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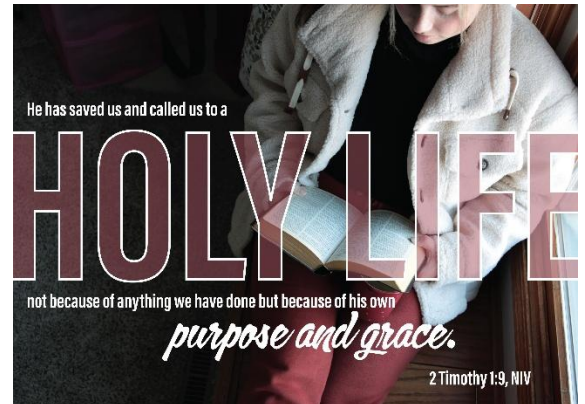
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Striving For Holiness

As we move into this new year how are those resolutions coming? I'm sure we all have things we can work on. I was at a Minister's Conference this week and I was reminded of what it is to be Holy or should I say to attempt to be. We all should be striving to be more Holy.

I have to say though, that this church is a great example of people that are doing their best to be Holy. To be more like Christ should be the ultimate goal for each of us. Serving the community with Sunday dinners for My Brother's Keeper, STEM Saturdays, our Neighbors In Need Food Pantry, are just some of the ways that we as a church reach out to the community.



The only question remaining is are we doing enough to reach God's goals for each of us individually? I find myself missing opportunities at times because I might think it is the wrong timing. If the Holy Spirit is putting the opportunity in front of me shouldn't I be willing to stand up for Him? We all have a responsibility to love others and to do our best to lift them up. We do a great job of this as a church, but could we do better? We are all challenged everyday to step out for Him. To reach those that others may have cast aside or have given up on. To carry the words of Jesus to everyone we encounter.

There is only one way to the Father and that is through Jesus Christ. Living a good life isn't enough to get you to heaven, we have to believe in the one He sent to forgive our sins. Then once our sins are forgiven, we may have access to the Father. Set your minds on drawing closer to God each day. Start with small things and then continue to expand. We will never reach perfection, but it is our lifelong task to try. The older I get the more I realize how much I still need to work at being more like Him. His love knows no bounds, and He cares for everyone no matter how lost they may seem. I need to be more like Him and adjust my expectations to reflect the love He demonstrated when He walked the earth.

I love this church (the people of West Court that is) and I'm so honored to be one of your pastors. May we continue to share the love of God with our neighbors.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Brad

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER (MBK)

My Brothers Keeper (MBK) has a mission to impact the homeless of Flint and Genesee County and help them transition. Randy Russell leads a group of volunteers to cook, serve, fellowship and minister to these men. We prepare and serve a meal at MBK monthly. If you are willing to donate time once a month to help with this ministry, please contact Randy at 810.822.8136.

**Dream It – See It**

BELLS ARE RINGING !!!! I continue to be excited when I see the number at the end of each month. Please check the thermometer posted in the hallway showing our progress. **I love being able to tell of our progress! God is faithful and the fund is growing!** If you have any questions, please see one of the Leadership Team. Keep your eyes open as we see God at work! As of December 31, 2025, **\$40,706.00** has been given! **Praise God!** Continue to pray for this endeavor as we keep up with the maintenance of God's building.

When you contribute to this Campaign please indicate on your envelope or your check that it is for the Capital Funds Campaign and know that we will not start any project without having sufficient funds for the completion of that project. Your gifts are greatly appreciated; any size donation is so helpful, it adds up when we work together.

Your Sister in Christ, Chris Walker

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION (CWC) PRESENTS...

Human Trafficking Forum

Missing But Not Forgotten:
Honoring the Voiceless
Through Art & Advocacy

Writing Contest
Theme: "The Empty Chair: Giving Voice to the Silenced."
Original poetry pieces, stories, or essays highlighting human trafficking. Opens Dec 8, 2025 with a deadline Jan. 19, 2026. Winners announced Feb. 7, 2026

Join us to shed light on the realities of human trafficking, remember those who are missing, and give a voice to the voiceless. Through art, storytelling, and advocacy, we will honor survivors, raise community awareness, and inspire action.

