, and the message of Jesus can alone give our lives lasting meaning:

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. - Psalm 107:4-5

When they meet again, Pierre's trust in grand plans and human promises has led to some painful experiences. He now realizes that genuine love means loving God and others daily, in ways that others may never know about. Andrei has attained glory, but he is friendless and empty. He has seen extensive human suffering that has led him to have compassion, as he says, "Compassion . . . for those who love us and for those who hate us . . . that love which God preached on earth."

Each of them turns to God, the one source of enduring compassion, peace and hope. Similarly, God has made us part of his spiritual city, where we may find rest for our souls:

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble . . . He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. - Psalm 107:6-7

Pierre summarizes what they have both learned, "Life is God . . . while there is life, there is joy in consciousness of the divine. To love life is to love God. Harder and more blessed than all else is to love . . . amidst one's sufferings." Indeed, it is good to give thanks to God for his unfailing love:

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love . . . for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. - Psalm 107:8-9

And truly our Heavenly Father fills our souls and spirits with many good spiritual things.

- Mark Garner, October 2025

Thine Is The Power

Our Father, our Father, who dwellest in light,
We lean on Thy love, and we rest on Thy might;
In weakness and weariness joy shall abound,
For strength everlasting in Thee shall be found:
Our Refuge, our Helper in conflict and woe,
Our mighty Defender, how blessed to know
That Thine is the Power!

Thou knowest our dangers, Thou knowest our frame,
But a tower of strength is Thy glorious name;
Oh, lead us not into temptation, we pray,
But keep us, and let us not stumble or stray;
Thy children shall under Thy shadow abide;
In Thee as our Guide and our Shield we confide,
For Thine is the Power!

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

My Times Are In Your Hand

My times are in your hand. - Psalm 31:15

My times are in your hand;
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul I leave
Entirely to your care.

My times are in your hand,
Jesus, the crucified.
Those hands my cruel sins had pierced
Are now my guard and guide.

My times are in your hand,
Jesus, my advocate:
Nor shall your hand be stretched in vain,
For me to supplicate.

- William Freeman Lloyd, 1791-1853

British writer and editor William Lloyd edited two Christian periodicals, and for a time he was one of the organizers for a group that distributed materials for children's Bible classes. He also published a collection of his poems.

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, Peggy Kaiser writes about a parable that reassures us that spiritual wisdom is available to everyone equally when we believe the message of Jesus.

Spiritual Wisdom Available To Everyone Who Believes

When I was in high school, I wanted to be wise and smart even more so than popular or pretty. I earned good grades in high school only because I studied and turned in homework assignments. I never felt academically smart. I really admire people who wise and can speak eloquently on any topic. We all know those people who just seem to be born with wisdom and discernment, people like Benjamin Franklin, Socrates, Ghandi and Master Yoda. They know how to make decisions based on experience, facts and thoughtful judgement. They are not swayed by emotions or the opinions of others. If you don't fall into that category of being naturally wise, there is good news for those of us who feel like we lack the gift of wisdom. Jesus tells us that we can be like a wise man. How can this be?

According to Matthew 7:24, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* Applying Jesus' teachings to my life, leads to a very important type of wisdom; a spiritual wisdom. This wisdom develops a strong foundation in my life. Jesus' words help me figure out the way that he wants me to lead my life, the right things to think about and how to use my resources. I want to have a strong foundation in my life, so that I can weather the storms of life, not only for myself but to be a blessing for others. I do not want to be like the foolish man in this parable. The foolish man did not hear Jesus' word, and was only concerned about himself. This produces a weak foundation that will easily crumble when storms arrive.

Some people are naturally gifted with intelligence and wisdom. God makes spiritual wisdom available to everyone who hears and obeys Jesus' teachings. This parable encourages me, and I hope it encourages your heart as well.

- Peggy Kaiser, October 2025