

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



**AUGUST 29, 2010**

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.”*

**Hebrews 11:1**

**It is our privilege to welcome you to NOEFC! At Friends we invite you to do these things:**

- 1. Friends Celebrate!** We worship a great God who has poured out His love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were made to praise God! When we come together and give testimony to His goodness and praise Him for who He is, we take a step toward wholeness.
- 2. Friends Connect!** Pastor Geoff says that one of the greatest gifts God gives to His people—is His people! We were not meant to be alone. Part of being a part of this community is getting to know one another. We challenge you to invest yourself in others by staying for coffee, joining a small group or attending a ministry team meeting. We encourage loitering after services!
- 3. Friends Care!** When we consider what God has done for us, we become aware that we can help others. The Bible tells us to put on a heart of compassion. We desire to be a church that puts our words into action by demonstrating the love of God in and outside of the church. You can help us!

**SERVICE TIMES: 9:15 AM AND 11:00 AM**

As a courtesy, please turn off pagers and cellular phones before the start of the service. Thank you!

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

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This morning we welcome Chris Jackson, EFC-ER Area Superintendent.  
His message is entitled:  
**It's a Winnable War**

## TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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8:50 am	Prayer Group (S-3)
9:15 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Nursery for Ages 0-1 (S-1) Ages 1-2 walking (S-11) Children and Youth Sunday School Classes Ages 3- pre-K (S-8)                      Kindergarten (S-5) Grades 1-2 (S-4)                         Grades 3-4-5 (FLC) Grades 6-8 (S-2/3)                      Grades 9-12 (S-10)
10:30 am	Friends Fellowship Café (FLC)
11:00 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Nursery for Ages 0-1 (S-1) Tiny Tots Church for Ages 1-2 walking (S-11) Kid's Church for Ages 3- pre-K (S-8) Kindergarten-5th grade (FLC)
4:00 pm	Laura's Home
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service

**ATTENTION PARENTS** - due to the Family Retreat, Sunday School classes today for all ages will be held at 9:15 am. At 11:00, there will be Preschool, Tiny Tots and Nursery. We will not have KIDS CHURCH in the FLC. At 11:00 am, children in grades K-5 are asked to attend worship with their parents.

We now have an **interpreter for the deaf presence** at our 9:15 service. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested. Thank you.

**IT'S A PASTA BAR!! TODAY at Laura's Home.** Do you have an old family "sauce" recipe you'd like to share? If so, please join us for another afternoon of crafts, food, fun and fellowship. Bring on the sauce! No secret recipe? No worries, just bring a jar of your favorite spaghetti sauce. We will be serving a Pasta Bar, Rolls, Butter, Salads & more. Please see the donation sign up sheet on the Mission Board in the South hall. (Children attending with a parent must be 12 or older.)

# NEW TO FRIENDS?

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**Welcome to Friends Church!** We're excited that you've joined us for worship and look forward to getting to know you a little better! Take a minute and fill out a communication card which you'll find in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

Here's some information to make your visit more comfortable:

**Free Gift and Church Information** - Stop by and introduce yourself at our Welcome Center located in the main lobby and receive a free Friends gift and some great literature about the church.

**Friends Fellowship Café**—On Sundays between services, visit our Family Life Center and find fresh brewed coffee, pastries and fellowship. We hope you'll join us.

Join us for our quarterly **Guest Reception for newcomers**. We'd like you to be our guest! Lunch is served! You'll meet the staff and have the opportunity to ask questions about Friends Church.

**Ministries For All Ages** - There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Our youth (grades 6-12) and children's programs (birth-grade 5) are safe places where children can learn about Jesus through age appropriate, biblically-based curricula.

**How to Get Connected.** We believe that if you don't make a Friend at Friends Church you won't be at Friends Church very long. The best way to get connected is to visit one of our small groups. Just check the box on your communication card for small groups and someone will contact you right away with more information.

**Website** - Check out [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org) for up-to-date information about our ministries, staff, current bulletin, and our Sunday sermons online.

