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**Pastor's Corner**

It's important for us to have things to look forward to. Kels and I have always looked ahead to specific events or markers in our lives as defining moments before they even come. We got married, our children were born, we moved overseas and then to North Olmsted, we got a big screen TV to watch football - these were all things that were important and defined our lives as a couple and as a family. Come to think of it, that last one might have been one of mine more than hers.

Before each of these things occurred, we were excited about them. Afterwards, we knew we would cherish them.

Now we're looking forward to Bohler baby #4 coming in January. God has blessed us greatly, and it will be wonderful to celebrate with the Labrados (also expecting in January) when the new arrivals come. Pastor Geoff might not be as thrilled when the staff is decimated because of Babypalooza 2017.

I believe God gives us things worth looking forward to. He rejoices and celebrates with us in those things worth rejoicing and celebrating over. James 1:17 tells us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." And the life of the church is no different than the life of a family or a marriage in this sense - as I look ahead to August and the rest of the year, I believe He has given us so much to be excited about as we anticipate what He is going to do in our congregation.

One thing I'm most excited about is our all-church picnic and baptism service on August 21, and I want to ask that you make every effort to join us. We are going to have a time of joyous celebration as we fellowship together and rejoice over what God has done in the lives of those being baptized - and let us know if you want to be baptized to make that symbolic proclamation of what Jesus has done in your life!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Adult Discipleship Opportunities**Sunday Mornings -**

9:15 am - "Seeking God's Face" - This is not study... This is practical teaching, practicing, and experiencing prayer that can change everything. Led by the Word of God and the Spirit of God we are going to gather for the purpose of seeking God's face and praying God's Word and His agenda for our lives. We will meet in the Youth Room. *For more information contact Pastor Rich.*

11:00 am - "Jesus & the Kingdom of God" - "What is this Kingdom of God? Why does it demand so much from you? How does it relate to your life? As you come to grips with the raw truths that Jesus taught, without the sugarcoating of modern religion, your life will be changed!" The class meets in S4-5 and is facilitated by Phil Cox.

NEW Mid-Week, Mid-Morning Study "Walking with God in the Desert" starting August 3--"During those desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on Him that we find Him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision." The study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5 and facilitated by Pastor Rich.

Wednesday Night Study at 7 pm in S 4-5 - "GRAVE ROBBER - How Jesus Makes the Impossible Possible"

Join us for this Wednesday Night Study at 7:00 pm in S-4/5 with Pastor Rich. Explore the 7 miracles in the gospel of John and discover how they speak to your life and faith. The study will end on August 17.

Children's Ministry

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The children (PreK - Grade 4) will continue to begin in worship with their parents and be dismissed for their classes after the time of prayer. If you have any questions contact Liz Kannel or Pastor Rich.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS THIS SUMMER AT FRIENDS

We are continuing our series of Family Fun Nights throughout the month of August! The idea is for the whole family to join us for a fun night of fellowship. We will be learning about a different Psalm each night. Feel free to invite friends to join us. Each night we will have a short devotional, activity and fun summer snack. Plan to join us for as many as you can make it, too! Let us know you'll be attending by signing up you and your family at www.noefc.org/familyfunnights.



- August 3: Family Photo scavenger hunt
- August 10: Family Tye-dye night
- August 17: Family Amazing Race around North Olmsted



CLASS PROMOTIONS - Children will be promoted to their next grade on Sunday, September 4 during both services. The September Friends Forecast will have all details regarding teachers and class locations.

Children's Ministry is looking for teachers, assistants, Tiny Tots, and Nursery workers beginning in September. Is God calling you to step out and impart the love of Christ and the Word of God to our youngest generation for the sake of God's kingdom work? We are also looking for Club 56 and Club FX volunteers. For more information, contact Liz Kannel at liz@noefc.org or Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

NOEFC is seeking to fill the Children's Ministry Director position. The position will come with a *full-time salary* and *benefits*. For a complete job description and application, please visit our church website at www.noefc.org.

STAND will be heading to **Cedar Point** on Wednesday, August 3! We will meet at the church at 8:30 am. Tickets are \$42 - please RSVP with Pastor Zach by Sunday, July 31. Please bring a sack lunch (we will have coolers) and some money for dinner.



STAND will be hosting a **game night** at the church on Friday, August 5 from 7 pm - midnight, open to all 7-12 graders! Bring some snacks and a game, and join your friends for some fellowship and fun before the summer ends. No Friday Fun Day on August 5 because of game night. Contact Pastor Zach for more info.

Get ready for Wednesday night STAND throughout the fall! We will be starting a new series on August 17 as we learn to be better disciples of Jesus this school year! 6:15-8:15 on Wednesdays throughout the year, open to 7-12 graders.

Save the date! The 2016 **STAND Fall Retreat** will be November 4-6 at Camp Gideon!

RightNow Media...

Have you been blessed by the ministry of RightNow Media? It provides thousands of faith lessons for children, youth and adults. If you lost our email invitation or never got one, contact pastorrich@noefc.org and access this great resource for your computer, tablet, phone or TV.



"Like" us on Facebook and stay updated on recent happenings and upcoming events!



Check out videos from past mission trips, worship experiences and also our announcements!

