

Announcements

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend

Daylight savings time will end next weekend. The time change takes place at 2:00 AM on Sunday November 2, so remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed this Saturday, November 1.

Afternoon Sunday Class Resumes Next Week

The Sunday afternoon class is resuming on November 2 at 4:00 PM. The topic will be Ray Vander Laan's video series "In The Dust Of The Rabbi". See Mike Paden for more details.

Bible Reading On November 8

On Saturday, November 8 there will be a Bible reading of the entire books of 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians, from 10:30-11:30 AM. It will be in the Sunshine Room (E31). See Caleb for more details.

More November Events

* With New Events *

More details on each of these will be coming soon:

- * **Sunday, November 16** - There will be a **Potluck** after the morning worship assembly.
- * **Sunday, November 16** - Northland will be organizing the worship time at **Willow Brook**.
- * **Sunday, November 23 - Combined Worship** with the Ghana congregation - class at 10:00 followed by worship at 11:00.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

* Helpers Needed *

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
Afternoon Class - Resumes November 2 @ 4 PM	

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. Thank you to those whose contributions are helping the church obtain needed resources. They appreciate your prayers as well; please continue praying for the Seikwa member who has elephantiasis, and also for one of the churches in the region that is inaccessible 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.

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, meets 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 E41-42. See Mike or Leisha for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3,638	\$4,663
Designated:	\$45	\$229



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That Times Of Refreshing May Come

A man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate . . . When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. -Acts 3:2-3

This man hoped for a couple of coins, yet he received a much better blessing. Similarly, God's grace and mercy overflow to those who put their faith in Jesus:

Peter said, Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk . . . instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. - Acts 3:6-7

Ohio songwriter Will Thompson (1847-1909) started out writing secular songs and running a music publishing company. When he became a follower of Jesus, he eventually decided to devote himself full-time to writing hymns about Jesus and his message of salvation and redemption. Thompson's best-remembered hymn, "Softly & Tenderly", begins "Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and me." As Peter brings renewal to the man at the gate, Jesus patiently and gently calls all of us to come closer to him so that he may renew our spirits:

He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. - Acts 3:8

Will kept a notebook with him, so that he could write down any ideas for a hymn that came to him. For Jesus always guides us and helps us whenever we listen to him, as the hymn continues, "Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?" When we were lost, Jesus called us to come to him; and when we wander or stray, Jesus calls us simply to return to him. As Thompson writes in the chorus, "Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home."

As the man at the gate was strengthened and healed, Jesus strengthens us with his grace and heals the wounds in our hearts when we hear his call and come to him:

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and faith that comes through him that has completely healed him. - Acts 3:16

Will became well-known for travelling around singing and teaching songs to anyone interested, just as the message of Jesus is for everyone who seeks him. The hymn concludes, "O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me, though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and me. Come home, come home . . . " Truly, Jesus refreshes our souls whenever we turn to him humbly:

Turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, and that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. - Acts 3:19

And Jesus has prepared an eternal home for us in God's heavenly dwelling.

- Mark Garner, October 2025

In Jesus

In the world, tribulation; but in Jesus - peace;
The heart of the whirlwind where its roarings cease,
A little home waiting, still and light and warm,
A safe sanctuary from the night and storm.

In the world, tribulation; but in Jesus - rest;
A sure place of refuge for the sore-oppressed,
A guarded pavilion no device can take,
A strong-walled fortress no assault can shake.

In the world, tribulation; but in Jesus - peace;
A deep, quiet harbor where the high waves cease,
A long-desired haven on a friendly shore,
Where the wild winds of oceans sweep the soul no more.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Jesus Of Nazareth

Jesus of Nazareth, O what a name.
Let us rejoice and His glory proclaim;
Savior and keeper forever the same,
Shepherd, Redeemer and Lord.

Jesus of Nazareth, nailed to the tree,
Dying that we by His death might be free,
Bearing the curse all for you and for me,
Dying a ransom for all,

Jesus of Nazareth, raised from the dead,
Spotless and holy, and still in our stead,
Made for us ever our glorified head,
Raised from the dead for us all.

- Daniel W. Whittle, 1840-1901

When future hymnwriter Daniel Whittle was still an unbeliever, he was hospitalized, and he passed the time reading a Bible that someone had left behind. Then, he was asked to pray with a young patient who was about to pass away, because from his Bible reading everyone assumed that he was a Christian. Whittle prayed with the patient and then prayed for himself, and he soon decided to follow Jesus. He went on to write the words to over 200 hymns, with his daughter May writing the music to many of them.

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, Paula Robbins writes about how reverent respect for God is the beginning of godly wisdom.

From Where Does Wisdom Come From?

In Job 28:28, God states that fear of (reverent respect for) God is wisdom. The writer of Proverbs 9:10 adds “knowledge of the Holy One” as essential to wisdom. So, what does this fear of/respect for God look like in the lives of real people, and how does God respond to their respect for him?

For Abraham, incredible faith and obedience toward God were combined with equally incredible cowardice and faithlessness toward his wife (Genesis 12:1-4, 10-20; 20:2-12). God responded by proclaiming him the father of the faithful (Hebrews 11:8-9) and the model of the faith that God blesses with salvation (Romans 4). For Jacob, it was an all-night wrestling match with God that ended with a defiant refusal to quit fighting until God blessed him. He got the blessing he demanded, but walked away with a limp (Genesis 32:22-32). His new name, Israel, became the name and the identity of God’s people: those who seek God and dare to wrestle with him.

For Rahab, the Gentile prostitute, her life and the lives of her family were spared as the result of her respect for God (Joshua 2). For Ruth, the Moabite widow, her loyalty to the God of her mother-in-law was rewarded with a husband and son (Ruth). These foreigners were included in God’s chosen people and were given the honor of being an ancestress of the Messiah, the only women mentioned in his genealogy (Matthew 1:5). For the prophets who preceded Jesus, it often meant ministry activities and circumstances that were humiliating, harrowing, or both.

Jesus himself teaches us that the attitudes toward God that result in his blessing will not only be different, but often opposite, of what the world usually considers wise (Matthew 5-7; 18:3; 20:25). The Apostle Paul tells us that God’s wisdom is not what people naturally expect, is revealed through the Holy Spirit, and appears to be foolishness to those who do not know God (1 Corinthians 2:6-16). Jesus’ brother James tells us that as disciples of Christ, God’s wisdom is ours for the asking (James 1:5).

From these and many other examples from the scripture, we see that the reverence that is blessed by God does not depend on pedigree nor perfect performance. We also see that even though reverence for God is wise and enables us to receive His wisdom, that is not a guarantee that God’s wisdom will completely and immediately displace the human foolishness that naturally dwells in our hearts. That’s part of the ongoing process of being transformed into the nature of Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:17). The way God imparts his wisdom is often surprising in light of human standards, and couldn’t be more delightful.

Solomon portrays Wisdom as actively looking for us (Proverbs 1:20-21). She is calling to us from both city streets and open places (countryside). How will you respond to Her call?

- Paula Robbins, October 2025