

Friends forecast

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SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families needs Christian families to provide a home to children whose parents are facing a life crisis that they need time to resolve. There are several ways people can volunteer their time/service:

- 1) Become a Host family that would provide housing and care to child/ren and provide opportunity for continued interaction with parents separated from their child/ren;
- 2) Family Friend is a volunteer mentor who can support a parent to make needed changes in their lives to resolve crisis and prevent new crisis from occurring so they can stably support themselves and their child/ren;
- 3) Resource Friends provide assistance to parents & other volunteers in the Safe Families group.

NOEFC is committed to assisting children and parents who are struggling and wants to help generate a team of people who are willing and able to contribute their time, talent and other resources to this very worthy cause. NOEFC has a team of people who are working on growing this movement in our church and church community. Please ask any one of us if you have any questions or wish to volunteer in some way.

- Pastor Rich Bennett, Stacey Bush (team leader at NOEFC), Gina/Scott Glazer, Catherine Nageotte, and Rebecca Sirek

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends:

We were talking about leadership at our men's breakfast this morning and we agreed that the current political climate affords a lot of anger. It seems we are far from the days when ideas could be discussed and arguments made without personal attacks on character and motivations. In that light, it's important to remember several Biblical principles:

1. **Those who lose their tempers lose influence.** Solomon wrote, "A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control" (Prov. 29:11). Shouting the loudest, tweeting that one is a "loser" is not in fact a demonstration of strength, but of weakness. Leonardo Da Vinci suggested, "He who truly knows, has no occasion to shout."
2. **Those who seek revenge eventually hurt themselves.** Paul admonished, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath... Do not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:19-21). Bitterness is a poison we swallow hoping that our enemy will die.
3. **Wisdom doesn't fight when a fight isn't necessary.** Proverbs 15:1 states, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger." The Bible says, "Love is not easily angered." We are told, too, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18). Are there times when we need to stand up and defend the gospel or the poor? Yes. But our best defense is authenticity and the integrity that comes when our message of love aligns with our attitude of love.

I pray in these times of division a new spirit will sweep our land as we follow the guidance of James, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires" (James 1:19-20).

His,
Pastor Geoff

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Hello parents! We have a TON coming up in the next month or so, so please make sure to mark your calendars.

Beginning on March 5th, we will be doing a series in Kidz Church answering a common question that kids have, "What Is Lent?" Since this is a tradition our church observes, I feel that it is important for our kids to have a firm grasp on what the season means, and also how they can participate. This will lead us right up to Easter Sunday.

Also, be looking out for information regarding this Summer's VBS (June 26-30) as well as other Summer Programming coming very soon!



Speaking of Easter, a few quick things to note! First, we will be having an **Easter Egg Hunt** here at the church on Wednesday, April 5th. Be on the lookout for more details on that soon! Second, on **Easter Sunday** itself we will be having 3 separate services. The first will be our sunrise service, and we will not be offering childcare during this time. Our other 2 services that day will be *Family Services*, and childcare will be offered for all ages 3 and under.

- MR. ADAM!

With regards to our **Children's Discipleship Classes**, I have been getting a lot of positive feedback, but also some wishes that the classes weren't so spread apart. I have taken this into consideration, and beginning the month of March, all 3 classes on Salvation, Baptism, and Communion will be offered on the last Saturday of each month. That being said, our March 25th class schedule will be:

- "I Want 2 Know Jesus" – 9 am – 10 am | FLC
 - "Bubble Blast Baptism Class" – 10:15 am – 11:15 am | FLC
 - "What's Up With the Bread and the Cup?" – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | FLC
- This schedule also will reflect the times and locations for each month, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Adult Discipleship

NEW STUDY Sunday Mornings at 9:15 am in the Youth Room – "The Miracles of Jesus" – Jesus not only preached about the kingdom of God, he demonstrated the kingdom of God through many miracles. Discover what the miracles teach us about God's heart and the lessons for us today. Facilitator is Fritz Lehman.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY 7 am, at Canary's on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. We are studying the book The Four Pillars of a Man's Heart by Stu Webber. For more information contact Pastor Rich or meet us for breakfast.

Want to join a Home Growth Group? Contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org or call the church at 440-779-9484.

SAVE THE DATE: Strategic Renewal Webinar – "Old Paths, New Power"
Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am - noon

Live Webcast which will explore the following

- Identify the causes of the Church's declining influence in our society
- Embrace the sufficiency of the Gospel
- Experience the power of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis
- Equip every saint for more fruitful service

Anatomy of a Disciple

Sermon Studies through March

- Week 3 – Feb. 26, Sacrificially Generous (Ch 7)
- Week 4 - March 5, Intentional Blessing (Ch 10)
- Week 5 - March 12, Morally Discerning (Ch 8)
- Week 6 - March 19, Culturally Engaged (Ch 11)
- Week 7 - March 26, Relationally Healthy (Ch 9)

Wed AM Growth Group at 10:30 am in S-4/5 – Led by Pastor Rich, the class will continue to explore in depth the meaning of being a disciple of Jesus using the book Anatomy of a Disciple.