Saturday, February 7, 2026
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Click Here to Submit your Entry
<https://forms.gle/FqeuqKrcKZZwtNZD8>

New Creation Church of God
3472 Lennon Road
Flint, Michigan 48532
810.732.0500
Mark A. Staton II, Pastor

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FORUM

Saturday, Feb. 7

11am-3pm

New Creation CHoG

3472 Lennon Rd in Flint







The following article contains information from 2 articles that were found while delving through documents for the 100th Celebration of Ministry of West Court. I do not know the author of either article. One article was included in the Building Dedication dated June 13, 1965. The other article was among the documents. This is part 3 of our West Court Street Church of God history. This episode gives you some information about our building.

Last month we left you with the mortgage burning in 1945 of the Chapel construction, with the membership of the church at 100.

In 1948 the first college trained pastor came to West Court. Pastor Herbert W and Lola Thompson came and served from 1948 to 1963. They lived in a trailer on the church lot until the parsonage was built in 1949. The church continued to grow, and it was decided to extend the north end of the Sanctuary (our Chapel). It was during this time the church received free advertising. There was a windstorm that blew out the north end structure under construction, and this was covered in the local newspaper. At this time Sunday School enrollment had reached 275 and the membership was 150.



Thompsons were an evangelistic musical team greatly adding to the growth of the church including the start of the Living Nativity which the church presented for 64 years. The Christian Education program became known nationwide with such names as Mosier, Sumpter, Pertler, Tompkins, Walters, Rueckert (Hulquist), Nuckles and Bittner. The Nursery Center also began with leadership of Whiteley, Andrews, Kupisch and Walker.

By 1956, it had become evident that a major building program would need to be launched. Two services wouldn't hold the congregation coming to West Court Street so under the direction of Architect Kane, the Thompsons and many dedicated people, a new structure was drawn and began to rise. The year 1959 found the congregation using the basement rooms of the new building, and on December 6, 1959, opening services were conducted in the new Sanctuary though it was not yet completed. This building program brought the value of the properties to \$325,000. Many people gave sacrificially to see the structure built to the glory of God.

In 1965, when the building was completed, it was appraised at \$517,000. The Sanctuary was to seat 1200, the Fellowship Hall to seat 500 and the Chapel to seat 125. There were 34 classrooms and the Sunday School enrollment was at 698. Other facilities included: two studies, two staff offices, conference room, library, choir room, dramatics room, usher's room, two kitchens, a lounge, audio-visuals room, sound control room and twelve restrooms. The budget for the Church was \$93,000, the budget for Missionary Outreach was \$18,000 and the indebtedness on the building was \$235,000. The membership estimate was 397 with average Sunday School attendance of 437. The current Sanctuary was dedicated June 13, 1965.

Additional property was purchased for parking area and an enlarged program for outreach, ministry and missions was in the immediate future.

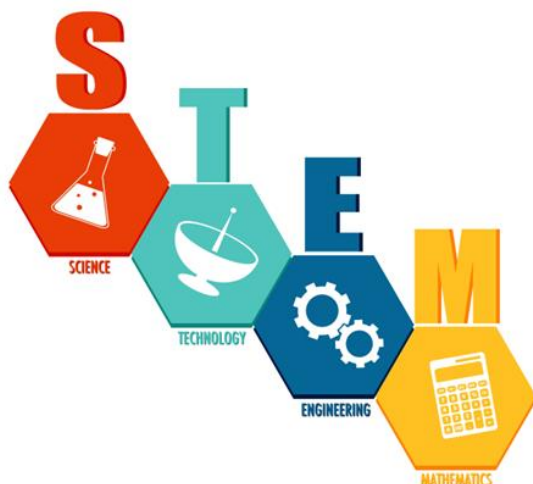
Stay tuned for next month's installment of our building history.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 6:00pm The Ark	2	3 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	4 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	5 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	6 1:00pm Church of God Pastors Meeting (note time change)	7 9:00am - 4:00pm Kit Together Craft Retreat with Alycia 11:00am - 3:00pm Human Trafficking Forum at New Creation CHoG
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Stemulating Saturday
 Saturday, Feb. 28
 11am-1pm
 Register Here >>>>>



2 Darrell Golden
 22 Vance Kupisch
 (No February Anniversaries)