

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES



**Family Life Ministries takes a field trip to the Cleveland Zoo!**



### Pastor's Reflection

This month marks two years since Jaime and I first set foot in Ashtabula county. We walked into the First Church building and met the church board. We listened as memories were shared of past successes for God's kingdom, and hopes were shared for God to use our church in the future. It ended up being a night blessed by the Lord and filled with tears; a night where Jaime and I knew God's calling to become part of this church family. We too would bring memories of past successes and hopes for the future.

Since that time, we have made new memories, some made on the hopes we shared, some based on dreams we never knew we had, and some made from struggle. Yet we are called to look to the future. We have come to a time where we don't know what the future holds and we have had to learn how to dream in new ways. How could we have possibly known 2 years ago that a pandemic was in our future? Sometimes we just don't know how, but we are called to look to the future.

As a monthly verse for encouragement, I offer Romans 12:12, *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* No matter what comes, we have a hope in Jesus and He is the source of the greatest joy. We are and will face trials but can shine the light of Jesus through patience, and above all else, stay connected with the Lord through constant prayer. Someday, in this life or in eternity, all of this will be a memory. Will it be one of success or failure?

Pastor Sean Hampton

In a recent bible study, I am doing with our teens, *"Goliath Must Fall,"* we were talking about how our goliaths can paralyze our call to further the kingdom. When we allow our giants to taunt us, harass us, and dominate our walk with Christ we fall victim to the devil's schemes. Christ calls us to take up our cross *daily* and follow Him. Putting on the full armor of God and knowing how to use each piece of armor is important.

1 Peter 5:8, *"the devil still prowls around...looking for someone to devour."* Like Goliath looking for his next victim to taunt, harass, and dominate. He is like a snake with its head cut off. In doing some research - did you know that when you kill a snake, you should always bury its head? Because even after death the serpent holds a lethal dose of venom in its fangs. If you step on a dead snake's head, you can still get poisoned. In parallel, even though Jesus broke the power of Satan on the cross, he can still inject his deadly poison into our lives. He is dead but still deadly. We must equip our defenses (armor of God) and fight back. James 4:7, *"Resist the devil and he will flee."*

The same God helped David take out a bear. Wrestle a lion. Is the same God in the right now who can slay your Goliath.

My challenge to you is this. *"Be alert. Resist the devil, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."* 1 Peter 5:8-9.

Goliath **MUST** fall for us to accept the call to further His kingdom. I am praying for all of you as we take on this world and its sufferings together.

Love, Pastor Shea

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**The Lord is not slow  
in keeping his promise,  
as some understand slowness.  
He is patient with you,  
not wanting any to perish,  
but everyone to come  
to repentance.**

**2 Peter 3:9**

### **Those in Nursing Homes or Confined at Home:**

Bud Tanner, Jean Glotzbecker, Letha Long, Sandy Coachman, Betty & Earl Colby, Frank & Sue Taylor

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** Dave Nagle, Jim & Louise Flack, Shaun Mason, Jim McKee, Ruth Robertson, the Goehring Family, Annie Pae, Cole Hampton, Drake Brandjes, the Pavlovic family, Tom & Kathie Watts, Frank & Sue Taylor, Karl & Betty Williamson

Pray for UPWARD soccer-all the kids, parents, coaches, refs and leaders. Pray for those sharing the gospel through devotionals. May our efforts bear fruit for eternity, that those who do not know Jesus would understand His love for them and accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Please join us as you are able on Fridays in corporate prayer and fasting. Remember our NCO District churches, pastors and Superintendent, Rev. Wendell Brown and his family.

Pray that our words and actions would align with the Word of God, that we would show the love of Jesus toward one another and our community just as Christ loved us.

Pray for our local, state and federal officials. Thank the Lord that He is the one in full authority and ask that He would draw our leaders to Himself and give them His wisdom and strength.