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies! Mark your calendars now for our upcoming overnight retreat October 7th - 9th at the Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio (Friday night through Sunday morning). More details will come soon and signups will take place during the month of August. A \$50 deposit will be required at the time of registration.



Silver Friends

On Thursday, August 25, we have a couple of ways to enjoy our Silver Friends. We're leaving NOEFC at 9:30 am for the **Lorain County Fair** in Wellington *OR* meeting at **Red Robin Restaurant** for lunch in North Olmsted at 11:30 am. We'll come together at church in the FLC to complete our fellowship for an Ice Cream Sundae Social at 1:15 pm.
For reservations, please contact Margie Metz at 440-779- 0784.

Saturday Men's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, August 6, at Denny's on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Come for a time of fellowship, conversation and prayer. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.



Operation Christmas Child



During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies (pencils, notebook paper, crayons, rulers). Contact Chuck Palmer for more information (charlespalmer23@gmail.com).

Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce. Please drop the items off in the white bin in Tim Labrado's office.

Do you play the piano? Are you willing to play hymns 1-2 times a month at **Westlake Village** on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm? If so, please contact Pastor Rich.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 3:00 PM
PICNIC | BAPTISMS

home of Jack & Joann Hengst
27217 Forsythia Dr., Columbia Station, OH 44028

SIGN UP NOW!



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LOFT (40s & 50s) Lolly the Trolley Tour of Cleveland

Sunday, September 11, departing the church at 1:00 pm—returning at 4:30 pm

Take a tour of Cleveland and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Along the way, we are going to stop for some ice cream. The cost is \$25/person and space is limited to 38. Sign up in the lobby on Sunday mornings beginning August 7.

NORTH OLMSTED HOMECOMING DAYS

"Gateway to the Future," August 25-28

Every year, our community comes together to celebrate the various organizations that make North Olmsted home for so many. We invite you to participate in our Homecoming Days by helping out at our booth from August 25-28 or by walking with us in the parade on August 28. Sign ups will begin this month in the lobby, so stay tuned for more details in our announcements and bulletin!

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

Are we missing important NOEFC events or opportunities that our congregation should know about? Do you have a testimony of God's goodness that you would like to share? We are always looking for fresh ways to keep our people engaged through our Friends Forecast or our weekly announcement videos! Email Tim Labrado (tim@noefc.org) to make it known or if you have any questions. Let's share how God is working in the life of this Body!



Our mission at NOEFC is to be a body of growing disciples who know, love, follow, and lead others to Jesus.

Service Times:
Sundays 9:15 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays 7:00 pm (Youth at 6:15 pm)

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Prayer Requests:

Please join us in praying for members and friends:



Tim Roche	Ron Baechle	Calvin Yeager
Dotty Foschke	Rick Henderson	Dennis Wells
Becky Clark	Tom Sturgeon	Kraig Wiant
Joan Chester	Loretta Morabito	Dianne Marks
Don Sabo	Emily Rose Shaffer	Bob Fitzsimmons

Happy Birthday to...

8/1	Melissa Ledwell Nathan Stororw, Jr. Ella Wiant Max Wiant	8/14	Margaret McKinley Dennis Popik Karen Swartz Pam Drottar Nolan Blume
8/2	Beverly Dixon Susan Conkey Scott Glazer Carrie Junkins Isabella Spagnola	8/15	Lenora Swidrak
8/3	Marguerite Shipman Nicole Kuch	8/16	George Vlosich, IV
8/4	Alan Roach	8/17	Dave Saunders
8/5	Sylvia Merritt Eric Wolters	8/19	Jim Bramhall
8/6	Irene Weston Roger Freeman Hazel Bischel	8/20	Zoey Cyngier Bryce Wilke
8/7	Wendy Blount Kendall McCray	8/21	Sarah Cordrick Tim Kaufhold
8/8	Dan Lempke Lilly Stefano	8/22	Keith Stefano Gage Baltazar
8/9	Danielle Karoly Lily Wiant	8/23	Bart Mercurio Tim Labrado
8/10	Joel Baker	8/24	Judy Crandall
8/11	Dale Drottar Dave Andrews Rosemarie Baylon	8/25	Doug Kuch Katerina Krysinski
8/12	Bridgett Mundell Kristen Leibolt Sammy Baylon	8/27	Steve Swidrak
8/13	Laura Schroth Kathleen Mahoney	8/28	Deborah Dzurilla
		8/29	Danielle Deutsch
		8/30	Liliya Pepsin Zoe Culver
		8/31	Jeff Johnson Joan Neurohr Don Brough Sharon Phillips

Happy Anniversary to...

8/1	Zach & Kelsey Bohler
8/2	Keith & Amanda Stefano
8/3	Ron & Eileen Baechle Gil & Jacque Soos
8/6	Briggs & Jennifer Schuett
8/7	Lloyd & Betty Keaton Dave & Amanda Herwerden
8/8	Steven & Samantha Greene
8/10	Jim & Jen Trudel
8/11	Garry & Donna Reitler Terry & Gloria Graffis Tony & Kim Klima
8/12	Jim & Kim McGilvray
8/20	Fern & Romi Oliva
8/22	Tommy & Angela Haschka
8/25	Jeff & Laurie Demchak
8/26	Gary & Cassie Bowden
8/27	John & Bridgett Mundell

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Email the church office, so that we can update our database. We want to celebrate with all of our Friends!