

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

Interested in Getting Involved: Today is the final day to turn in your "Get Involved" insert. You can fill out your interest and place it in the offering boxes in the gym. Thank you.

Can you sew?: New kitchen towels have been purchased. We want to embroider FCCN on each towel to make it easier to spot the church's towels when our folks take them home to wash. If you are interested in helping out contact Trudy Tabor (733-7376).

Pick Up Basketball: Hey guys, we are taking the evening off due to the Holidays (even though we need it worse now). See you next Sunday evening at 8PM for some good pick up basketball.

Upward Yard Signs ... need to be removed this week in order to stay in compliance with city ordinances. You may bring your sign back to the church and we'll store it for next year! Thanks for your help.

Time to Dust Off Your Ice Skates!: Our Community Life Team has planned another opportunity for us to get together for fun and fellowship. We are going ice skating on Friday, Dec. 9, 7-9 PM. Cost is \$5/adult, \$4/child 12 & under. Sign up at the Welcome Table today.

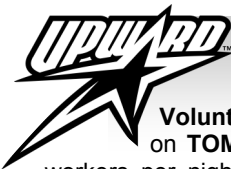
Ladies Night Out: Our December gathering will be held on Saturday, December 10, 6:30 PM for an ornament exchange. We will gather at Donna O'Brien's home. In addition to an ornament, bring a dessert to share. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next drive scheduled at our church is Monday, December 5. If you meet the weight and health requirements, please consider donating.

Flushing Christian Outreach Center: With the changing weather, FCOC is in desperate need of winter coats. Gently used or new coats of all sizes can be dropped off at the Center or in the box found in our church entry.

Friendship Folders: If you have a change of address, phone number or email address be sure to note it in the Friendship Folder or email the changes to mak@flushingcommunity.org.

Church Directory: Go online at flushingcommunity.org and download our current church directory. If we have an out of date photo - or no photo at all, please email a current photo to mak@flushingcommunity.org.



UPWARD Evaluations Are Here!

Volunteers Needed ... for evaluations which are being held on **TOMORROW**, November 28, 29 & 30. We need 15-25 workers per night to make the evaluation process successful. You could help us with hospitality, greeting, sizing children for uniforms, clerical help, and people to evaluate basketball skills. Sign up at the Welcome Center today or contact Pastor Joel!!

Cookies Still Needed ... Would you be willing to bring in some cookies for the evaluation nights? Sign up at the Welcome Center this morning or see Pastor Joel ASAP!



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 to the community of Flushing.

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: <small>Mar. '11 - Feb. '12</small>	11/20 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	254			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$2,812	\$6,734	\$240,868	\$242,774
"All In" Fund <small>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</small>	\$395	\$1,154	\$47,035	\$41,544

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

:: Our Leadership Team ::

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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.

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, that means Christmas is quickly approaching. With it comes all the craziness of shopping, parties, families and more shopping. But what if we stopped to consider what Christmas is really all about ... the Light of the world - Jesus - was born in a dark stable. His light came to a dark world and it still "illuminates" our hearts to this day!

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] 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 the work of the Church of the Nazarene. If you would like to know more about the Church of the Nazarene, visit our denominational website at www.nazarene.org.

Our Mission and Core Values:

God loves everyone in the world so much and He desires that we love Him in return. Our mission as a community of believers is "to experience the transforming love of God and share it with others." This mission calls us to personally worship God and become more Christlike in the process. As we carry out this mission, we believe these core values must define our behavior along the way:

- ◆ Embracing the love of God through meaningful and relevant worship.
- ◆ Experiencing authentic friendships.
- ◆ Serving others with mercy.
- ◆ Pursuing truth with honest questions.
- ◆ Reaching out to others in love.

Financial Contributions:

Our church is a non-profit organization that is funded 100% through the financial 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 both locally and globally. While this is a challenge for many of us, we encourage everyone to support your church regularly. You may place any financial gifts in the wooden collection stands (located near the doors & Welcome Center). Thank you for your faithful giving and support.



This Month's Virtue is ...

Gratitude

Family Worship Today ... We are thrilled to have our children worshipping with us this morning! Don't mind the noise and distraction! Coloring pages and supplies are available by the entrance of the gym.

Memory Verse: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." *1Thessalonians 5:18*

Project for Kid City during the Holiday Season ... Holiday Mail for Heroes. We will be making holiday cards for those serving in the military. We will send the cards to the Red Cross to be sent to military personnel across the world.

fusion Student Ministries

Fusion ... No gathering tonight. Enjoy the last evening of your Thanksgiving break with your family.

Spring Hill Winter Retreat '12 ... We are heading back to Spring Hill for another great winter retreat February 3-5, 2012. Cost will be \$140. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or by seeing Pastor Joel. *Completed registration and deposit will be due by Dec. 5.*

Christmas Party ... Meet at the Plude house on Sunday, December 18, at 6:30 PM for a rockin' good time! Bring a wrapped gift for a White Elephant Gift Exchange (and make sure it costs less than \$5). See you there!

Oak Street Renovation

Project Update ... Great progress continues at our Oak Street worksite. The roof was completed this week and we are working toward completion of the internal demolition and addition of new entry doors. New bathrooms are next! Thanks for all your hard work!!

Get Involved ... If you'd like to volunteer, see Pastor Joel today!

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!

Mobile Food Pantry in December ... The ground work is being laid for our first food distribution of winter. It will take place on Thursday, December 8 at the old Patsy Lou's at the corner of Flushing & Pierson Roads.

:: 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!

Dar Christiansen: recovering from heart catheterization

Todd Christiansen: heart and pulmonary concerns

The Cole Family: in the adoption process

Louise Cross: recovering from a broken hip

Kathleen Irish: heart concerns and continued testing

Melody Keeler: continued recovery and future surgeries

Brian Mazza: recovering from surgery at Cleveland Clinic

David Piechowski: multiple health concerns including ALS

The Poindexter Family: Ron, Dee, Steve

Karen Quintal: battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)

General Prayers to remember ...

Our Staff & Leadership: wisdom, protection, unity, and vision.

Those Looking for Work: may God open the right doors!

Our Soldiers ... Josh Barber (USMC); Ryan Crist (USARMY - Iraq) Levi

Garret (USARMY - Afghanistan); Allan Hadland (USARMY -

Afghanistan); Cole Iaquinto (Nat'l Guard); Marcos Lambaria (US

Marines); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas); Tim Sunday (USAF in

Washington); Ben Shelton (Coast Guard) *[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. If you are interested in being a part of our new iPray Team, please indicate your interest in the Friendship Folder.

:: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

NOVEMBER:

27.....Final Beth Moore Bible Study

28.....Upward Evaluation Night

29.....Upward Evaluation Night

30.....Upward Evaluation Night

DECEMBER:

05.....Mercy Team Meeting

05.....Red Cross Blood Drive

09.....Family Ice Skating Adventure

10.....Ladies Night Out Ornament Exchange

18.....Children's Ministry Meeting

18.....Fusion Christmas Party

*So many activities to choose from! Get involved. . . Get connected!
See our complete calendar at flushingcommunity.org*