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February Newsletter 2022

What's In a Number?

Looking at the number 40 in the Bible is fascinating. It is mentioned 146 (or 149) times in scripture, depending on the translation. (Note: I have not counted, but people who thrive on such trivia evidently have counted.)

- Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights, on two separate occasions, receiving God's laws (the Ten Commandments). In addition, he also sent spies, for forty days, to investigate the land God promised the Israelites as an inheritance.
- God flooded the earth 40 days and nights.
- The three great and well-known Hebrew kings, Saul, David and Solomon, each ruled for 40 years.

Well, in July of 2022 I will be completing my 40th year of full-time ministry at the Eleventh Street Church of God. It has been an amazing journey for me. These many years have included times of extreme mountaintop experiences and some significant challenges...valleys. I have truly seen victories and miracles. I call them God moments. I have had the privilege of being with people during the most exciting times of celebration and standing with many others during the most difficult times of loss and tragedy.

I can still remember when Pastor Thor asked me to consider entering the ministry full time as Associate Pastor with primary responsibilities in Worship, singles, and outreach. This while I was completing eight years of a successful teaching career. Pastor Thor had affirmed what I had felt in my heart for some time. God was calling, the Holy Spirit prompting and I said, "Yes." By the way, there were some that thought I was crazy (Proverbs 3:5-6). Pastor Senseman further challenged me to preach on many occasions throughout the four years of his ministry and then in 1990 the congregation called and entrusted me to be their pastor. It certainly was a step of faith not only for me but for the congregation. I can remember Jean Fitzgerald sharing with me a few years later. Jean was one of the many special people in my life. Jean said, "Pastor I didn't vote for you." Wow! That took my breath away...that will deflate anyone's ego. But then she said, "But I am SO glad you are my pastor now." I have always thought that being a Pastor is truly a calling, not a job. Look in the Bible and you see people that God called who didn't think they were capable of being or doing what they were being asked to fulfill but when God calls, He also enables. **(Pastor Letter Continued on inside)**



New Office Hours

Monday -Friday
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Monday

Christian Workouts 10:00 am

Wednesday

Christian Workouts 10:00 am
 Zoom Bible Study 11:00 am

Thursday

Cup Of Coffee With Pastor
 Randy Shafer
 Video Devotional

Friday

Christian Workouts 10:00 am
 Zoom Prayer Makes a
 Difference Prayer Meeting
 every Friday at Noon

Sunday

In-Person & Drive-In Worship
 will continue in February.
 Service starts at 10:30 am.
 Also watch on Facebook
 Live and Website.
 Kids & Youth will meet at the
 church on Sunday Nights
 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM.



WINTER FAM JAM

NEO FAMILY EVENT

Join us as we celebrate God's
 love in the sweetest way!

02.12.22

1pm-4pm
 NEORetreat Center
 16278 Shilling Rd.
 Berlin Center, OH
 44401



Fun for all ages:
 Sledding, Smores, games,
 crafts and Family Worship

Cocoa &
 Canvas @
 Camp

FEBRUARY 19, 2022



\$40/person
 REGISTER @
 bit.ly/neococoacanvas

Break up the winter blahs and join us for a fun night of painting, food, and fellowship on february 19th at 6PM! All are welcome so invite your friends and family and get your tickets today as space is limited. The cost is \$40 per person and includes all supplies and instruction needed to create the painting, cocoa and warm drinks and yummy snacks. We will also have raffle baskets available. All proceeds from this event go towards improvement projects at the NEO Retreat Center. **Register at:** bit.ly/neococoacanvas

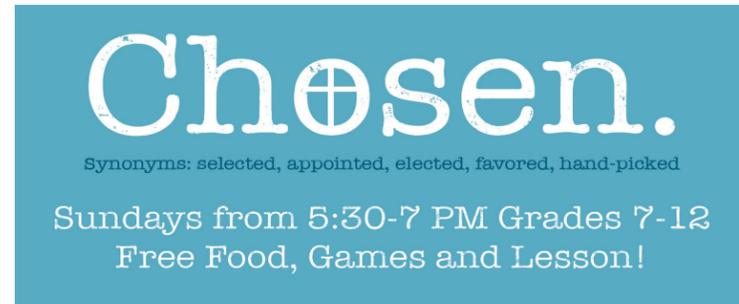
(Pastor Letter Continued)

I announced to the Board of Elders in December and now to you, my church family, that I will be retiring at the end of August 2022. I will be 70 on August 22 and need to take more time to be with my wonderful wife and family while I still have the health to give of myself completely. After all Pastoring is a seven day a week calling. This is a decision that has been contemplated and prayed over for some time. Eleventh Street is the only church I have ever known, and you will always have a special place in my heart.

