



Merry
CHRISTMAS
& Happy
NEW YEAR

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*‘I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ˆSo neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ˆThe one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ˆFor we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. **1 Corinthians 3:6-9 NIV***

What an amazing Revelation to Rediscover how significant our role is in the expansion of God's kingdom, yet also recognize how broad God's reach is that surely our journey on this Earth is still such a pivotal part of his eternal plan. God has a place that your life, your voice, your acts of kindness- still matter, every small gesture, every kind word, every welcoming smile and every heartfelt invitation- is a critical part of God's kingdom moving forward.

As we reflect upon some of the highlights of even the last quarter of 2025, what a blessing to see your impact as we serve- as a group of ordinary people, introducing people to an extraordinary God.



Our **STEMulating Saturdays** kicked off again and we've already been able to serve nearly 30 children and families. **YOUR LIGHT IS SHINING BRIGHT!** - from our children's ministry team - Melanie, Carolyn, Alycia & Christel- to heartfelt helping hands from Bro. Washington, the Gallagher's- and Bro. Eric who crafted the most recent project. You are making an impact!



We served over 890 people at the annual **Trunk or Treat** – providing a safe space for people to simply have fun! We curated genuine, heartfelt fun for families- and they know it is the love of GOD - being expressed through our Church.



We hosted **BAPTISM**, for the first time in years! WE REJOICE over 6 people who committed to embrace this Divine experience of being Baptized!!! Since then, we've had 2 more individuals commit their lives to Christ, 4 more who'd like to be baptized- and a host of individuals who have found meaningful areas to serve within our church. WEST COURT is now their home- and they are letting their lights shine, too!



Our **Harvest Dinner** has reached more families and God is expanding his love through our service not only at the church, but through ongoing support of My Brother's Keeper, Our Holiday turkey and food box distribution - and so much more.

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” **Colossians 3:17 NIV***

May GOD continue to BLESS YOU, Comfort YOU - and inspire YOU to be a LIGHT to someone else in Darkness in this Christmas Season. Often times - even good people can be in a dark place or have their lights temporarily dimmed. Be the encouragement. Be the expression of God’s love to others **TODAY**.

With Grace and Gratitude,

Pastor Bernard Drew

ONLINE GIVING is convenient and secure on our website at westcourtchurch.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

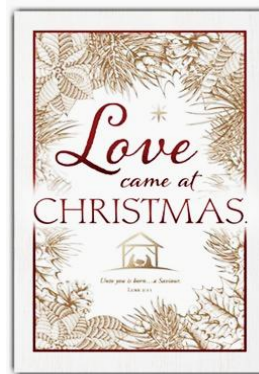
YEAR END DONATIONS REMINDER

Donors must give their contribution checks on or by December 31 to be included in their 2025 giving statement. All online giving for 2025 must be time stamped by midnight on December 31, 2025. Thank you.



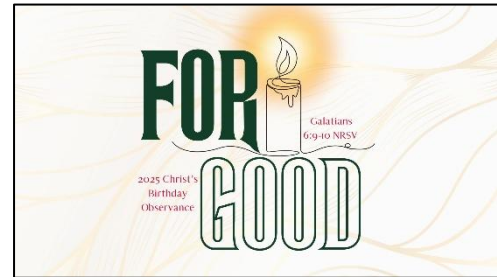
CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES will be offered again this year to families in need. Please contact LOVE I.N.C. Tuesday or Thursday at 810.235.4990 to sign up.

If you are interested in sponsoring a food box, the cost is just \$35.00. You can even partner up with someone to cover the cost and help make Christmas special for families in need. Please mark your giving envelope as Christmas Food. Thank you.



Carols & Candles (& Cookies!)

