

Vision

REFLECT BACK ON SUNDAY.

Read Acts 3:1-10. 1. Have you ever been on your way to somewhere and was stopped by someone in need? When and how did you respond? Have you ever been stopped by someone who was asking for money? What did you do? 2. What does Peter first say to the paralyzed man after being asked for money? Why do you think he said this? 3. Why do you think it was important for Peter to not immediately hand over silver, gold, or any other type of practical gift?

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GO. LOVE. LIVE.

Prayer & Pastoral Care Requests.
Email us: requests@golovelive.com

Stories.

This section highlights different stories about how God is moving in our lives and in our community. Please feel free to email us your own stories and insights anytime. We're always looking for contributions and testimonies. Just email them to dsmith@golovelive.com

Why Go on a Mission Trip?

Every year we offer a number of mission trips that allow us to travel to different places for short periods of time to serve God and others in creative ways. Yet, why would we want everyone at Northstar to eventually go on a mission trip if there are so many ways to serve here in our own community? We believe a mission trip experience not only helps us experience our entire mission of Go. Love. Live. (Go to the missing, Love the marginalized, & Live as God's kids), but also helps us take a week-long (or so) Sabbath from the distractions of day-to-day life. On a trip, we are unplugged from the numerous duties and devices of home life that sometimes prevent us from really focusing on God. On these trips, it's 24-7 devotion to the Lord through serving, community, worship and prayer. We believe everyone could benefit from an experience like that. See below for more information on all our mission trips we'll be soon taking.

Mack Avenue Community Church Newsletter.

Here's the latest newsletter from our church plant in Detroit, MI. Lots of new stuff happening.

Scroll down for more.



New People

We have been blessed to look back over the past year and see the incredible things that the Lord has done in and through His body at Mack Ave. The first month of the new year has marked the start of two new MACC groups for a total of eight now. The number of people in discipleship relationships has increased from around 40 in 2010 to almost 70 people. Praise the Lord that he is growing His Church and that Mack Ave.'s influence in the community is growing that much more. While we are excited about new people joining the Church, our joy is founded in the desire to have maximum influence for Christ.

It has been exciting to see individuals grow in their understanding of the scriptures and learn how to live missional lives motivated by grace. Even more, we are overjoyed to see the same individuals now pouring their lives into others. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and equipped through discipleship, some who at first struggled to see themselves as leaders are now discipling others and helping to lead MACC groups. Please pray that we would be faithful stewards of our time, talents and treasure as we continue to be missional in Detroit. We desire to see God glorified and this community transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit and by being the light Christ intended the body to be.

New Space

Mack Ave. recently purchased a building that will help advance both our ministry and development goals in the coming years. During a county auction held in November, we were able to buy an old furniture manufacturing building on Mack avenue for \$500! We are in the process of creating a plan for the building and preparing it for renovation. Clean out will be a major task, the building is full of old furniture! Please pray with us that this building would be a gospel centered hub in the community. We hope that the ways in which we use the building will allow us to have a greater affect on the community. Please pray for guidance as we prepare the plans, and the finances to execute the renovations in a timely manner. In all things pray that we are resting in the Gospel, trusting in the Lord and experiencing true freedom in Christ.

Note: Check out our website at Mackave.com. Sermons are available under "Teachings."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT INFO

Please send financial support to:
Mack Avenue Community Church
P.O. Box 15692
Detroit, MI 48215

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!



Above: New Mack Building

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- Please pray for the influence of Christ through Mack ave. to grow through discipleship.
- Please pray for guidance and the resources needed to renovate the Mack building.
- Please pray for the 3 college spring break mission trips planning to come in March to have a great impact on our community. They will be providing needed physical labor as well as talking to others about Christ in the community.
- Please pray that God would continue to use Eric Russ's *Discipleship Defined* book to encourage and teach others to disciple in our community and beyond.
- Please pray as we continue to raise financial support.

New Releases.

Senegal, Africa Mission Trip, 2012. We are excited to announce an opportunity to share the story of Jesus with the people of Senegal, West Africa, in spring of 2012. The people in Senegal worship mainly false gods and idols, but the story of what Christ has done for us is catching on quick. Please be in prayer concerning your possible participation in this team, regarding traveling to Senegal, ministering to the orphan community, and a possible building project. Northstar has the unique fortune to be a part of the physical and spiritual growth of God's church in Senegal, West Africa. There will be more detailed information about the trip in the following weeks. Any questions, contact Travis Powell at tcpowell1@hotmail.com.

All NSV Ministry Opportunities & Events.

Help us **go** to the missing, **love** the marginalized, & **live** as God's kid.

Special Events.

2011 Mission Trips. Information is now available for all four of our 2011 Mission Trips. To get more information on either of these trips, pick up the 1-page info sheet at the Mission Trip table in the main hallway, right outside the auditorium doors on a Sunday morning. Or if you aren't able to grab one, go to our website, www.golovelive.com. All trip and contact information is available there on the front page.

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Prayer & Pastoral Care Requests.

Requests@golovelive.com. Whether you have a simple prayer request or an urgent need for pastoral care, please let us know. We have a team of pastors, elders, and a community care network team that's ready to help anyway we can. From helping deliver meals when a baby is born to helping mend a broken marriage, nothing is too big or small. Just email us at requests@golovelive.com

Men's Morning Prayer. We have men's prayer at 6:15am every Thursday mornings Men of all ages and stages of life are invited...newcomers welcomed! Location: Northstar Community Center, 11020 South Lebanon Road, Lov. OH, 45140. For any questions, contact David Sheldon at popseer@gmail.com.

The Walking Trail at our Land is Always Open.

The walking trail out our 8.4 acres of land off of Union Cemetery is always open and we'd love it if people wanted to periodically pop in and do a prayer walk around the land. The land is at 9767 Union Cemetery Road, Loveland, OH 45140.

The Cincinnati House of Prayer. As some of you may know, we have many folks at Northstar who serve and participate with The Cincinnati House of Prayer (C-HOP). C-HOP is a worship and prayer initiative for the purpose of revival and awakening in the tri-state region. They have a vision of being a night and day continuous expression in our region, though it's not realized yet. All those with a heart for worship and prayer are welcome to join with others across the city in this corporate prayer room. C-HOP is open daily Monday-Saturday 8am-10pm. They offer trainings, internships (see below), classes and conferences throughout the year. For more information check out: www.cincinnatihouseofprayer.com.

Go. Love. Live. Groups.

Want to connect and go deeper with others? Email Adam Kasel at akasel@golovelive.com to get into a Go. Love. Live. Group that best suites you.

Community Events.

Northstar Dinners. Have you been going to Northstar for awhile and still don't know many people or even anyone at all? Here is another great opportunity to begin connecting with others: Northstar Dinners! The dinner is designed to include seven to eleven (or so) people and meet at a home with each participant bringing something to share so no one has to be completely responsible for the dinner. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rick Ianniello, rianniello@gmail.com.

Student Ministries.

For Jr. or Sr. High opportunities: contact Brian Rogers, 307-4681, brogers@golovelive.com

Women's Ministry.

'Women of 3' Prayer Covenants. *For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.* (Matt 18:20). A "Women of 3" Prayer Covenant is a group of 3 women experiencing intimate fellowship with God and each other. Experience the peace, power, and joy born from an extended time of unified prayer! Prayer covenants meet in homes to pray for 1 hour, once a week, for 6 weeks. For more information, or for help finding a group, email Gretchen Conner, gretchen.k.conner@gmail.com.

For a complete list of upcoming women's events and opportunities, contact Nancy Zwolinski at nzwo@fuse.net.

Dance Ministry.

If you have a heart to worship and would like to be a part of the Dance Team Ministry, opportunities include dancing, prayer partnership, donating practice space or financial gift to help with cost of dance attire, studio rental fees & music. If interested contact Jenna Schroeder at jenna32@gmail.com.

Giving Opportunities.

Automated Giving. Northstar Vineyard has the ability to process tithes and offerings through automated deductions from bank or money market accounts as authorized by donors. Options will include monthly, bi-weekly or weekly contributions with no minimums. Forms will be distributed on Sunday morning in the coming weeks for those who wish to participate. For questions, contact Tricia Inscho, tinscho@northstarvineyard.org. 482-1563. If you would like to fill out the form you can find it here as a PDF.

Kroger Rewards Program. The Kroger Rewards program will donate 4% of your grocery purchases to the church, as long as you use your gift card to pay for your items. Like any reloadable merchant card, you simply add money to the card first and then use it to pay for your purchase. The gift cards can also be used for gas purchases at Kroger locations that sell gas. If you are a regular Kroger shopper and would like to participate in this program please let us know. The initial load required is \$25 per card. That amount will be on your card when you get it and is available immediately for use at Kroger. When we collectively load our Rewards cards with \$5,000 or more, Kroger will send a check for 4% of the total amount to Northstar. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Laura Gilbert at lgilbert@golovelive.com.

Volunteer.

Not sure where to volunteer? Not sure what you'd like to do or be good at? Whether you know it or not, God has given all of us different spiritual gifts that He gives us to use for his glory. The problem is, a lot of time we're not sure what they are or we doubt that we have anything to offer. So therefore, we never try out or participate in any ministries, because we lack the confidence that we'll 'click' with the role. So, before giving up, we'd love for you to take just 5-10 minutes going through this quick gift assessment on line. It's real easy. Just click on this link <http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/> and contact us once you have your results. We'd love to sit down with you and help match up your gifts with tangible opportunities to use them. Contact David Smith at dsmith@golovelive.com, 575-3467 to talk over your results or if you'd like a copy of the survey that you can get via email.

Coffee Ministry: In order to be able to keep providing coffee on Sunday mornings, we will be needing help with our coffee ministry team. If interested in helping in any capacity, contact Rachel Yuhas, rjwherever@yahoo.com.

Lights: We are looking for people to help us with the lights that we run during the Sunday morning celebrations. Just once or twice a month for one of the celebrations. If interested, contact Chad Powers at cpowers@golovelive.com or 312-3414.

Sound Team: We are looking for people to help us with setting up and running sound during the Sunday morning celebrations. Just once or twice a month for one of the celebrations. If interested, contact Chad Powers at cpowers@golovelive.com or 312-3414.

First Impressions: If interested, contact Corey Bowman, coreysbowman@yahoo.com and 513-885-5102. We need help greeting folks who come into church on Sunday and making them feel welcomed. This team is also used to take up the offering on Sundays.

Jr. High Ministry: To help with our Jr. High ministry, contact Brian Rogers, 307-4681, brogers@golovelive.com.

Sr. High Ministry: To help with our Sr. High ministry, also contact Brian Rogers, 307-4681, brogers@golovelive.com.

Women's Ministry: contact Nancy Zwolinski at nzwo@fuse.net.

Facility Team: Help maintain our building space. Contact Laura Gilbert, lgilbert@golovelive.com.

Community Care Network: We need people to help deliver meals and provide assistance to folks in the church who need a little extra help. If interested, contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

Quest Children's Ministry: Have a heart for children? If so, contact Greg Knake at 205-5864, gknake@golovelive.com

Newcomers Ministry on Sunday Mornings: Have a heart to help newcomers feel more welcomed at church on Sundays? So do we. We're looking for folks to help us with ideas and strategies to really ramp up our newcomers

ministry at church on Sunday. The goal is to brainstorm ideas and eventually execute some different ways to help newcomers feel more connected during their visit on Sundays. Contact Adam Kasel, 668-0485, akasel@golovelive.com.

Power Point and Video Ministry: email David Smith at dsmith@golovelive.com to help us run the power point and videos on Sunday mornings.

Pre-Marital: looking to help prepare young couples for marriage, contact Bob and Donna Meade, 677-1881.

Counters: handle offering during Sunday celebrations, contact Tricia Inscho at tinscho@golovelive.com.

Clean up the auditorium after church on Sunday: contact David Smith at dsmith@golovelive.com.

Help pull the church supply trailer with truck: help us pull the supply trailer on Sunday morning to the loading doors. Contact Greg Knake, 205-5864, gknake@golovelive.com.

Administrative help: we're always looking for help with copies, etc. contact Tricia Inscho at tinscho@golovelive.com.

Prayer Team: contact David Sheldon, popseer@gmail.com.

Info Table: help set up and run the info table, contact Adam Kasel, 668-0485, akasel@golovelive.com

Connection Ministry: calling to welcoming newcomers to Northstar. If interested, contact Adam Kasel, 668-0485, akasel@golovelive.com.

Outreach.

Saturday Morning Missions: You don't have to go across the globe to have a mission trip type experience. Outreach to our neighbors in need happens every Saturday morning (rain or shine) leaving from the community center lobby (11020 South Lebanon Road, Loveland, OH, 45140) at 11am. Great for everyone: families, individuals, groups, and even those with little or no outreach experience at all. Just show up! Great opportunity to meet the very safe, practical needs of our neighbors, and meet others at NorthStar as we go out and serve for about 50 minutes. Afterwards, we grab lunch together. Questions, contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

The Solomon Center: We operate a free resource store out of the Northstar community center every 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of the month from 7-8:15pm. Our mission is to provide hope by helping the whole person. This means that we not only do we provide free food and toiletry items, but also offer opportunities for relational and spiritual support. If you are interested in volunteering, there are two ways you can get involved. Filling up a yellow bag you grab on a Sunday and bringing it back to church. Or, sign up to volunteer on one of the Wednesday evenings The Solomon Center is open. Contact Sandi Horine to sign up or for any questions: 652-1205, sandi.horine@yahoo.com. The Northstar community center is located at 11020 S. Lebanon Rd. Loveland, OH 45140.