Women's Growth Group Study at 7 pm in S-4/5 – Led by Marsha Snavelly and Marian Johr, the group will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus from a women's perspective using the book and sermon material.

Mixed Growth Group Study at 7 pm in S-2/3 – Led by David Hoover and Pastor Rich, the group will explore being a disciple of Christ.

- Develop a strong prayer culture in your life and ministry
- Experience supernatural impact in your church and community

\$10 per person includes a continental breakfast.

WORSHIP

Good Friday with Steve Green

We invite our church family on Good Friday, April 14, at 7:00 pm for a **special worship concert with Christian recording artist, Steve Green**. Steve will be singing together with our own NOEFC choir and children's choirs, as well as sharing some of his classic anthems. Tickets are FREE but must be reserved in order to attend. Just visit our church website and click on the Spotlight to reserve your tickets today!

Easter Choir

We invite you to participate in this year's **Easter Choir** for two very exciting events. First, the choir will be singing on Good Friday, April 14, for a worship concert with Christian recording artist, Steve Green. Then, the choir will sing again during our Celebration services at 9:15 & 11:00 am on Resurrection Sunday. Rehearsals for the choir begin on Sunday, March 5, at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Kelsey Bohler (ksbohler@gmail.com), if you will be participating or if you have any other questions.

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends

We are switching it up in March just so we can take advantage of Pie Day at Baker's Square in North Olmsted. Let's all receive our free pie on Wednesday, March 8, at 11:30 with any meal purchase. Please let Margie Metz know that you are coming so we can reserve adequate space for our Silver Friends group. Contact her at 440-779-0784. See you there!

LOFT Scavenger Hunt

Join us on Saturday March 18th in the FLC at church at 7 pm for a fun, free event. We will divide up into carloads and participate in a fun photo scavenger hunt around town. The first team to send all the assigned photos back to the church will be awarded a special prize. We will have a sign up table starting this Sunday after each service, and we are asking each household to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share (beverages will be provided) after the scavenger hunt. Looking forward to a fun evening together!

Community Events

Life Line Screening, Thursday, March 30

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event here at the church on 3/30/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package, which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>.**

Missions & Outreach

Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of canned soup (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, and more!) during the month of March. Please drop off your items in Tim Labrado's office on the designated shelf.

NOEFC Missions Team

Do you have a passion to reach others outside our church? Are you currently involved with a missions or outreach project that we should be aware of? Come to our monthly missions team meetings (every 2nd Tuesday) at 7:00 pm to see how we can make a difference in North Olmsted and beyond. Contact Dave Swartz (daveswartz@windstream.net), if you are interested or would like more information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...

3/1	Lincoln Storrow	3/21	Sherry Lehmann
3/2	Steve Arnett Mackenzie Martin Roxanne Ziernicki	3/24	Darlene Wilke
3/3	Antoinette Fitzsimmons	3/26	Donald Pectak Joan Thomas
3/4	Liz Kannel	3/27	Kim Klima Zorah Snavely
3/5	Savannah West	3/28	Jenn Martin
3/6	TJ Klima Susan Novak	3/29	Taylor Gevry Bryan Vlosich George Vlosich
3/8	Joann Hengst		Robert Vlosich
3/9	Della Garrison Austin Haschka	3/30	Nathaniel Kubitza Amanda Shaffer
3/11	Grace Chang Kevin Chang Jim Trudel	3/31	Glenn Goodman Linda Henderson
3/12	Laura Bollinger John Hengst, Jr. Thomas Krucek Norm Rados		
3/13	Susan Arnett Bruce Clark	3/3	Roger & Debbie Freeman
3/14	Marla Holmes	3/7	Dennis & Erin Wells
3/15	Nathan Bailey	3/12	Bruce & Laura Bollinger
3/16	Dianne Chernisky Verna Kokita John Mundell	3/18	John & Kathryn Kinkus
3/18	Olga Pansegrau	3/19	Tedd & Laura Schroth
3/20	Kim McGilvray Joan Popik	3/20	Kyle & Susan Hartung
3/21	Sophia Albrecht Cynthia Ellis	3/25	Jeremy & Kristen Leibolt

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3/7	Dennis & Erin Wells
3/12	Bruce & Laura Bollinger
3/18	John & Kathryn Kinkus
3/19	Tedd & Laura Schroth
3/20	Kyle & Susan Hartung
3/25	Jeremy & Kristen Leibolt

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Email the church office, so we can celebrate with you next time!

Prayer Requests:

Calvin Yeager	Barb Berndsen
Don Sabo	Jessica Jett
Dianne Marks	Tim Roche
Margaret Thoennes	Donna Reitler
Dennis Wells	Joan Neurohr
Bob Fitzsimmons	Wendy Getz
Rick Henderson	Marie Archer
Kathy Scheerer	

Do you have a prayer need or praise you would like to report? Share it with us, so our prayer warriors can lift you up.

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

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