

**:: You are invited to get involved at FCC ::**

**Upward Season is in the Books ...** Congratulations to our Upward Team for navigating another successful year! We had over 300 participants between our basketball and cheer teams. We appreciate the hard work of Matt & Pam Young (directors), Laura Baragwanath (hospitality), Mark Taylor (referee's), and Chrissy Latstetter (cheer).

**Ashes to Fire ...** Our next all-church study begins today. The Ashes to Fire devotional books are available for only \$10. They include daily readings, journal pages plus a 17-track musical CD. Learn more about the program at [www.ashestofire.com](http://www.ashestofire.com).

**A Call to Prayer ...** Beginning this Thursday, March 17, we will be opening the church for prayer from 5-7AM. Would you consider getting up a few minutes early and joining us around the altars of our church? We will continue to make this available each Thursday morning. Come when you can and leave when you need to. Prayer guides will be available.

**Family Fun Night ...** Everyone is invited to join us at the Hartland Aquatic Center on Saturday, March 19 from 6-9:00 PM. The cost is \$7 per person and includes admission and dinner. We are asking that each family also bring either chips, drink or a dessert. See Pam Young with questions (487-0354) and sign up at the Welcome Center today!!

**New Friends Gathering ...** We would like to invite all of our newest friends to join us at a special gathering on Sunday, March 20 at 5:30 PM. Childcare provided. RSVP at the Welcome Center.

**Ladies Night Out ...** will be at Bar Louie's (Genesee Valley Mall) on Monday, March 28 beginning at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP at the Welcome Center this morning or see Donna O'Brien for details.

**Sermon Notes & Insert ...** We've designed a place for your to engage today's message in the insert provided in this bulletin. It's a great way to stay in God's Word and seek Him through prayer.

**Stay Informed ...** Sign up for our church newsletter that comes via email every 2 weeks! Email Mary Ann Korte at [korte.mary@gmail.com](mailto:korte.mary@gmail.com) or put your email in our Friendship books today!



Are you "All In"?

Are you excited to see what God is going to do in your life spiritually?

Are you ready to experience a deeper connection with the Lord?

Do you believe that God will use you to speak to others?

*Spiritual Passion | Personal Worship | Sharing With Others*

The All In Fund seeks to raise **\$60,000** this year to help us:

- ◆ Hire a Youth Pastor
- ◆ Building improvements
- ◆ Renovate Oak Street
- ◆ Ministry funding



**Our Church Story**

In the summer of 1996, God began to move in the hearts of a handful of people to start a creative new church in Flushing. In January of 1997, Pastor Darrel Harvey and his family moved from Cincinnati to the Flushing area to begin this new ministry.

By September 1998, eight families had responded to God's call to form the core of Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene. The church was officially launched on March 28, 1999 initially meeting at the Crouse Instructional Center. Through the years we've met in various places but always had the same drive to be a relevant voice of God's love.

We moved into our current worship facility on October 5, 2003. This 12,000 sq. ft. facility was built with the dream of being a place where our community and church would gather for various purposes. It has been used for sport and recreation, funerals and weddings, and weekly worship.

Flushing Community Church has experienced some wonderful days! We've also experienced some great struggles and deep trials. Through it all, we've seen God's loving arms reaching down to us offering hope and purpose.

The next page of our story is still being written. Will you join us to see what God has in store for our journey? We hope that you will. Feel free to contact any member of our staff with questions you have about FCC and be sure to explore how you can be involved!

Stewardship Report: <i>as of February 13, 2011</i>	Actual:	Weekly Goal:
Morning Worship Attendance:	352	
Tithes and Offerings:	\$5,991	\$6,734
"All In" Fund <i>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</i>	\$1,512	\$1,154

*Thank you for your faithfulness in worshipping the Lord by giving of your financial resources!*