**Considering membership?** If you have been visiting Friends and believe God is leading you to make a deeper commitment to the ministry, we'd encourage you to participate in our **Welcome to Friends Class** - it's a great picture of who we are as a church and where we're going. The next class will be held in early fall.

Please Note: Sermons are available on CD. See the display in the north hallway.

Don't forget NOEFC offers an **ONLINE GIVING** option. Visit our website at [noefc.org](http://noefc.org) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.

# THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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## 9:15 am Service

Nursery: Tom and Cora Kaufhold  
Welcome Center: Rosamond Sarkan  
Hosts: Nancy Franklin  
Ushers: Chris Holmes, Dave Lubowicz, Eileen Bryant, Gary Franklin

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Laura Bollinger  
Tiny Tots: Anna Goodman  
Welcome Center: Olga Pansegrau  
Hosts: Carol Gonska, Sandy Mozny  
Ushers: David Loftis, Lon Dittrick, Melanie Rahlfs, Ted Smith

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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- Kathleen Risko
- Donald Huck
- Peter Neurohr
- Tom Krucek
- Karen Swartz
- Mike Gerber
- Elaine Ries
- Judge Simpson
- Doris Mills
- The Wells Family
- Diane Dutko
- Military Personnel
- Our unemployed

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Aug	30	College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
Sept	1	Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
	1	Adult Prayer & Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
	2	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
	2	Martha/Mary Ministry (9:30 am, S-4/5)
	4	Men's Breakfast (8:00 am @ Bakers Square)
	6	Labor Day (offices closed)

## WORSHIP & ARTS

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**NOEFC is accepting applications for a part-time Worship Leader.** A job description is available in the office or online at [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org).

**The position of Events Coordinator is open.** If you are interested in a part-time job working with people, pick up the job description in the office.

**NOEFC is looking for a pianist for Sunday mornings.** If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please call the church office.

**The choir will return to practicing on September 5 at 9:30 am** in the music room. Anyone who loves to sing and would like to be a part of this ministry is invited to join the choir for this one hour practice. If you have questions, call the church office or speak with Dr. Kevin Chang.

**COMING SOON!!!** A New Song International Performing Group will be with us on Tuesday, September 28. These young Hungarians and Romanians will need housing that evening. If you would be interested in hosting young men or women, please contact the church office for details (see insert in bulletin today!)

## FELLOWSHIP

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**Silver Friends**—Join them on Thursday, September 9, for lunch at Olive Garden in North Olmsted. Meet at the church at 11:30 am. RSVP to Chuck & Ann Palmer at 440.235.9460.

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR WILLING VOLUNTEERS...**As Children's Ministry gears up for the Fall, the Children's Ministry Team wants to invite you to get involved in helping to raise up a generation of children willing to "put the hand prints of Christ all over the world." The needs are as follows:

- Nursery 9:15 and 11:00 am Sundays
- Tiny Tots Assistants (1 & 2 year olds) at Sundays at 9:15
- KIDS Church Teachers (Grades K - 5)
- FW Friends Leaders (Wednesday nights 7 - 8 pm)
- Substitute Teachers

For more information or to volunteer in one of these areas, please email Pastor Rich at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!** We're almost ALL the way through ACTS! Join us at 9:15am! What for details about our new book study... **DO HARD THINGS!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** On Wednesday, September 15, we're kicking off our **WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM** with an **AMAZING** evening of **DISCOING FOR**

**JESUS!** Our theme is **STAYING ALIVE!** Fun, food, fellowship and a **GREAT** opportunity to **CONNECT!** We'll have some **SPECIAL** entertainment... that you **WON'T** want to miss! **BRING A FRIEND!** Starts at 7:00 pm (No worries.... we won't be dancing!)

Hey Moms and Dads... Please remember to submit your teens **YOUTH EXPLOSION REGISTRATION** no later than Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 19**. Unfortunately, because of the way registration works, we cannot take late registrations.



## **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**



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Beginning on September 12 at 11:00 am - HEALING HABITS - in S-2. Are you struggling with the effects of someone else's unhealthy habits or hangups? Are there times you think people just don't understand? If you are looking for strength, hope and experience to navigate life then we invite you to join us as we begin a new series.

