

Early \_\_\_\_\_ can prevent future \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 4:1-16 | <sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” <sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM OUR FAMILY HISTORY:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ left unresolved causes confusion. [Romans 8:1]
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ prompts destructive tendencies. [Romans 6:12-23, James 4:17]
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ generates feelings of inadequacy.

1 Samuel 16:7 | But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

When you keep on \_\_\_\_\_, you'll keep on \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Vying for \_\_\_\_\_ gives rise to a rebellious spirit.

Isaiah 14:12-14 | <sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. [1 Samuel 15:23]

5. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ produces relational separation. [Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 51:11]

1 John 2:2 | He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. [Mark 15:34]

You can never \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_,  
only God can.

ANSWERS: (1) corrections (2) catastrophes (3) Guilt (4) Permissiveness (5) Comparison (6) comparing (7) despairing (8) control (9) Self-pity (10) fix (11) brokenness

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT SUNDAY

**MAY 4TH | COFFEE WITH A COP BEGINS AT 10:15AM**

We are honoring our local law enforcement at our south campus service today between services. During the service we will hear from the jail chaplain as well as the Niagara County Sheriff. Please plan to join us for "Coffee with a Cop" at 10:15am, following the first service and prior to the 10:45am service.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN TRAINING

**MAY 10th, 2025 | LUMBER CITY CHURCH**

Saturday May 10th at 10 AM, Lumber City Church in North Tonawanda will host a training for Community Garden managers and pod leaders. Lumber City Church is located at 383 Vandervoort St, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. If you are a Garden Manager or Pod Leader please attend this training to learn about the garden!

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

**MAY 18, 2025 | SOUTH CAMPUS | 10:45am**

Water Baptism is an important next step for anyone who believes in Jesus. Through immersion in water, we follow the lead of Jesus, and demonstrate His death as we are lowered into the water and ultimate resurrection to new life as we are raised from the water. We are instructed to be baptized when we believe to publicly declare our belief in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in being baptized, please use the QR code, register on our website/app or speak with Curt Waugaman. There will be a **mandatory** class prior to the service at 9:45am on 5/18/25 in the Lower Level.

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## 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**MAY 18th, 2025**

Come join us in celebrating our 50th year anniversary as we highlight the past and turn our eyes to what God has for the future!

## CONNECT "SOUP and SANDWICHES"

**MAY 25, 2025 | SOUTH | 12:30 PM**

Those 60 years old and better are welcome to join us for Soup and Sandwiches at 12:30pm in the youth sanctuary. Soup will be provided. Please sign up online, or use the QR code here to register. You will be prompted to sign up to bring a sandwich filling, type of bread or a dessert.

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## LADIE'S RETREAT - PSALM 23

**MAY 29-MAY 31, 2025 | CAMP LI-LO-LI**

College aged women and older, You are invited to join us for the Freedom Church Ladies retreat, Our official dates for this years retreat are Thursday May 29th - Saturday May 31st. Please use the QR code to register or go to our church website or register on the app.

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## 3 SERVICE REMINDER - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We've updated our Sunday Service times at both campuses:

### North Campus

New Time: 8:45AM

### South Campus

New Times: 9:15AM & 10:45AM

*\*Child care will only be available during the 10:45AM service.  
Thank you for adjusting with us! Please mark your calendars and help share this important change with others.*

## WAYS TO GIVE

- ➔ Drop **Envelopes** in the back black boxes in the back of the sanctuary
- ➔ **Text "GIVE"** to 716-714-4480
- ➔ **Online - see ->**
- ➔ Mobile **app "MinistryOne"** from the App Store!

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## For the Kids:

Newborn - 4th Graders may be checked in to the Freedom Kids check-in hub located in the foyer.

Check in begins at 10:30AM. Freedom Kids meet in the Youth Sanctuary, and Nexus Teenagers, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, meet upstairs in the lounge.



## CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor Craig Campbell | Lead Pastor**  
Peggy Belfield | Seniors Pastor | Ext. 100  
Jennie Campbell | Worship Director | Ext. 100  
Kerith McDonald | Office Administrator | Ext. 100  
Lou Mead | Youth Director | Ext. 201  
Michael Peacock | Ministry Assistant | Ext. 206  
Curt Waugaman | Ministry Assistant | Ext. 205

\*If you'd like to contact an Elder, please call the church office.

## CHURCH ELDERS:

Ron (Doris) Campbell  
Jim (Ann) Hood  
Bill Nimetz  
Mark (Linda) Rathke  
Matt (Kerith) McDonald  
Jim (Debbie) Randle  
Adam (Steph) Schifferle

**Reach the Lost.  
Disciple the Found.  
See Lives Set Free and  
Stay Free in Jesus Christ.**

## Current Sermon Series



## Worship

House Of The Lord  
I Know A Name  
Holy Forever

## Following Service

### Coffee With A Cop

Join us and our local law enforcement for "Coffee with a Cop" starting at 10:15am in the foyer.

## This Week

Nexus | Wednesday | 7pm

Adventure Kids | Wednesday | 7pm

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