

# Weekly Connector: The Light!

June 29, 2018

Hello, Church!

After a long time of planning, preparing, and praying, we have completed (nearly) two very important projects:

- 1) Installing a new sign
- 2) Updating the Kitchen

Back in February of 2015, we approved funding to improve the facilities beginning with converting the 4-car garage into the Blessings Exchange. We now have a building dedicated to helping the community be clothed. Through many volunteers from the church and the community we have a well stocked and organized place for folks in need to come and be blessed as we serve in Jesus' Name. The recent addition of air conditioning and a hand rail are examples of ongoing improvements to this ministry.

Then, we began looking at ways we could improve our outward communication to the community. We are placed at a very busy corner where folks in their cars and trucks are sitting, waiting, and ready to read whatever sign we put up. Our old sign was looking a little tired and we knew that a better sign would capture travelers' attention, point them to Jesus, and invite them to be a part of our church community. But, as we planned the sign, we did not want to ignore important needs in the facility for other ministries.



This is when the needs of our kitchen came to the forefront. Our kitchen is used each week during the school year for our Wednesday night meals. Each week, Hannah's House prepares meals for their mentors and girls. Basic cooking classes are held there to prepare girls to provide for their families. Funeral meals are a real ministry, too, as they provide a meal during times of grief. In the summer, our Summer Lunch Program feeds upwards of 50 meals each Tuesday and Thursday. The list of ministry opportunities continues.

As the kitchen was increasingly utilized in ministry, we realized that the original intent for the kitchen had changed and it needed to be updated to reflect that change. New ventilation, stove, and ovens would make a huge difference in the service of each volunteer as well as better results. The inspections were completed last week and we now have a proper ventilation/hood system, a fire repression system, a 10-burner stove, 2 conventional ovens, and 2 convection ovens. Wow!



And, because of your support along with many volunteers, vendors, and contractors, we were able to financially manage and complete BOTH the kitchen updates and the new sign. Amazing!

This week after service, we will spend a few moments in the kitchen dedicating both resources of ministry (kitchen and the sign). Please join us then to dedicate and celebrate!

Also, on Saturday July 7, we will finish the landscaping around the sign, provide mulch for the rest of our planters around the building, and complete other outside tasks as we see them. Please come before 8am to get started!

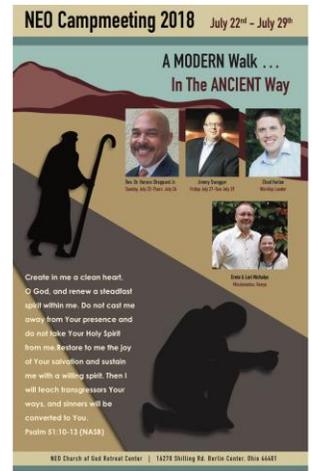
On Father's Day, we enjoyed our missionaries from Bolivia and South America, Dave and Barbara Miller. Your generosity to them was overwhelming as you provided nearly \$1000 dollars for their needs. Well done, Church!

This past week has been a fun type of crazy as our Sports and Arts Camp brought in over 100 kids and their families to learn how to cook, make lego creations, play basketball, and learn the story of a Master Builder named Nehemiah! I am so thankful for the planning and hard work that went into this very well received event. Well done, Gina Conway and the rest of her many fellow-laborers as kids learned, played, danced, sang, and created - all in Jesus' Name! Praise the Lord!



I do not believe it is too early to mark your calendars for Campmeeting 2018! We do not know what the rest of 2018 and 2019 offers us but we do know this: without revival and recreation, we will not be as prepared as we need to be. So, please plan to come to as many sessions at Campmeeting as you are able. I should be there for nearly every evening service and some during the day as well. I hope to see you all there and then!

All the campmeeting information can be found on the Northeast Ohio District website: [neochog.org/camp-meeting](http://neochog.org/camp-meeting). Starts on July 22nd and completes on July 29th!



This Sunday, we continue our short sermon series, "Salt & Light". Jesus says that His disciples are "the light of the world". Bring a friend and come discover how the light of the world Himself can help His followers carry that light and shine on an increasingly darkening world. Sunday School starts at 9AM for all ages. The Service starts at 10AM.

On this beautiful last Friday of June, my prayer is that *"the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* Rom. 15:13

Hope abounds in Jesus Christ, the light of the world!

I love you, Church!

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