**Wednesday Night Summer Adult Study** - Join us for a time of prayer and informal study and discussion from the Book of Psalms on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. We will meet in the sitting area located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Family Life Center. For more information contact Pastor Rich.

Join the **College and Young Career Group** every Monday evening at 7:00 pm. They are studying Chip Ingram's Journey to True Spirituality. If you'd like to participate or have questions please contact Chris Thwing at 440.734.2255.

**Precepts Bible Study** begins again on September 13 at 7:00 pm in S-3. This will be an in-depth study of the book of Isaiah—Part 1 & Part 2 and should take most of the year. Cost of the workbook is \$31.50 plus some additional costs for supplies. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones! Contact Kathryn Kinkus at 216.848.0364 to join or for questions.

**Moms In Touch** begins again on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm in S-2/3. Join them as they begin to pray for our students, teachers and communities. For more information contact Nancy Lentz at 440.236.8296.

Attention, Ladies! This fall **Well Women** is offering two different weekly meeting times! You may join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm beginning September 15 or Saturday mornings at 8:45 am beginning September 18 for a 7-week DVD study called Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering by Angela Thomas. Prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity to connect with other women as well as connect better to God's Word. You may sign up in the narthex after the service. Workbooks are \$11.

## **OUTREACH & MISSIONS**



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In December, we will be assisting CCF with a special **Angel Tree** program. We will focus on giving to children in the CCF neighborhood and sponsor a Happy Birthday Jesus party to distribute the gifts! Stay tuned for more information about Angel Tree.

**BACK TO SCHOOL WITH OCC!** If you're picking up school supplies for your children - why not consider picking up a few extra items for our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. Last year we were able to pack 350 EXTRA boxes from the items you supplied in our collection box. Each shoe box represents 12 gospel presentations!

Did you know that **NOEFC offers short term missionary grants** to individuals? Contact Pastor Karen for more information!

**The Cleveland Pregnancy Center invites you to an information & orientation session for inquiring volunteers.** Flexible scheduling. Areas where your help is needed are:

On-site Childcare for Infant and Toddlers while parents attend programming

After Hours Phone Line

Assistance with tasks related to our upcoming move

LifeWalk Team Leaders

Contact Patsy Brodie 440.243.2520 or [cpcpatsy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpcpatsy@sbcglobal.net) with questions or to register for one of the following sessions: In Cleveland on September 8 at 6:30-8:30 pm; or in Berea on September 10 at 9:30-11:30 am.

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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UPPER ROOM TONIGHT.... see you at 6:30 pm! **Area Superintendent Chris Jackson** will be sharing his heart with the Upper Room service. Join us for a special time of fellowship!

**NEW UPPER ROOM SERIES BEGINS 09.19.10 - Forgotten God** by Francis Chan  
The Holy Spirit was sent to help us be more like Christ--to reflect His glory to the world. So why do we try to live as if the Spirit isn't real? Are we afraid of truly being led by the Spirit, and all the implications therein? Pastor Francis Chan invites us to change all that and to embrace a Spirit-led life. Join us for this 7 week series as we rediscover the power behind as Christians. Worship begins at 6:30pm. **BRING A FRIEND!**

## CONNECTIONS: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

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Mark your calendars now! **Connection Sunday is September 12.** That day NOEFC will kick-off **Connections: 40 Days of Prayer.** After worship that morning, you are invited to stay and join in the celebration in our north parking lot for a Family Connection Festival! We'll have hot dogs and nachos for lunch as the kids enjoy a giant slide, bouncy house, obstacle course, and velcro wall. Adults can participate in volleyball, bocce ball, and a corn hole tournament. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors too!

## STAFF

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

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## GIVING

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General Budget Year-to-Date .....	\$459,462.06
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$414,782.79
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$580,359.50

## ATTENDANCE

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08/15	AM Worship—490	Christian Ed—67	Upper Room—24
08/22	AM Worship—515	Christian Ed—88	Upper Room—18

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