**Have I not commanded you?**

**Be strong and courageous.**

**Do not be terrified;**

**Do not be discouraged,**

**For the Lord your God**

**will be with you**

**wherever you go.**

**Joshua 1:9**

**Is there an area in your life**

**where you need specific  
guidance and direction?**

**Ask the Lord to give you great  
wisdom, righteousness and courage  
as you seek his will.**

## ADULT MINISTRIES



Our weekly grief seminar and support group, begins on **Tuesday, September 15th** from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program runs for 13 weeks and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from GriefShare, please pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center or visit <http://www.griefshare.org> for more information.

Be sure to order a copy of Church With No Walls for \$12 by completing a card in the chair pocket and including payment in an offering envelop; orders will be taken through Sunday, September 13th. Pastor Sean will be diving deeper into the book with a sermon series beginning September 20th. Music artist and author, Noah Cleveland will also be with us for a concert on Sunday evening, October 11th; we will be taking a love offering. The concert time will be announced soon!



**We will celebrate Freedom Sunday on  
September 27th.** The



Church of the Nazarene unites in prayer for an end to human trafficking. We support church-led anti-trafficking efforts that range from prevention and education to protection and rehabilitation. Please plan to join us for this special day of worship with information how to help.

**A note from Tina Loyd:** Whosoever Club was so awesome in August! We had 28 kids 4 parents, and more kids came at the end. We did a Bible story,



had a craft, ate lunch and played games with the kids. They asked for the same thing next month. The kids ran up to us and just want attention which melts my heart. They want to be hugged and they just need to be loved on. The sock giveaway was a hit especially with the girls. Thanks for helping us get so many socks!



**Alabaster offering will be collected at the end of September— be sure to get your box from the foyer !**

**JOIN US IN  
2021 FOR  
NAZCAR CRUISE-  
IN ON  
SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11TH.**



**We have collected \$520 for Native American Christian Academy in Sun Valley, AZ through your Box Tops and Coke product code donations. Thank you!**



**Sunday Evenings –**  
6:30-8pm Youth Group at the church

**Wednesdays –**  
6:30-8pm Hymns and Bible Study in the Sanctuary  
Children's Outdoor Activities

9/07 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED  
9/12 7:30AM MEN'S BREAKFAST  
9/19 WHOSOEVER CLUB  
9/27 FREEDOM SUNDAY

*\*Please note events are subject to change as needed.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

SEPTEMBER 2 TINA LOYD  
SEPTEMBER 2 KATHY RUNYAN  
SEPTEMBER 9 ZAK MCKIBBEN  
SEPTEMBER 10 DAVE NAGLE  
SEPTEMBER 20 ISAAC ARTHUR  
SEPTEMBER 22 PAUL BLEDSOE  
SEPTEMBER 22 LINDA BROBST  
SEPTEMBER 25 URSA ROCKWELL

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

SEPTEMBER 6 GREG & VICKI NAPPI  
SEPTEMBER 9 PASCUAL & PENNIE CANALES  
SEPTEMBER 13 EARL & BETTY COLBY  
SEPTEMBER 16 PAUL & SHEILA BLEDSOE  
SEPTEMBER 16 MIKE & SUE READ  
SEPTEMBER 23 JIM & LOUISE FLACK  
SEPTEMBER 26 BRUCE & BETSY SCHLOSSER  
SEPTEMBER 26 ED & SANDY SEARLES

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please notify the church office at 440-992-0246 so it can be added.*

# SEPTEMBER 2020

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	3	4	5
6 6:30 pm Youth Worship	7 Labor Day-Office Closed 	8	9 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	10 7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting	11	12 Men's Breakfast UPWARD
13 6:30 pm Youth Worship	14	15 6:30 pm GriefShare	16 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	17	18	19 Whosoever Club UPWARD
20 6:30 pm Youth Worship	21	22 6:30 pm GriefShare	23 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	24	25	26 UPWARD
27 Freedom Sunday 6:30 pm Youth Worship	28	29 6:30 pm GriefShare	30 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities			