



# Friends *forecast*

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AWAKEN

Beginning September 10, we are launching two distinct services to help fulfill our mission of “loving people to life in Jesus Christ.”

Our Awaken service at 9:15 am will *embrace our Christian faith, expressed through modern methods of worship.*

Our Thrive service at 11:00 am will *celebrate our abundant life in Jesus through a blend of traditional and modern worship elements.*

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and others who do not know Jesus yet!



THRIVE

## Pastor's Corner

The story presented in the Bible of God's plan unfolding throughout history is largely a story of change. He uses many different means and people to accomplish his purposes – from a man and woman in a garden, to a rebellious people being led out of Egypt, to judges and kings overseeing the chosen, to prophets speaking on His behalf, to a Messiah ushering in His Kingdom. At each stage, He calls new leaders to speak for Him; He uses different methods to accomplish His purposes. He asks His people to *change*.

And all that for a God who “is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8). It seems that even though He works in different ways for different times, He is still the same God. He still has the same essential nature and character.

This fall, we believe He has called us to a time of change at Friends. We're changing our service format, changing some roles within our pastoral staff and leadership, and continuing to work toward changing our building. We believe these changes will allow us to fulfill God's plan for us and reach our community with the gospel in a fresh way. And still, we believe we serve a God who never changes. He is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Change can be hard. Many of us are comfortable with the way things are now. I can't imagine how scary it must have been for God's people to adjust to the new reality of wandering in the desert rather than having the security of their homes in Egypt, or putting their trust in a Savior rather than striving to follow the Law. And yet, God does call us to change. We want to invite you to join us as we seek to change for His sake and His Kingdom.

Pastor Zach

# Children's Ministry

Hey there parents! I hope you have been having a wonderful summer! It has definitely been one of the most exciting I have had in a long while. Our **Friends Family Double Dare** program was a great time for everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who participated, and I want to give a quick shout out to the Broschk family who won it all in the end!

With fall right around the corner, I wanted to give you all a heads up about some of the programs we will be offering on Wednesday nights. Beginning on September 6, at 7pm, Club

FX/Club 56 will begin meeting again for our Fall semester. In Club FX, we will be concluding our journey into Narnia with a curriculum based off of **Voyage of the Dawn Treader** by C.S. Lewis. Club 56 will be taking deeper steps into their faith with 3 separate series over the course of the 10 weeks, covering the topics of what it means to be a disciple, the purpose/meaning of worship, and the potential that they have been gifted by God.

Our biggest change comes in the Pre-school arena. As you well know, pre-

school now goes up to Pre-K on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Wednesday nights, our little kids will be beginning their own lessons as well in an effort to better reach them and utilize our time with them more effectively. Their fall series will be **Pirates! Captain Buckleboots Sets Sail**, a fun series on the level of kids aged 2-4, seeking the treasures buried in the Bible and what it says about Jesus. I am excited to take this to a new level with our young kids and help to utilize this extra time with them in a fun and unique way!

Additionally, we are looking for a few awesome volunteers to start serving with our Toddlers on both Wednesday nights and Sunday morning (both hours). If this is something you think you would be interested in, please contact me at [adam@noefc.org](mailto:adam@noefc.org).

## September Children's Discipleship Classes – Saturday, September 30

Salvation	–	9:00 am (FLC)
Baptism	–	10:15 am (FLC)
Communion	–	11:30 am (FLC)

*- MR. ADAM!*

# Youth Ministry

STAND small groups (STRonG and PinC) are getting kicked off in September! STRonG will be hosting a fantasy football draft (complete with chicken wings, of course) at the Yeager home on Sunday, September 3, at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 30, if attending. PinC will be hosting a kick-off event at the church on Sunday, September 10, from 2-4 pm. Registration forms are available in the youth room. Contact Pastor Zach for more information.

Save the date! The STAND fall retreat at Camp Gideon will take place on November 3-5. Looking forward to an awesome time of worship and fun!

# Young Adult Ministry

All those in the 18-35 age range are invited to come up to the church for some food and fellowship on Saturday, September 23, at 5:30 pm! We will watch some football, play some games, and enjoy a meal together as we continue to get to know each other and launch this new ministry together. Please RSVP to Pastor Zach by Wednesday, September 20.

We're kicking off young adult small groups and we want you to join us! If you feel that you have been called to help lead a group or just to jump in and join one, we want to hear from you. Please contact Pastor Zach to sign up.



# Adult Discipleship

We're jumping into the fall with a number of new ways to plug in! All adults are invited to join us on Sunday mornings starting September 10 as we work through "Jesus On Every Page," an exploration of the way the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ. We will be offering the same class at both 9:15 and 11 in conjunction with the launch of our new services, so feel free to mix and match as you determine which service you will be attending! Contact Pastor Zach for more information.

Ever wondered who these Martin Luther and John Calvin guys were? Starting Wednesday, September 13, Pastor Geoff will be leading a midweek adult class on the Reformation in the sanctuary at 7 pm. We promise it will be more exciting than the Diet of Worms!

Growth groups are gearing up again for the fall! Growing alongside others is a vital part of living in the body of Christ. If you're interested in getting connected and joining a group, please contact Pastor Zach.

# Missions & Outreach

## HOTS (Healing on the Streets) TRAINING

September 22 - 23, 2017 in the FLC

Friday evening 7 - 9 pm

Saturday morning 9 am - 1 pm (Breakfast included)

What is HOTS? Healing on the Streets is a prayer based ministry, which opens people up to the love and presence of God. Our context is the corner of Engle and Broadway in Slavic Village. Every Saturday since June, a group of people are down there from 10:30 am - 1 pm asking people if they need prayer as they walk by. There have been some amazing stories of healing and answered prayer. Come and learn how to pray for strangers in a non-threatening way. For more information contact Louie Broschk at lbroschk84@hotmail.com or Pastor Rich at pastorrch@noefc.org.



# Fellowship

## LOFT

(Folks in their 40s and 50s +)

Cookout and Bonfire - Saturday, September 16, at 5 pm at the home of Jack and Joann Hengst  
27217 Forsythia Dr. Columbia Station, OH 44028

We are kicking off the fall with a night of fellowship, food, games and a bonfire. We will supply the burgers and dogs and we invite you to bring a side dish and join us for a great evening together.

For more information and to sign up email Debbie Freed at bobmom@roadrunner.com.



## SILVER FRIENDS BEACH PARTY AND PICNIC

Thursday, September 14, at 11:30 am  
Huntington Beach, Bay Village, OH

Join us for a great time of fellowship by the beach as we cook some hot dogs and sausage. You bring your lawn share and a side to share and we will supply the dogs and beverage.

Please RSVP to Margie Metz at 440.779.0784.

For more information contact Pastor Rich Bennett, pastorrch@noefc.org.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 30, at Beulah Beach. The theme is "R.E.A.L. Women: Take Off Your Masks." Registration is open now online (noefc.org/register) and also on Sunday mornings until September 13.

## ISRAEL TRIP

NOEFC is going to the Holy Land on April 8-21, 2018! We would love for you to prayerfully consider joining us as we travel the land of the Bible together. More information and registration can be found at noefc.org/register. Contact Pastor Zach for more information.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday to...

9/1 Emily Andrews  
 9/2 Robert Fitzsimmons  
 9/4 Jason DuVall  
 Evan Johr  
 9/5 Suzanne Aldrich  
 Patricia Savage  
 9/7 Mary Lakner  
 9/9 Molly Nee  
 9/10 Elijah Bohler  
 9/11 Janet Kurz  
 John Pepsin  
 9/12 Marie Archer  
 Kyle Hartung  
 9/13 Phyllis Barbalics  
 Joshua Mundell  
 9/14 John Oleniacz  
 Connie Roche  
 Abby Rummer  
 9/16 Isabel Broschk  
 9/17 Karen Cavasini-Esch  
 Alice Pier  
 Lydianna Trudel  
 9/19 James Wells  
 9/20 Angela Campo  
 Olivia Herwerden  
 Marvin M'Tambo  
 9/21 Carol Brough  
 Stephen Lehmann  
 Ryan Nee  
 Mary Reed  
 9/22 Richard Ellis

9/22 Ann Palmer  
 Leslie Pickenheim  
 9/23 Andrew Struck  
 9/24 Christine Demchak  
 Charlie Freed  
 9/25 Mallory Herwerden  
 9/26 June Cook  
 Colleen Demchak  
 Steven Demchak  
 Lois Haug  
 Christopher Holmes  
 Allen Trainer  
 9/27 Cindy Archer  
 9/28 Robert Dolesh  
 Char Lubowics  
 Vivian Novak  
 9/29 Caleb Schultz

## Happy Anniversary to...

9/2 Bob & Nettie Fitzsimmons  
 9/3 Keris & Rebecca Sirek  
 9/4 Tom & Wendy Getz  
 9/5 Fritz & Sherry Lehmann  
 9/5 Will & Darlene Wilke  
 9/12 Tim & Kellie Matthews  
 9/13 Don & Tillie Kuch  
 David & Jacqui Loftis  
 9/14 John & Liliya Pepsin  
 9/15 Scott & Gina Glazer  
 David & Nancy Yachanin  
 9/16 Peter & Christy Krysinski  
 9/17 Mike & Jenn Martin

9/20 Jeff & Rosie Johnson  
 9/23 Eric & Marsha Snavely  
 9/25 John & Dawn Snell  
 9/27 Rick & Rachel Pietrick  
 9/29 Kraig & Lilah Wiant

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

## FOLLOW US!



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## Prayer Requests:

Calvin Yeager	Alice Robertson
Tim Roche	Dianne Marks
Don Sabo	Shirley Holler
Tom Dubowski	Erin Wells
Hope Burke	Lloyd Keaton
Margaret Becker	Marla Holmes
Barb Garver	Carol & Frank
Brad Thwing	Berzansky
Bruce & Marilyn Clark	Donna Winne
Rick Henderson	Marie Archer

*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.*

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