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October 2025 Newsletter

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NOW is the Time ...to prepare for HARVEST

We have an incredible advantage in life -because WE KNOW JESUS.

*He is the flawless bridge that connects us continually, in relationship with God. Its only through our connection with Jesus, that we are able to live full, meaningful and Fruitful lives – and when we are fruitful, God's GLORY can be seen. **John 15:8 NIV** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

*He is source from which we live, move and have our being. He is the source from which we derive hope, love and every good and perfect gift. **James 1:17 NIV** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

Let's give extra attention, this fall, to how we demonstrate HIS love to others – being purposeful to prepare our hearts, our environment – our church, to love others and lead them to know Christ.

***Ecc 11:6 NIV** "Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. "*

This fall, we are slated to host the annual Trunk or Treat – where we typically reach 800-1100 children and adults in our community. October 25th will also serve as the kickoff for our 3rd Year of STEM Saturdays – empowering youth, children and their parents through creative science-based hands-on activities at our church!!!!

Moreover, we will be hosting special annual celebrations surrounding the upcoming Holidays – Like our annual Harvest Dinner and Turkey Give-A-Ways in November, Carols, Candles and Cookies, Gift Give-A-Ways, Holidays and more... **Pro 11:24-25 NIV** "One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." These are all opportunities to demonstrate our love and gratitude for God – by demonstrating our generosity towards others! **Luke 6:38 NIV** "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Give, Live, Serve Generously!!! This is the way God has loved US!!!

Let's Continue to Focus on JESUS

Heb 12:2 NIV "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." He knew that every gift would foster perpetual hope – that every seed sown into our lives, our hearts - our salvation, bears the blueprint of His greatness and the capacity for multiplied harvest throughout eternity. Your love, your generosity, your partnership with our church MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

We want to thank you for your seeds of love, kindness, courage & faith. We encourage you to continue to plant seeds through your giving, your prayers & your life's example. Let God's love lead and challenge you to grow into the next season of harvest that He has for *your life*.

Let's experience the joy, awe and wonder – that comes as we've made time and preparation – and others come to *KNOW CHRIST* in their own hearts, as well.

Pastor Bernard Drew



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Worship 6:00pm The Ark	29	30 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	1 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	2 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	3 2:00pm Church of God Pastors Meeting	4 8:00am 360 Conference - Church of God in Michigan/SHINE*
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19 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering (Baptisms, Bible Presentation to Youth) 10:30am Youth Message 11:30am Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00pm The Ark	20 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	21 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	22 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	23 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	24	25 (Kick Off Event for Stem Saturday) 11:00am - 1:00pm STEM Saturday Kick Off 4:00pm - 6:00am Trunk or Treat
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5 Shirley Smith
 7 Rashii Waters
 7 Elizabeth Smith
 16 Kim Murdough
 17 Cindy Golden
 17 Adalynn Lemons (9)
 23 Tom & Denise Richardson (54)
 26 Sherman Bayliss



DREAM IT....SEE IT

More information on the Capital Funds Campaign that was initiated in December 2024!

Please check the thermometer posted in the hallway to show 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! The information I have today is that **\$17,841** 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

CAPITOL FUNDS CAMPAIGN CONSISTENT GIVING

20 people giving \$10 each week totals
\$10,400 per year.

15 people giving \$25 each week totals
\$19,500 per year

15 people giving \$50 each month totals
\$9,000 per year

10 people giving \$100 each month totals
\$12,000 per year

15 people giving \$100 each month totals
\$18,000 per year

You don't have to give a lot but every bit adds up and consistency makes a difference, YOU make a difference!

Something to think about.



WEST COURT STREET CHURCH OF GOD PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT 2025

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2025
4 PM - 6 PM
2920 W. COURT ST
FLINT, MI**

Bring the entire family!



sign up here!



2025 - 26 COHORT

STEMULATING SATURDAYS

STEMULATING Saturdays is a monthly program designed to spark student interest and participation in STEAM through hands-on, challenge-based learning experiences. Students are grouped by age and engage in activities that encourage creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration. Using the PCP Model (Present, Engage, Prepare), the program's goal is to position students to explore diverse careers and interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics while building confidence and critical thinking skills for the future. STUDENTS GRADES K-12.

2025 - 26 Dates

- October 25th
- November 22
- December 20
- January 24
- February 28
- March 28
- April 26
- May 26

FREE Lunch!

- Science Projects
- STEM Competitions
- Engineering Projects

FREE Registration!

Location: West Court Street Church
2920 W. Court Street Flint, MI

11:00am - 1:00pm

REGISTER HERE



SWEET & SIMPLE CELEBRATION

Join us following worship on **October 12th** for a Sweet & Simple Celebration for Pastors Bernard Drew and Brad Walker and families.



Ways to Encourage and Celebrate Our Pastors

- PRAY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
- Send a card of encouragement
- Tell them you are glad to see them
- Send a thank you note, text or call
- Gift your pastors and family a night out or weekend away
- Give a gift card to a favorite coffee shop, restaurant, bookstore or home improvement store
- Provide a fruit basket
- Volunteer at church to reduce their workload
- Show up and commit to worshipping regularly
- Invite them to a sporting event
- Give them concert tickets
- Make a meal for your pastors and family
- Invite your pastors/family to dinner at your home
- Help plan their Sabbaticals
- Bring them goodies
- Tell them how their message impacted your life
- PRAY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AGAIN!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

The Rambling Rovers will host an ice cream social at 6PM at the home of Dave & Diane Henry, 1495 Sun Terrace Dr. There is a \$2.00 charge per person to cover the cost of the ice cream and toppings. **Please sign up at the Connection Center by October 12th.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Josh Smith has a concert at Mayfair Bible Church on Pierson Road in Flushing at 7:30PM. He is part of the Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble. This is always an enjoyable time.



PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY LDS/GRAND BLANC TRAGEDY Sunday, September 28, 2025

Lord God, our hearts are broken with pain as we hear again of death and despair. We come before you with heavy hearts, lifting up all those who have been affected by this tragedy.

For the victims of this violence, we remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We pray for their eternal rest and ask that you welcome them into your loving arms.

For their families and friends, we ask that you be their refuge and place of safety in this time of immense sorrow. Comfort them, grant them peace, and surround them with love and support as they grieve. May they feel your presence and know that they are not alone.

For the survivors, we pray for healing for their bodies, minds, and spirits. Help them to endure their ordeal and heal from their trauma. Give them the courage to face the days ahead.

For our community and our nation, we ask for an end to the violence that plagues us. Inspire us to work for greater peace and to address the causes of such deep-seated hatred and despair. We pray for all who respond to tragedy—the first responders, medical personnel, and all ministers of mercy. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

FINAL FOUR OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE TOWER

LAMB WINDOW

The lamb is headed in one direction but looking back. As Christ our Good Shepherd leads us onward, He is consistently looking back to see that we are following Him.

STAR WINDOW

The star is in the form of a cross. Even in His birth, His death was foretold.

The star is set in a dark sky. Christ came into the world at its darkest hour, as He does in our lives.

The upper three rays of the star represent the Trinity: it has been foretold, now it has come to pass. The long lower ray of the star is reaching downward, as the One whose birth it signaled reached down for fallen mankind.



DOVE WINDOW

The three pieces of the dove are pure white representing the purity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The body form of the dove is in the shape of a cross pointing upward as the cross points our way heavenward.

GRAPE WINDOW

There are twelve grapes representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Christ was born of a descendant of one of these tribes represented by the one grape that is a complete circle.

The three leaves, again, represent the Trinity.

The one stem through which life flows represents the one God through which our spiritual life flows.

