

How can we pray for you?

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- I would like a pastor to contact me or follow up regarding this request.
- Please keep this request confidential (ministry staff only).

Comment/question/keyword:

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Please contact me:

- I want to learn more about becoming a Christian.
- I recently received Jesus as my Savior! What do I do now?
- I would like to take the next step into membership.
- How can I get more involved in ministry here at Friends?
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## WELCOME TO FRIENDS

### I'm New

Please stop by our **Welcome Center** to receive a small gift for joining us and find out how you can get further connected in ministry at Friends.


**Worship Services:** Whether you join us at 9:15 or 11, in person or online, we pray you will be blessed, encouraged, and challenged for the upcoming week.



### Get Connected

 Check out [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org) for information about our ministries, events, service live stream, and more!

 Like us on Facebook! [/northolmstedefc](https://www.facebook.com/northolmstedefc)  
Engage with our posts during the week and view a live stream of services.

 We encourage everyone to be involved in a home growth group or discipleship class. Visit [noefc.org/adult-discipleship](http://www.noefc.org/adult-discipleship) for more.

### Coronavirus Updates

*We're taking many steps as a church to exercise caution and show love to others during the COVID-19 outbreak.*

#### WORSHIP AND GIVING

As we seek to keep each other safe and healthy, face coverings should be worn in the building. However, when seated in the Sanctuary and at a comfortable distance from others, the masks may be removed. When singing, standing, or moving through the building, masks should be put back on. Masks are required during the entire service for those worshipping in the Family Life Center.

Offering boxes are available in the Atrium. You can also give securely online anytime at [www.noefc.org/giving](http://www.noefc.org/giving).

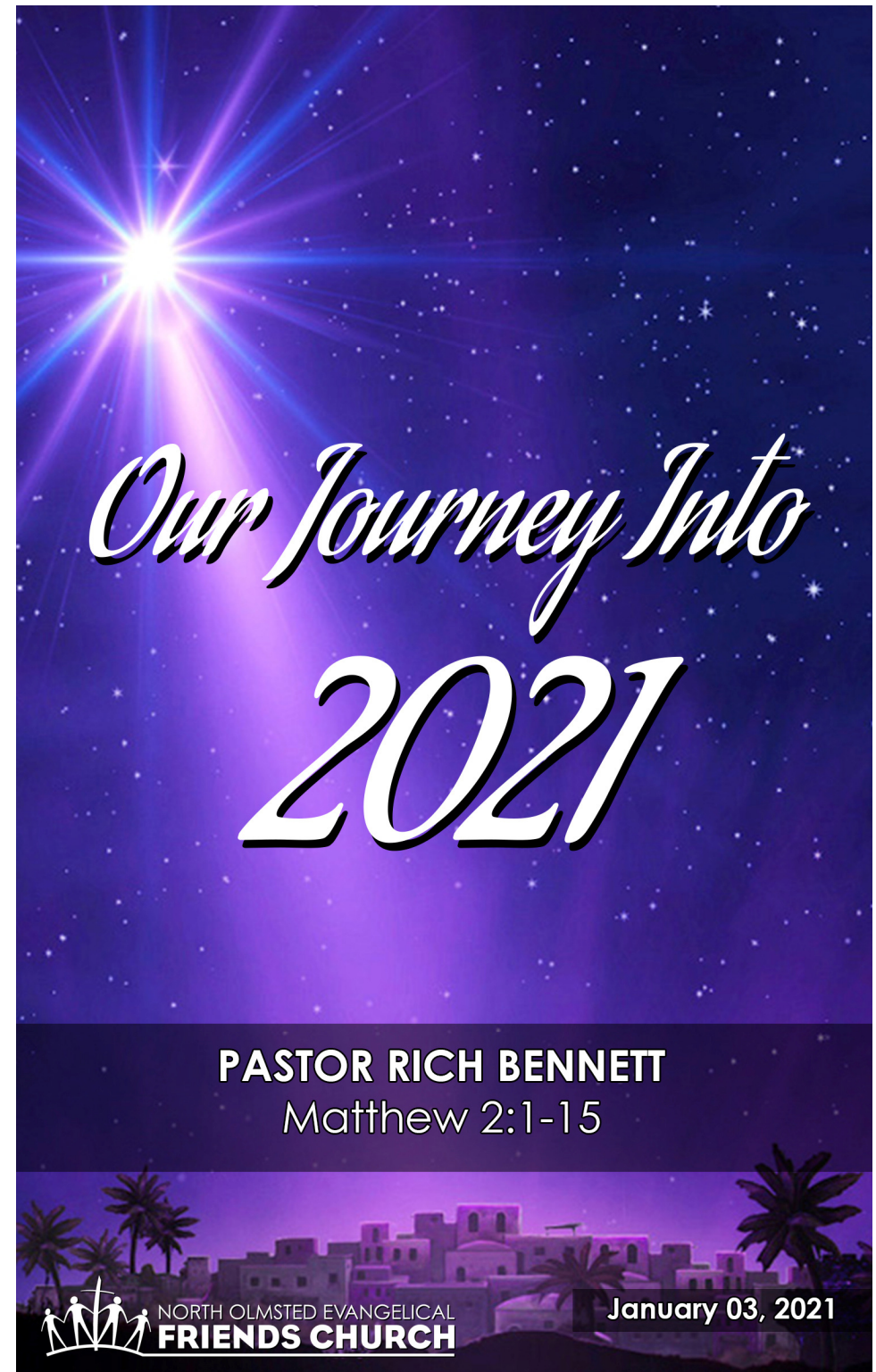
#### CLEANLINESS

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. Children's areas are cleaned before and between services. Volunteer teams will be opening exterior doors.

