



# Weekly Revelations

September 2, 2018

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the Curt Dean family in loving memory of Larye Lue; and, by Dennis & Bonnie Bailey in celebration of Matthew Dittman's birthday.

Today we are pleased to welcome David Gooding as our new organist! A reception is planned for September 16 following the 11:00 AM service.

Today we begin using Setting 3 at the Traditional Service.

The **church office** will be closed **Monday, September 3** in observance of Labor Day.

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation through September 4.

**Prayer & Care Group** will meet **Friday, September 7** at **10:00 AM**. All are welcome!

The **Strongsville Food Bank** will be open on **Saturday, September 8** from **9:30 – 11:30 AM**. Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.

**Mark your calendars! Rally Day** is **Sunday, September 9**, marking the beginning of a new program year. Sunday school students are invited to register and meet the teacher at 9:45 AM followed by a **One blended worship service** at **10:30 AM**. **God's Work Our Hands project** will follow the service with lunch (food trucks in the parking lot!), and preparing and packaging individual meals to be distributed by Children Who Witness Violence to people who have experienced recent violence or trauma in their lives. All ages are welcome to participate! Come and be a blessing to others. Sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

**Over 50's Group** will meet **Tuesday, September 11** at **12:15 PM**. Bring your bag lunch and meet in the *Fellowship Hall*.

Our program year worship schedule goes into effect

**Sunday, September 16:**

**8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship**

**9:45 AM – Sunday School**

**11:00 AM – Traditional Worship**

A **New Adult Class** begins **September 16** at **9:45 AM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. "**Breaking News**" is a practical course designed to help you share your faith with others. If you would like to order a copy of the student book you may do so at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Pastor Chuck's new blog post "Only Nine" mourns the suicide death of Jamel Myles and reminds us of the importance of affirming and loving our children in all circumstances of life. Check it out at [www.pcspincycle.com](http://www.pcspincycle.com).

**Do you have a prayer request?** Please use the bulletin board over the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

Our second **\$60SUN** is scheduled for **September 16, 2018**. We once again are asking on that Sunday, that everyone make a \$60 one-time additional donation that would exceed their regularly scheduled offerings. If all fulfills this request, this would help to close the '18 budget deficit. At the mid-year point, actual results reflect a (\$8,969) deficit for the Church so the need for a second successful \$60SUN remains. Please join us in making the last \$60SUN more successful than our first. Thank you.

**All men of First Church** are invited to join the men of New Covenant at First Church in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 PM** for a program on the topic "*The Power of Forgiveness*" led by Pastor Chuck. The program will run for approximately one hour followed by a meal. We will provide drinks and will pick up food from Carolina BBQ at a cost of \$11 per person, to be collected when we meet. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Chuck or Bruce Holderead at [vancepack@wowway.com](mailto:vancepack@wowway.com) or at 440-655-1523.

**Mission opportunity at New Covenant.** The members of New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland provide fresh produce to needy families in their neighborhood. If you are interested in assisting on **Saturday, September 29**, please contact Bruce Holderead at [vancepack@wowway.com](mailto:vancepack@wowway.com).

## WOW Events:

**WOW Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday, September 5** at **7:00 PM**.

**WOW Book Club** on **Saturday, September 15** at **9:00 AM**, *Stongsville Market District*. We will discuss "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

**The Cleveland West Cluster fall gathering** will be **Saturday, September 29**. Registration, breakfast & fellowship at 8:30 AM. Meeting & program at 9:30 AM and lunch at 11:30 AM. Reservations must be made by Sunday, September 23 to Mary Ann Filipow at 440-845-6428. Checks payable to NEOSWO.

## Women's Day Weekend at New Covenant

Women's Day Tea on **Saturday, October 13** at **11:00 AM**. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*. Women's Day Service on **Sunday, October 14** at **11:00 AM**.

The WOW Board is seeking donations of baked goods for a **Bake Sale fundraiser**. If you would be able to help out, please sign up at the *Welcome Center* or contact Bonnie Eggers directly. Date is to be determined.

The weekly/monthly newsletters are available on our website at [www.firstchurhalive.org](http://www.firstchurhalive.org).

**September 2 – 9 at First**

Sunday	8:00 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Monday		<i>Office Closed!</i>
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Crossroad Stitchers
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:00 PM	WOW Board Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM	Sunday School Teacher Orientation
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer & Care Group
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
Next Sunday – <b>Rally Day – Gods Work Our Hands</b>		
	9:00 AM	– Praise Band Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	– Sunday School Students Meet the teacher and registration
	10:30 AM	– Blended Worship Service
	11:30 AM	– Gods Work Our Hands

**Prayer Request Cards** may be found inside the fellowship pads at the end of each pew. If you would like to include someone in today's prayers, please fill out the card. The pastor will collect the cards immediately before the Prayers of the Faithful.

**The teddy bears** in the pews are there to share God's love. You may take one to anyone you know who is hurting. Donations may be given in a pew envelope marked "Teddy Bear Ministry" or new bears may be placed in the bear den behind the Welcome Center. Questions, please contact Marj Gray at [marjgray@gmail.com](mailto:marjgray@gmail.com).

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