The Solomon Program: The Solomon Program is a six month empowerment program for individuals in our community who have been marginalized and need a little extra help. It runs from February to July every year. The participants go through 12 bible classes, 12 life courses, 24 hours of community service, 12 hours with their mentors, and do a final project. At the end, they get \$3000 dollars toward education, housing, or transportation if they complete the requirements. If interested in being a mentor or teaching one of the life or bible classes, let us know. Some of the life courses may include finances, car repair, resumes, parenting, relationships, and things like that. The bible classes will cover topics like salvations, grace, forgiveness, biblical relationships, sanctification, etc. Contact David Smith if interested. 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

The HELP Program: we help with utilities, rent, food, and other items throughout the week for folks in our community who have physical needs. We will help people out with one free 30 dollar gifts over the course of a year. After one free time, we'll help them out with 5 more 30 dollar gifts, but they first have to join us on outreach or contribute in some other hour-long community service to receive each of those gifts. Volunteer by helping deliver food to folks in need and by helping meet other practical needs. Contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

Pathfinders. There are approximately 400 fatherless kids in the communities we serve. Knowing how important it is for children to have a positive male role model in their lives, Pathfinders matches up fatherless children in our community with a loving male mentor. If you'd be interested in mentoring a fatherless child in our community, please contact James Palmieri at 608-9494, jpalmieri75@gmail.com.

Community Care Network: join our on-call team that delivers food and services to folks in need in our outside community and church. Contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

The Outlet: Once a month we team up with One City Foundation to serve every 1st Sat. of the month at a ministry called The Outlet. It is a game room environment at the City Mission Gospel Building with ping pong, pool, board games, and food. We spend the morning hanging out, talking, and playing games with the homeless folks who visit. It's very easy and family friendly. Contact Greg Knake if interested: gknake@golovelive.com, 205-5864.

Holiday Outreaches: throughout the year we have different holiday outreaches to help reach out to our community. Contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

- *Turkeyfest:* turkey dinners are handed out in lower income areas.
- *Children's Christmas Store:* less fortunate children get to shop for their parents.
- *The Feast of Kindness:* relational outreach to those in need in our community. \$100 dollar surprise holiday shopping spree and lunch.
- *Easter Egg Outreach:* on-site Easter Egg hunts for various apartment complexes in Loveland.
- *Christmas Eve Outreach:* every year we do an outreach leaving from the Christmas Eve celebration.

Larger Scale Community Events: Each season we try to have a larger scale outreach event to serve those in need in our community. From Block Parties to Roller Skating to Free Movie Nights to Family Portrait Outreaches to Oil Changes to anything that will unite and serve the people of our community. We'll announce these up front at church and through other means. Contact David Smith at 575-3467, dsmith@golovelive.com.

Church Plants: we have planted Four Corners Community Church (www.4cornerschurch.com) in West Chester, OH and Mack Avenue Community Church, (www.mackave.com) in Detroit, MI. Look for more plants coming in the next few years.

Mission Trips: We take at least 3-6 mission trips per year, trying to provide different options for beginners and more experienced missionaries. These are always highlighted on the web site and at church on Sunday. (Destinations: Juarez and Monterrey Mexico, Nigeria, Africa, Detroit, MI, & other spots around the world.) Our Juarez, MX trips are where we team up with JEM Ministries (www.jemministriesep.org), our Monterrey and Nigeria trips are with Back2Back Ministries (www.back2backministries.com), and our Detroit trips are when we team up with our Detroit church plant, Mack Avenue Community Church. (www.mackave.com)

Get Connected. Plug in.

Here are four easy ways to get connected at Northstar and plug in.

1. Grab a Welcome Packet on a Sunday morning.
2. Sign up for the Northstar Newsletter: email requests@golovelive.com.
3. Grab coffee with a Pastor: contact David Smith at 575-3467 or dsmith@golovelive.com.
4. Join a Go. Love. Live. Group: see info above.

We also believe that one of the best ways to get connected and 'plug in' is by joining us in one of our many ministries that reaches out and/or serves others. Go to www.golovelive.com for those opportunities.

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