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**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Friends:

We have been looking at some of the themes of the book of James on Sunday mornings. One of the most important is how James describes the importance of practically living out our faith. We know the Apostle Paul argued, "For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law" (Rom. 3:28). In other words, salvation is by faith alone. But James writes, "A person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone" (James 2:24). He asks, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?" (James 2:14)

Initially one might think there is a contradiction. Pastor Kevin Wehr writes, "Paul and James are not standing toe-to-toe against one another, squaring off and contradicting each other on the Gospel. Instead they are standing back-to-back with one another. Both defending the exact same Gospel but attacking different enemies with that same Gospel in different places at different times."

I think what Paul is saying is that faith is the root, the starting place, and then after you've given your life to the Lord works will become the fruit. Paul takes a theological approach and shows us things from God's perspective. James takes the practical approach from man's perspective. What's one way that people can tell that Christ has come into their life? Well, it's by the works that they do.

For those of us who know Christ personally, we know that faith works. Faith works when we serve Him. Faith works when we obey Him. Faith works when we understand that God saved us so that we can be the evidence He wants to save others, too.

His,

Pastor Geoff

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" beginning July 10th - "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 "God Heard Their Cry" - "Discover how God answered the cry of the enslaved people of Israel after 400 years in Egypt—and revealed himself as Lord to them and their oppressors. Follow Ray Vander Laan on location in Egypt as he details a fascinating five-part story. The study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S 4/5. Contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org.

Wednesday Night Study at 7 pm in S 4-5 (beginning July 6) - "GRAVE ROBBER - How Jesus Makes the Impossible Possible" "If you long to see God work in miraculous ways in the life of your church, you will love the faith-building, life-giving message found in The Grave Robber. Join pastor and bestselling author Mark Batterson on a seven-week journey as he reveals the incredible power of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John and walks us through the very spots where Jesus chose to reveal himself through these miraculous events." For more info contact Pastor Rich.

Children's Ministry

SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER—Back in May, we had a powerful night of worship and prayer with children-adults. This summer we have an opportunity to model worship to our children.

During both worship services at 9:15 and 11:00, all children Prek - Grade 4 will attend worship with their families until the time for the offering. At that point, the children (PreK - Grade 4) will be dismissed to the Family Life Center for the remainder of the time where they will break up for age appropriate Bible lessons.

Each hour will contain a different lesson.

We are excited to develop this concept of family worship and one generation learning from another the joy of worship.

Please direct any questions to Liz Kannel or Pastor Rich.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS COMING THIS SUMMER TO FRIENDS**

Join us this summer for a series of Family Fun Nights. 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!

- July 13: Family Yard games and Ice cream social
- July 20: "Life is Sweet!" An evening of baking for parents and kids with Ruthanne VandenBosch
- July 27: Wet and Wacky Water Games on the north lawn - bring your towel
- August 3: Family Photo scavenger hunt
- August 10: Family Tye-dye night
- August 17: Family Amazing Race around North Olmsted

Contact Liz at Liz@noefc.org with any questions!

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.

Attention 7-12 graders: We're going to FY United! FYU is a camp open to all high schoolers and middle schoolers taking place from July 23-26 at Malone University in Canton. This is a great chance for us to make some new friends from other Friends churches, hear great speaking and worship, play a lot of games, and eat a lot of food. This year, we will be going to the ALIVE festival the first night of FYU! Cost is \$95/person. Request a registration form or more info from Pastor Zach.



Were you following our youth's mission trip on our NOEFC Facebook page? Check out the ministry they accomplished with The Church at Woodbine in Nashville, TN. We are grateful to



have teens (and adults!) who are passionate to see people come to Christ! Find one of the team members and ask them to tell you a God story! Here are a few pictures from their week.



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

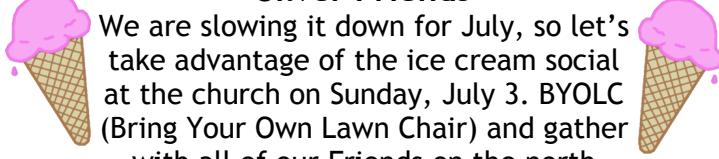


Check out videos from past mission trips, worship experiences and also our announcements!