**:: Our Leadership Team ::**

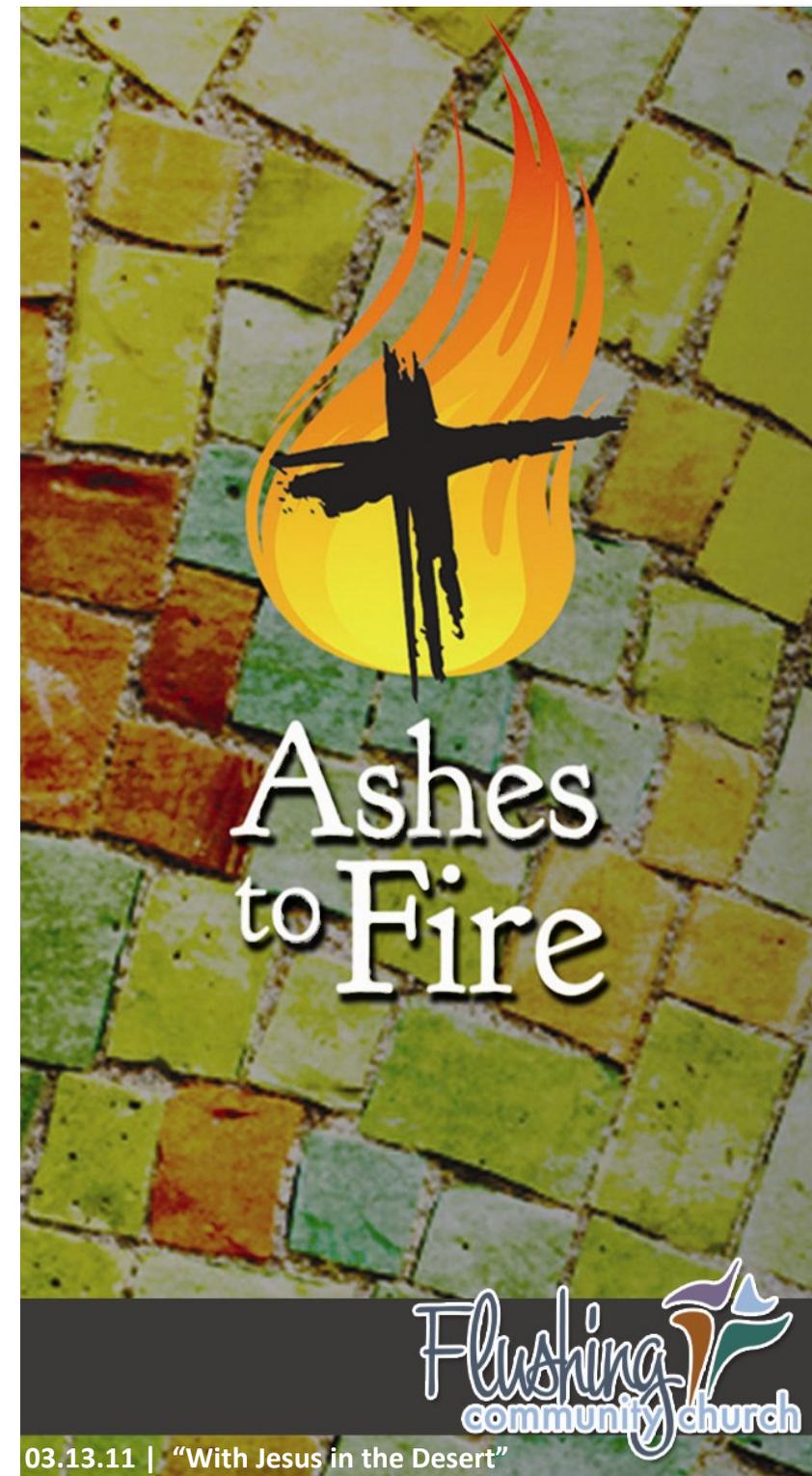
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03.13.11 | "With Jesus in the Desert"

*We are glad you are here!*

**Today at Flushing Community Church:**

Today is going to be a great day to experience the power of God. We are excited that you have chosen to join us on this Sunday morning! You find yourself in a safe place today to engage your faith and your questions.

This morning we are kicking off our new teaching series called "Ashes to Fire." For the next 3 months, we will be walking with Jesus and His disciples and discovering some great insight into the Christian life. Our scene today finds Jesus all alone doing battle with the devil. His public ministry is about to begin but first He must face His greatest enemy face to face. What can we learn about ourselves in this amazing duel?

Grab some coffee, find a comfortable seat and open your heart to the work of God today. Sing with us. Pray with us. Stay with us!

**Where Do I Go From Here?**

Have you responded to God's grace today? Are you interested in learning more about God and His amazing love for you? We would be honored to share some information with you and help you discover this love. Please give the pastoral staff a call [732-0282] or send them an email [located on back] to set up a time to talk more or just to ask questions! We are here for you!

**Who We Are:**

Flushing Community Church is a Church of the Nazarene. Our focus in ministry is to all people from all walks of life in Flushing and its surrounding communities, yet we also exist to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus around the world through world missions and the Church of the Nazarene. If you would like to know more about the Church of the Nazarene, check out our denominational website at [www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org).

**What We Do:**

Our mission in starting Flushing Community Church in March of 1999 was, and continues to be, "Sharing Christ and Equipping People in Creative, Contemporary, Credible and Caring Ways." We see a clear picture of what the church should look like in scripture (Acts chapter 2) ... "They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Everyone around was in awe ... and all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common." That continues to be our goal as we share life together.

