

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



SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

*“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.”*

Matthew 6:33

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

This morning Pastor Geoff's message is entitled:
Christianity & Tolerance

TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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)
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service

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.

CONNECTIONS: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

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 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!

CHILD DEDICATIONS

We will be having Child Dedications on Sunday, September 19. If you are interested in your child participating, please circle "D" on your Communication Card or call the church office.

NEW TO FRIENDS?

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. Our next Guest Reception will be in October.

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 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 and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.

THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

9:15 am Service

Nursery: Christine Begeman, Melissa Ledwell
Welcome Center: Dick McClement
Hosts: Kathleen McClement, Sara Porter
Ushers: Chris Holmes, Dave Lubowicz, Deborah Morabito, Terry Ikerd

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Brett Rahlfs, Michelle Trainer
Tiny Tots: Cindy Ellis
Welcome Center: Rich Ellis
Hosts: Rich Cyngier, Sean Corrigan
Ushers: Jeff Johnson, Lon Dittrick, Melanie Rahlfs, Lowan Laws

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

Sept	6	Labor Day (offices closed)
	6	College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
	7	Overseers Meeting (5:00 pm, S-4/5)
	7	Moms In Touch (7:00 pm, S-2/3)
	7	Youth Discipleship Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-10)
	8	Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
	8	Adult Prayer & Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
	9	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
	9	Board of Elders Meeting (6:00 pm, S-4/5)
	12	NOEFC Family Carnival (following church services)

Please note that the church offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy this time with your families!

WORSHIP & ARTS

NOEFC is accepting applications for a part-time Worship Leader. A job description is available in the office or online at www.noefc.org.

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 TODAY 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 or see Walt Sheffield.

FELLOWSHIP

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 Tillie Kuch at 440.235.2279.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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.

FW Friends kicks off on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm. Join us as we learn that God is always with us even during tough times. We are still in need of volunteers for Wednesday nights. Please contact Liz or Pastor Rich if you can help.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



SUNDAY SCHOOL!!! We're almost ALL the way through ACTS! Join us at 9:15am! Watch 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



Adult Sunday School (beginning September 12)

11:00 am—Join us for Andy Stanley series called Taking Care of Business in S-4/5. Do you need a fresh perspective about your work? When it comes to work there is really only one perspective that really matters: God's "He ordained it and He laid out specific guidelines enabling workers to achieve maximum success and fulfillment." George Mason will be facilitating the class. (Please note that due to a lack of space in the building, there will not be an Adult Class at 9:15.)

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.

New Wednesday Night Adult Study begins September 15 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Rich will be leading a study on The Psalms of Ascent: Lessons for the 21st Century.

NorthEast Ohio Intercession Network (NEOIN) invites you to a morning of prayer and intercession on Wednesday, September 15 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon in Room S-2/3. Join us as we pray for Cleveland and Northeast Ohio at the western gate to the region. For more information contact Pastor Rich or Chris Niemi.

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 meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm in S-2/3 and will begin on September 7. If you have any questions, please 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 to connect better to God's Word. You may sign up in the narthex after the service. Workbooks are \$11.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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!

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 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE and REMEMBRANCE - Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 am to 1:30 am. Join the North Olmsted Community in what is expected to be the largest day of service in U.S. history in observance of the 9th anniversary of the September 11 attacks as we pay tribute to those lost or fallen protecting our country and also honor the men and women that currently serve in the city!

Mayor Kennedy is asking for volunteers, including families, church groups, student organizations, neighborhood groups, scouts, and more, to help paint the city's fire hydrants and then to participate in a celebration of our freedom. Additionally, volunteers are being asked to bring a can or box of non perishable food for the North Olmsted Food Pantry. These donations will be a big boost to the pantry's supplies as the need for their services is currently in high demand. North Olmsted Friends Church is hoping to send teams of 4 to participate. For more information contact Pastor Karen.

UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

UPPER ROOM TONIGHT.... see you at 6:30 pm!

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 us as Christians. Worship begins at 6:30pm. BRING A FRIEND!

STAFF

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

General Budget Year-to-Date	\$472,975.65
General Offerings Year-to-Date	\$424,177.39
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received	\$580,557.00

ATTENDANCE

08/22	AM Worship—515	Christian Ed—88	Upper Room—18
08/29	AM Worship—509	Christian Ed—59	Upper Room—

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