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 begin in August.

Silver Friends

We are slowing it down for July, so let's take advantage of the ice cream social at the church on Sunday, July 3. BYOLC (Bring Your Own Lawn Chair) and gather with all of our Friends on the north lawn for the free ice cream social and the city fireworks beginning at 7:30 pm.



On Thursday, July 14, at 11:30 am we are staying local and meeting for our Silver Friends lunch at Ruby Tuesday's in North Olmsted. Please join us.

RSVP to Margie Metz at 440-779-0784.



Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of canned vegetables. Corn, carrots, or green beans to name a few. Please drop the items off in the white bin in Tim Labrado's office.

Saturday Men's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, July 2, 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 July, we will be collecting hygiene items (washcloths, toothbrushes/paste, soap [please no liquids]). Contact Chuck Palmer for more information (charlesfpalmer23@gmail.com).

RightNow Media Update...

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.

Sunday, July 3rd - LoFT Cookout (5:30 pm) and Ice Cream Social (7:30 - 8:30 pm)

Once again North Olmsted will be having a fireworks display launched across the street next to the Moen property. This makes our lawn prime watching territory. So we are going to provide an opportunity for a late afternoon of fun and fellowship in preparation for the fireworks... We will provide the meat and drinks and invite you to bring a side dish. We will put on the ice cream social for the community... The cookout is a family event for our LoFT Ministry. You may sign up on Sunday mornings or contact Debbie Freed at bobmom@roadrunner.com.



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.

Vacation Bible School was a success!

Over 160 kids and 80 volunteers filled our church last month during our VBS: Submerged. In addition to learning how to dive deeper in their relationship with Jesus, they were also able to raise over \$1,200 for missions (Operation Christmas Child & Forward Church). We had 10 decisions for Christ made! Praise the Lord! Get involved with what God is doing here at NOEFC.



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! Email Tim Labrado (tim@noefc.org) to make it known.

GENERATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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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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We're on the Web!

www.noefc.org

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
Family of Deb Haskins	Emily Rose Shaffer	



Happy Anniversary to...

7/1	Joel & Molly Baker
7/2	Reuben & Barbara Lantz
7/3	Geoff & Mary Schultz
7/5	Mike & Susan Junkins
7/12	Kevin & Rosemarie Baylon
7/18	Kevin & Michelle Knight
	Jim & Susan Barr
	Darrell & Jessica Jett
7/22	Dave & Cindy Millen
7/23	Gerry & Debbie Freed
	Dave & Kathy Andrews
7/25	Dale & Penny Kuch
	Robert & Colleen Collins
7/28	Phil & Phaidra Cox

We are happy to answer any questions. Ministry staff email addresses are located below and on our website or you can call the church office at 440.779.9484

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Happy Birthday to...

7/1	Danielle Andrews	7/23	Chloe Kaufhold
	Abigail Clark	7/23	Myra Roach
7/2	Gary Franklin	7/24	Jessica Jett
7/3	Jacob Mundell	7/25	George Utyuzh
7/5	Betty Keaton	7/27	Nadia Utyuzh
7/7	Nancy Abrahamson	7/28	Adam Glazer
	Carie Kaufhold	7/29	Frank Haugh
	Isabel Schuett	7/29	Jill White
7/8	Zoe Schroth	7/31	Zachary Snell
	Haven Suero		Siloam Bohler
7/10	Lauren Kuch		
7/11	Margaret Becker		
	Siannah Greene		
7/12	Dotty Foschke		
	Rose Honey		
7/13	Randy Niemi		
7/14	Charis Bohler		
	Crystal Elder		
7/16	Adalee Laursen		
7/17	Edward Rote		
7/18	Angelique Boey		
	Nadine Dubowski		
	Ted Smith		
7/19	Bryn Baker		
	Gabriel Schroth		
7/20	Adam Bollinger		
7/21	Joey Eddington		
7/22	Randy Johr		
	Isaak Storrow		
	Tom Sturgeon		
	Stephan Wright		
	Nancy Yachanin		

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!