**Financial Contributions:**

Our church is a non-profit organization that is funded 100% through the gifts freely given by its people. We believe that God's Word challenges all those in the faith to give 10% (also known as a "tithe") of their income back to the Lord to be used for ministry locally and globally. While 10% is a challenge for many of us, we encourage everyone who attends FCCN regularly to participate in supporting the church. You may place any financial gifts in the wooden stands near the entrance of the worship facility. Online contributions can be done through your personal banking institution. Instructions on this method are at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your faithful giving and support of our church.



**Courage:**  
being brave enough to do what you should do even when you're afraid

**This Month's Virtue** ... is "courage"! Each week, our children will be bringing home a sheet that will describe the lesson and the key Bible verse for the week. Parents, engage your children's spiritual development by going over this page with them!

**Prayer Bear Program** ... Would you like to help connect with children who could use some encouragement? See Debbie to learn more!

**Flushing Student Ministry**

**No Youth Tonight** ... No Junior or Senior High Youth gatherings tonight. Be looking for details on our upcoming calendar of events.

**Springhill Winter Retreat** ... Did you know that 18 students/adults are at a Winter Retreat this weekend at Springhill Camp? Pick up will be around 4:30 PM this afternoon.

**High School Girls Bible Study** ... We are starting our Monday night group with the book "Do You Think I'm Beautiful" by Angela Thomas. We'll gather from 7-8:30 PM at the Wallace's each week. See Carly Lord or Adalee Roberston if you'd like more information today.

**CLUB 56**

A ministry for 5th & 6th graders

**Sunday Mornings** ... All preteens (5th & 6th grades) meet in the Loft this morning. The loft is located in the NW corner of the gym.

**Join us tonight** ... Club 56 will be gathering tonight at the church starting at 5:00 PM. See Josh & Angie Upleger with questions.

**Mercy Team**

Ministry leader and contact: Bob Coe (659-9719)

**What is Mercy Team?** We seek to meet the needs of our community through financial assistance, physical labor or whatever it takes! Do you have an idea for the Mercy Team? Join us on the first Monday of each month as we openly explore new ways to meet the growing need!

**Diaper Month** ... Thanks to those who participated in our Diaper Drive in February. All diapers have been delivered to Flint Eastside Mission. See Bob Coe to learn more about this continuing need!

**:: Prayer & Praises ::**

We believe in prayer and that it impacts lives! Take time to pray over these needs and take some tangible steps to encourage those laid on your heart!

- Kathy Bendall:** recovering from surgery (2/21)
- The Cole Family:** in the adoption process
- Bob Leach:** cancer treatments (friend of Dar Christiansen)
- Debbie Nelson:** recovering from car accident
- Karen Quintal:** battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)
- Lynn Ray:** recovering from heart procedure (mother of Michelle Cole)
- Karen Rosell:** multiple health related concerns (friend of Michelle Cole)
- Marrah Serban:** diagnosed with leukemia (a 13 yr. old & a friend to many)
- The Family of Tom Smith:** FHS Senior who died recently
- Robert Stansfield:** leukemia (father of Mary Marks)
- Bernie Towns:** battling cancer (friend of the Upleger's)
- Expectant Mothers:** Rojeanna Williams.

**General Prayers to remember ...**

- Youth Pastor Search:** pray for guidance in this new pursuit
- Our Staff & Leadership:** wisdom, protection, unity, and vision.
- Those Looking for Work:** may God open the right doors!
- Our Soldiers** ... Josh Barber (USMC); Levi Garret (USARMY - deployed to Afghanistan); Allan Hadland (USARMY - deployed to Afghanistan); Cole Iaquinto (Nat'l Guard); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas) *[share any additional military names with Pastor Terry]*

*If you have a prayer concern, please share those with our office staff so that you can be supported through prayer! Call the office at 732.0282. Thank you!*

**:: Coming this Week ::**

**SUNDAY | MARCH 13**

- 10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Teens arrive back from Springhill Retreat
- 5:00 PM Club 56
- 7:00 PM Men's Open Basketball

**TUESDAY | MARCH 15**

- 5:00 PM Ministry Leadership Meeting (MLT) at Korte's

**WEDNESDAY | MARCH 16**

- 7:00 PM Growing Kids God's Way Class (Room B)

**THURSDAY | MARCH 17**

- 5:00 AM Prayer Time (at the church)
- 7:00 PM Creative Team Meeting

**SATURDAY | MARCH 19**

- 6:00 PM Family Fun Night (Hartland Aquatic Center)

**:: Upcoming Events & Dates ::**

**MARCH:**

- 20..... New Friends Gathering
- 28..... Ladies Night Out