

Announcements

Potluck Next Sunday
Next Sunday, November 16, there will be a Potluck after the morning worship assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend; bring a dish or just come - there will be plenty of food. If you are bringing something, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, where you can let everyone know what you intend to bring.

Willow Brook Worship Next Sunday
Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) next Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

Combined Worship On November 23
On Sunday, Nover there will be a combined, bilingual time of worship with the Ghana congregation. There will a combined class in the auditorium at 10:00 AM, followed by a worship assembly at 11:00 AM. Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in English and Twi. * Note: there will be no children's classes, so everyone will be in the auditorium.

Needs For The Clothing Closet
* New Request *
With winter approaching, we would appreciate donations of clean, gently used winter clothing. We can also use small kitchen items, as well as 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!

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 (English)	4:00 PM

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.

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.

- 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:	\$5,996	\$4,752
Designated:	\$45	\$223

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



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A Teaching That Comes From God

When the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him . . . No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret . . . show yourself to the world. - John 7:2-4

In Jesus' lifetime on this earth, his plain appearance and his human background contrasted with his profound teachings and remarkable actions. For a long time, even Jesus' own brothers considered him as a curiosity, an oddity, instead of realizing who he really was:

For even his own brothers did not believe in him. - John 7:5

The kookaburra is best known for its unusual call, which sounds like raucous human laughter, and for its aerial antics when in flight. These characteristics have given kookaburras the image of comical, unthinking birds. Yet kookaburras are devoted to one another, and they courageously face the dangers around them. Similarly, the closer we look at Jesus, we can slowly realize that he is much more than initial appearances may imply:

Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, He is a good man. Others replied, No, he deceives the people. - John 7:12

Kookaburras live in Australia and in some of the surrounding islands; and the largest species (the laughing kookaburra) has an average length from beak to tail of about 1 1/2 feet. Though they might appear somewhat pudgy, they are remarkable agile, especially in flight. They also use their loud, distinctive calls to communicate, particularly in alerting one another to danger, since in their environment they face numerous dangerous creatures. A kookaburra will risk its own life, relying on its agility, to contend with a venomous snake in order to protect the others.

Similarly, God chose to send Jesus to live as a common carpenter's son, and to live in an often-scorned region. Jesus' teachings amazed people who relied on human standards, for Jesus' message transcends human knowledge and human thinking, and it is for everyone who humbly seeks God:

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, How did this man get such learning without having been taught? - John 7:14-15

Kookaburras mate for life, and both parents devote themselves to raising their young. They live in groups; they help one other with their young, and they respect other groups' territories. Kookaburras get their abilities from their Creator; and in a far more significant way, Jesus' teachings and his abilities come from his Father, who sent him to be our Lord and Savior:

Jesus answered, My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from. - John 7:16-17

Jesus came from heaven full of boundless truths and abundant grace.

- Mark Garner, November 2025

The God Of Boundless Grace

Now may the God of boundless grace,
The God of hope and love,
Fill each soul with peace,
And every doubt remove.

Let the bright views of Jesus raise
Our songs divinely high;
And, while our tongues repeat his praise,
Let grief stand silent by.

Rejoice, children of God, rejoice,
And doubt His love no more;
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,
And his rich grace adore.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784

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

Grace, Enough For Me

In looking through my tears one day,
I saw Mount Calvary;
Beneath the cross there flowed a stream
Of grace, enough for me.

While standing there, my trembling heart,
Once full of agony,
Could scarce belief the sight I saw
Of grace, enough for me.

When I beheld my every sin
Nailed to the cruel tree,
I felt a flood go through my soul
Of grace, enough for me.

Grace is flowing from Calvary,
Grace as fathomless as the sea,
Grace for time and eternity,
Grace, enough for me.

- Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

After hymnwriter Edwin Excell worked as a bricklayer and plasterer for a number of years, his dedication to following Jesus and his musical abilities led him to devote the rest of his life to writing hymns. Besides writing both the words and music to over 1,000 hymns, he also worked for a musical publishing house where he edited several collections of hymns by others.

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, Tara Neiswonger writes about Job's own search for understanding, and what we can learn from it.

The Depths Of The Wisdom Of God

"And He said to man, the fear of the Lord - that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding." (Job 28:38)

Throughout the book of Job, the friends of Job admonish him in his suffering that he must be at fault to find himself with such losses. He must have sinned and displeased God. Their logic was that the absence of material blessing, the taking away of those blessings, must be the result of a failing of Job's. Leading to a converse belief that being the recipient of material blessings must mean Job lived a good life and deserved such blessing.

As the reading progresses into Job 28, that chapter shares a story of searching for treasure in the deepest parts of the earth and discovering that wisdom cannot be found in the 'land of the living' or bought 'with the finest gold'. Wisdom it concludes is found only with God, in the fear of the Lord.

Psalm 111:10 reads *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, all who follow his precepts have good understanding."*

Job goes through his suffering, not knowing why this is happening to him. He remains consistent in recommending himself to God. While Job never receives an answer as to why he went through his trials and losses, he does see the grace of God. His fear of God, his holding on to his faith through this, is a testament to Job's reverence of God.

Job was never privy to the challenge between Satan and God. He never knew Satan's belief that Job's devotion to God rested solely on Job's material abundance he felt derived from God, that if the material blessings were to be taken from Job, Job's relationship with God would dissolve. Job, in a very human way, does wish he had not been born and does call out to God for treating him in such a way, nevertheless he remains true to his fear of God. He does wish to understand why, as all humans wish to know, why do bad things happen to good people.

Job remains steady in his fear of God as he comes to fully realize that understanding God in human terms is nigh impossible, and in a sense, limits a limitless God.

"Oh the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out." (Romans 11:33)

In the end, Job remains faithful to God. He also walks out of the experience with a deeper faith and understanding and a clearer sense of God's presence no matter the circumstances.

- Tara Neiswonger, November 2025