#### FOR MORE INFO

Check your email and visit [noefc.org/corona-virus](http://www.noefc.org/corona-virus) for the most updated information.

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Wi-Fi Network: **GuestNOEFC** // Wi-Fi Password: **4407799484**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## This Morning

**8:45 am** – Sunday Morning Prayer Group (Adult Classroom 2)

**9:15 am** – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

**11:00 am** – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

**Children's Classes** (Children's Wing): Nursery/Preschool, Age Birth-3 yrs | Age 4-Pre-K Class | Grades K-2 Class | Grades 3-4 Class | Club VI, Grades 5-6

Starting Jan. 17, Grades 7-12 will resume meeting Sundays at 11 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

*Sermon CDs are available by contacting the Church Office.*

## This Week

<b>Sunday</b>	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden)
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Women's Ministry Team Online (contact Gina Glazer)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden) Online Growth Group (contact Pastor David) Moms in Prayer (Adult Classroom 1) Grief to Joy (Conference Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	AM Online Growth Group—Galatians (Pastor Rich) AM Growth Group—Galatians (FLC) Kids Clubs FX, VI, Pre-K & under (Children's Wing)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (Conference Room) Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden) Pure Victory Men's Group (Adult Classroom 2) Overcomers Outreach Online (contact Mary Wohleber)
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am 4:30 pm	POWER Prayer (Atrium) Living Grace (Conference Room)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men's Group (Conf Rm / Zoom; contact Pastor David)

**Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm**

For a full, detailed list of our upcoming events, visit [noefc.org/calendar](http://noefc.org/calendar)

## Giving

<b>General Budget 2020</b> .....	\$855,241.58
<b>General Offerings 2020</b> .....	\$861,438.89
<b>Building Fund 2020</b> .....	\$56,034.05
<b>Christmas Offering/Maraan Scholarships</b> .....	\$6,980.00

# PRAY, SERVE & GROW

## OUR MISSION IS *Loving people to life in Jesus Christ!*

Let's focus our prayers on God's Word for ourselves, our families, and our church. We invite you to read and pray through **Matthew 2:1-15** throughout the week, especially praying:

- That we would help to point people to Jesus—*Found People Find People*
- For opportunities to bless others as God has blessed us—*Blessed People Give Like God*
- For willingness to follow as God leads—*Growing People Change Within*

### PRAYERS FROM THE RACIAL RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE

- Heavenly Father, remind us like the angels said, the birth of Jesus is "good news that will bring great joy to all people." Help us share Jesus with all people.

## Upcoming Events

**HATS, GLOVES, & SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS** // Although our Christmas Tree is completed, we still have the opportunity to bless Cleveland's homeless throughout the winter by purchasing hats, gloves, and scarves. For more information click the Spotlight at [noefc.org](http://noefc.org), or contact Pastor Rich, [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

## Recovery Ministries in 2021

*Life can hit us hard, and sometimes we struggle to recover. The good news is that we can always find hope and healing in the power and presence of Jesus Christ. NOEFC provides a number of opportunities for encouragement, hope, and healing.*

**DIFFERENCE MAKER** // Nancy Virden has published a free e-book, *How the Difference Maker Lifts You Above Depressive Thoughts*. Link available at [noefc.org/recovery-ministries](http://noefc.org/recovery-ministries); printed copies available at the Welcome Center for \$5 to cover printing costs.

**GRIEF TO JOY** // Tuesdays @ 7 pm, Conference Room // Struggling with loss and grief? For more info contact David Marella at [dawei1939a@gmail.com](mailto:dawei1939a@gmail.com).

**PURE VICTORY FOR MEN** // Thursdays @ 7 pm, Classroom 2 // Struggling with destructive thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors? We can be more than conquerors through Christ who sets us free. Contact Harry Deal at [deb44011@yahoo.com](mailto:deb44011@yahoo.com).

**OVERCOMERS OUTREACH** // Thursdays @ 7 pm, Zoom // This Christ-centered 12-step program is for individuals as well as their families and loved ones who suffer from the consequences of any addictive behavior. Contact Mary Wohleber, [wohleberm@yahoo.com](mailto:wohleberm@yahoo.com).

**LIVING GRACE** // Fridays @ 4:30 pm, Children's Worship Area // The truth of God's Word and grace are vital when struggling with anxiety and depression. Contact Nancy Virden, [NancyVirden.hope@gmail.com](mailto:NancyVirden.hope@gmail.com), or Julie Reed, [jareedcounseling@gmail.com](mailto:jareedcounseling@gmail.com).

# Connect Card

January 3, 2021

*(Please fill out and place in offering box)*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Which service did you attend?

9:15  11:00

I am a:  Guest

Regular Attendee

## Connect with us!

This card is designed to help us connect with you better, whether you are a first-time guest or have been attending for many years.

We want you to engage with our church in a way that encourages you and provides opportunities for you to grow and serve in our life and ministry together.

If you provide your email address, you may get an average of one to two emails per week about events at NOEFC, but we will not share your information with any other organization