Join us Saturday, **December 6 at 6PM** for a celebration of Jesus' birth with song, readings, and candles. Cookie reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. **Pre-service music at 5:30PM.**



CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE 2025

The CBO offering is collected the Sunday before Christmas as a gift to the Christ Child. The money collected touches nearly every ministry in the Church of God. One of the unique ways we support this offering is through our CBO Post office. You are encouraged to donate an equal amount of postage for your Christmas cards to **currently attending local church family members.** Just bring your cards with members' names on them and we will sort them into their mail slots to pick up after worship. Special offering envelopes are available at the post office as well as free Advent Devotional booklets.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPE PACKETS are in your Christmas Card mailbox slot to pick up. ***If you do not have an envelope packet and would like one, please see Kim Murdough or Denise Richardson.***

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 PEP 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

Dream It – See It

CONTINUE TO RING THE BELLS !!!! Please check the thermometer posted in the hallway to show 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 October 30, 2025, **\$38,206.00** 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

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 CBO Post Office Opens 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 6:00pm The Ark | 1 | 2 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 3 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TODAY 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study | 4 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 5 2:00pm Church of God Pastors Mtg at Calvert Park | 6 9:00am - 4:00pm Kit Together Craft Retreat with Alycia 6:00pm CAROLS & CANDLES (& Cookies) |
| 7 BAPTISM COMMUNION 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 6:00pm The Ark | 8 | 9 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 10 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study | 11 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 12 | 13 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Liberty Diner |
| 14 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Worship 2:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Christmas Party Meeting 6:00pm The Ark | 15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting | 16 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 17 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study | 18 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 4:30pm MBK Meal Prep 5:00pm Yoga Class | 19 | 20 11:00am - 1:00pm STEM Saturday 6:00pm Carols & Candles at Calvert Park in Burton |
| 21 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Message 11:30am Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00pm The Ark | 22 | 23 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 24 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study | 25 Office Closed 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class | 26 | 27 |
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3 Roger & Theresa Povolny
 49 years
 13 Barbara Schultz
 19 Mashiska Washington
 21 Ed & Shirley Smith
 68 years
 25 Chris Walker
 30 Nancy Beecher

THE FLINT SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE
 PRESENTS
HOLIDAY DELIGHTS
 Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30pm
 Mayfair Bible Church
 5339 Pierson Rd
 Flushing, MI 48433
 Admission is free. Donations welcome. A portion of the donations will benefit the Westwood Heights (Hamady) Band Program.
 This concert is sponsored by longtime current member, Pat Legg (Bassoon), in memory of her parents; Byron and Evelyn Legg.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
 In the event of a weather emergency and we deem it wise to cancel Worship Services or any other events taking place at West Court, notification will be given on ABC-12, NBC-25, by email and on the church's Facebook page.

100th Celebration

This information has been gathered from different articles found as we research our 100th Celebration. Please remember exact dates may not be available and are subject to human error.

The Church of God now located at 2920 West Court Street had its beginning in 1926. It was originally called the Westside Church of God and in 1942 it was renamed to West Court Street Church of God as the purchase of the current property location put us on West Court. Some Christians felt a great burden for the children in their neighborhood who were not attending Sunday School or church anywhere. A small Sunday School began meeting at 924 Tackon Street that year.

Esther and Alvis Forrester (1927-1929) opened their home at 924 Tackon Street to the neighborhood children for Sunday School. Gradually with much work and prayer this home became too small to accommodate the group, so permission was given by the Board of Education to use the schoolhouse at the corner of Barney and Mann Hall Avenue. Names like Nelson, Hunter, Weeden and O'Leary were avid workers in that old schoolhouse with the Forrester's. Pastors like Charles H. Trefry (1936-1937), Louis D. Birdsall (1929-1931), C.S. Sisler (1931-1933), Harold Grabke (1934-1936) and D.E. Nelson (1937-1938) added their strength to this work. There was not just Sunday School, but they began having Worship Services as well. This congregation first became listed in the Yearbook of the Church of God in 1931 with a membership of 15.

In 1939, a plot of ground was purchased on West Court Street and Beecher Road. A swampy plot of ground, full of frogs and mosquitoes. The area was filled and in 1940 the basement of what is now the Chapel was built. The vision of the church at this location was truly a dream.



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 18TH & 19TH 2026

Celebrating 100 years of ministry

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