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

- Military Care Packages ... Our Mercy Team is wanting to confirm the names of all military personnel connected with our church family. Please send all names and addresses to Mary Ann Korte.
- Backpack Project ... Thank you so much to all who helped to put backpacks and school supplies in the hands of our Flushing students. This is a very tangible way of expressing God's love. Many thanks to Pat and Chuck Steward for coordinating this important ministry.
- Beth Moore Study ... As a part of our new Wednesday night ministry structure (see our insert for more details), we will be offering a Beth Moore study for ladies called **Breaking Free**. This study will begin on Wednesday, September 14 (1 week earlier than our other courses). There is only room for five more women. So reserve your spot by signing up at the Welcome Center today. See Pat Nancarrow with any auestions.
- Labor Day Celebration 2011 ... Join in the fun at our Nazarene Water's Edge Campground in Howell, MI. A whole weekend of family fun has been planned for you. Details at the Welcome Table.
- Ladies Night Out... The ladies of our church will be gathering at Johnny's Pour House on Monday, September 26th at 6:00 PM. Invite your lady friends and your daughters to join together for a good meal and even better fellowship. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Contact Donna O'Brien for more information.
- FCOC Benefit Concert ... September will be an important month for the FCOC. Instead of holding a major fund raising event they are counting on all of us to focus on making contributions to the FCOC. It will culminate with a celebration concert on September 24th at Mayfair Bible Church. Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend.
- Photo Directory ... Our Photo Directory is now available online. Go to our Flushing Community Church web site (flushingcommunity.org). Find the purple box in the bottom portion of the left side bar. Click on FCCN Directory and follow the instructions. If you have changed your address or phone number please put your updated info in the Friendship Folder. Put a note indicating that this is a change so that we get the information entered in our data base. Thanks for helping us all to stay connected.

#### Looking Ahead:

- Harvest Party ... Start storing up on candy to donate to the Harvest Party! We will all be coming together to put on a fun party for the children of our church and community on Friday, October 21.
- Upward Basketball & Cheerleading ... It's hard to believe—but Upward season will be here before we know it!! Evaluation nights will be held November 28—November 30. It takes everyone's help to make those nights run smoothly. Mark your calendars now so that when Joel Heald calls and asks if you are available, you will be able to say "FOR SURE!"



## **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

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: Mar.'11 - Feb.'12	8/28 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	204			
Tithes and Offerings:	n/a	\$6,734	n/a	\$161,616
"All In" Fund (2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)	n/a	\$1,154	n/a	\$27,696

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

# :: Our Leadership Team ::

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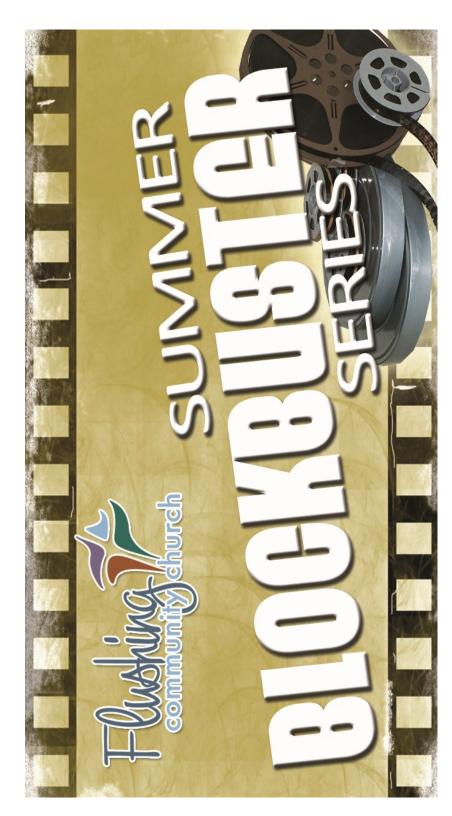
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#### **Our Church Board Members:**

Mark Burba (2014) | Bob Coe (2013) | Matt Johnson (2012) Joe Ledger (2014) | Sam Salem (2013)

### Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene

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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.

Today is going to be a great day to celebrate the work of God in our lives. Our summer teaching series comes to a dramatic conclusion with the movie "2012." In a modern culture filled with Apocalyptic imagery and predictions of the end of the world, how do we as Christians respond to these claims. Join us as we consider what it means for us to live in the early dawn of the coming Christ!

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 backl 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.

#### 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.





Summer Teaching ... Children K-4 are watching a series of videos this summer called "The Story Keepers." This faith-based video series takes the stories of the Bible and brings them into our lives today. Your children will love them and come home ready to live for Christ!

# CLUB 56

#### A ministry for 5th & 6th graders

Summer Teaching Series ... We are continuing our summer movie series which will look at the movie "The Rookie." Come each week and watch a portion of the movie, then discuss the spiritual applications. Don't miss out!! See Debbie Simmons with questions.

Calling all 5th & 6th Graders ... Join in the fun on Sunday, September 11 as we gather at the church from 4:30—6:00 PM. It will be a great time to get together and get to know each other. Get the new school year off to great start. Invite your friends from school and the neighborhood.

# Student Ministry

Fall Kick Off ... Our Fall Kick Off will be Sunday. September 11 from 6:30— 8:00 PM. Come celebrate the beginning of a new school year with your friends, and dig into the story of Elijah to learn about "the place" where God is!

Looking Ahead ... The youth are going on a Fall Retreat October 1 –2.

**Emerge Conference** ... If you are thinking of working alongside Joel in FCCN's youth ministry, plan on attending this conference on Sept. 10. Contact Joel ASAP to reserve your spot.

Oak Street Update ... Building permits were filed with the city of Flushing and we hope to hear back soon on when our construction can begin. If you have any thoughts or dreams about this property, share them with Pastor Joel or Pastor Terry!!

# 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!

Mercy Team Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm. We would love to have you come and be a part of reaching out in love to our community. Questions, give Bob Coe a call at 659-9719.

# :: 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: has finished chemo & now needs to rebuild strength

Todd Christiansen: heart and pulmonary concerns

The Cole Family: in the adoption process

Mary Ann Goad: inner ear condition causing dizziness

Kathleen Irish: general health concerns

**John Jordan:** recently diagnosed with cancer (friends of Brandt's & Fras')

**Melody Keeler:** upcoming surgery

Gayle Lazar: brain tumor (sister to Gary Goad)

David Piechowski: multiple health concerns including ALS Karen Quintal: battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) **John Rau:** recuperating from chemo (uncle to Wendy Freeman) **Karen Rosell:** multiple health related concerns (friend of Michelle Cole)

**Gene Tabor:** serious heart related concerns (father of Dan Tabor)

Bernie Towns: battling cancer (friend of the Upleger's)

#### 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 laquinto (Nat'l Guard); Marcos Lambaria (US Marines); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas); Tim Sunday (USAF in Washington) [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!

# :: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

#### SEPTEMBER:

- 10...... Emerge Conference for Youth Ministry
- 11 ...... Club 56 Gathering
- 12..... Mercy Team
- 13..... Board Meeting
- 14 ...... Beth Moore Study Begins
- 17 ...... The Amazing Race
- 20...... Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
- 21 ...... Wednesday Night Boost Begins
- 26..... Ladies Night Out
- 27...... Community Life Team Meeting
- 28 ...... Mobile Food Pantry

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