With love, Pastor Randy Shafer



Kids Club
Sundays 5:30-7 PM
Grades K-6th



Chosen.
Synonyms: selected, appointed, elected, favored, hand-picked
Sundays from 5:30-7 PM Grades 7-12
Free Food, Games and Lesson!

Our Sunday Nights Youth and Children's program will be meeting Sunday Nights from 5:30-7 PM. Sunday Nights will resume back the second week in February Sunday, February 13th. The first week our youth will be enjoying the Youth Winter Retreat. Masks will be required during our Sunday Nights Program. Hope to see you there!



Bible Study
— DISCOVER GOD'S WORD —

Zoom Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 am!

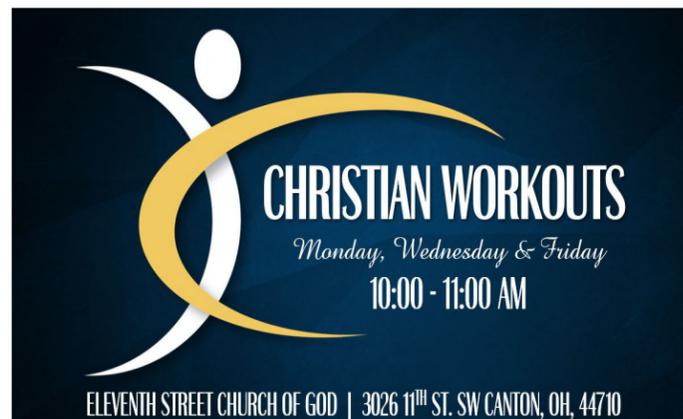
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89896163611?pwd=TUtVenUwK3NxSmJvcFkvY2RjSnBzUT09>



Prayer Makes a Difference!
Join us on Friday's at Noon
Zoom Prayer Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85897217832?pwd=U3N1TWY0ZCtnSEdDNTIDM1dxUkJkdz09>



A Cup of Coffee
with
Pastor Randy Shafer
Video Devotional posted on
Facebook & Website once a week.



CHRISTIAN WORKOUTS
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00 - 11:00 AM
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Thank You

To our dear church family,
Wow...what a winter this has been for us so far! It started with Larry taking his dad to the hospital to end up going home with hospice a few days later, then taking Larry's mom to the hospital the next day, his dad passing away later that week, then finding placement for Larry's mom at a nursing home that could meet her needs with advanced Alzheimer's disease, then her sudden passing less than 2 weeks after his dad, and planning two parents funerals and all the complexities of family dynamics.....and then both of us and many of our kids and grandkids with Covid (now that was something!) only for Larry to end up with Covid pneumonia....and through it all God was with us. We know that without the numerous kind acts, love, support and many, many prayers of our amazing church family we would not have faired as well as we have. For that we will be eternally grateful. We thank God for you all daily. Much love and gratitude,
Larry and Laura Osborne

Happy Birthday!

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| FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS | 2-17 Kristy Duff |
| 2-2 Karen Hewitt | 2-19 Will Hurst |
| 2-4 Victoria Osborne | 2-20 Mark DeFelice' |
| 2-6 Mark Hurst | 2-20 Jill Clapper |
| 2-6 Wilda Gibbs | 2-21 Benjamin Osborne |
| 2-5 Gage Cooper | 2-22 Theresa Smith |
| 2-6 Helena Pinkerton | 2-24 Matthew Osborne |
| 2-7 Rick Wilson | 2-24 Audrie Howell |
| 2-11 Tamra Eshelman | 2-26 David Dodge |
| 2-11 Marc Duff | 2-27 Rachel Pinkerton |
| 2-12 John Talafous | 2-28 Yvonne Haney |
| 2-15 Marilyn Hurst | 2-29 Ashlyn Parker |
| 2-15 Richard Sick | 2-29 Allen Reynolds |



Three Ways to Worship in February!

You can choose which method is best for you and your family.

- Parking lot Worship through your car radio
- Facebook Live
- In person in the church building!

Worship all three ways will begin at 10:30 am.

The Church Board of Elders is recommending wearing masks when coming & going for Worship due to rising Covid numbers. Once you are seated it is your preference. We have some masks available if needed in the narthex. Please ask one of our ushers.

If you are joining us in our parking lot make sure to tune your radio to 87.9 FM.



Please help us restock the shelves of our church pantry! Donations can be dropped off during office hours Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM or Sunday Morning.