



New Life At Calvary
2020 East 79th Street
Cleveland, OH 44103
216-391-8448 www.nlac.tv



Church Purpose

In Response to God’s love, Our purpose is to love others, Teach the Word of God, and Reach the world for Christ. Therefore, as a Covenant Partner, I will be a part of a small group bible fellowship to grow in Christ. I will serve in the ministry with my gifts and talents. I will do my part in faithfully giving my tithes and offerings to keep the ministry of Jesus Christ alive in the World. I will love all those who enter our doors and accept them in our midst.

Way Maker *Sinach*

You are here moving in our midst
 I worship you I worship You
 You are here working in this place
 I worship you I worship you (Repeat All)

Way maker Miracle worker
 Promise keeper Light in the darkness
 My God that is who you are (Repeat)

You are here touching every heart
 I worship you I worship you
 You are here Healing every heart
 I worship you I worship You

You are here turning lives around
 I worship you I worship you
 You are here mending every heart
 I worship you I worship you

Way maker miracle worker
 Promise keeper light in the darkness
 My God, That is who you are (Repeat)
 That is who you are (x8)

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 Promise keeper light in the darkness
 My God, That is who you are (Repeat)
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**The First Sunday of
 Advent
 Communion Sunday
 December 1, 2024**

Prelude: *Kerry Holland*

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Selection: “*Way Maker*”

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy
Ella Thomas & Ruth Yarbrough

Scripture: *Olivera Perkins*

OT: Isaiah 7:14

NT: Romans 5:3-8

Offering:

Special Selection: “*Christmas Time is Here*”
Praise Band

Message: “*The Promised Hope*”
Pastor Antonia

Selection: “*This I Believe*”

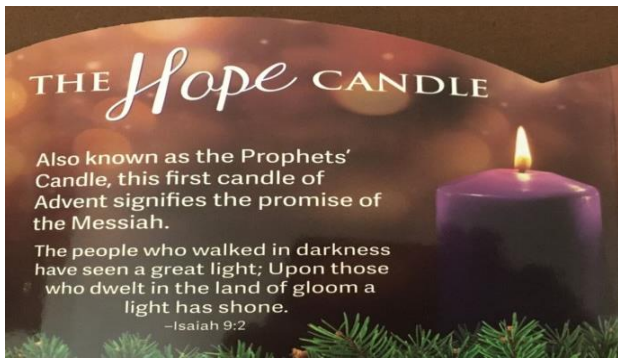
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Brief Announcements:

Benediction:



*Happy 21st
 Ordination
 Anniversary
 Pastor Kellie*



Advent Candle lighting Liturgy

First Sunday in Advent

(Ella Thomas & Ruth Yarbrough)

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

(Light a purple candle)

"Light the Advent Candle" (Verse 1)

Light the Advent candle one;
Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas Day.

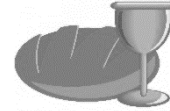
Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining
In the cold winter night; candle, candle,

Burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Selection: "This I Believe"

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

H O L Y



COMMUNION

Communion Service

(Examination of our Hearts)

L. Here what Jesus Christ promises: Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied.

P. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. The one who comes to Me will never be hungry. The one who believes in Me will never thirst.

L. This is also the word of the Lord: "All those whom I love, I correct and discipline. Therefore, shake off your complacency and repent. See I stand knocking at the door If anyone listens to My voice and opens the door, I will go in and dine."

P. Let us open our hearts to the Lord. Let us open every door of our lives to God.

L. Lift up your hearts.

P. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Holy God: We praise You for Your Son Jesus, who shared our weakness, and was tempted in every way as we are; Who obeyed You by suffering and dying for us. You have raised Him to rule The world and have given Jesus a name above every name, Lord And Christ. We praise Him, and we glorify You. Great God our Creator.

P. Now give us Your Spirit in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup, So that by Your power, we may be drawn together and

made one with Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution ~ The Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Thank You Lord

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
Thank You Lord,
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Been so good, been so good,
Been so good,
I just want to thank You, Lord

Announcements

Attention: Please refrain from walking during these times: Prayer, Soloist, Scripture and Sermon. Thank you.

No Youth Church today. Youth will remain in service on the first Sundays of the month for Communion.

Christmas Assistance Forms for NLAC only due today!

Please sign up for Poinsettias in Memory or Honor of a loved one. \$8.00 per plant/per individual. List will be read on Christmas Sunday. Thanks, Sign-up form on the table in back of the gym.

Women's Guild Holiday Event next Sunday December 8, 2024. From 10am-2pm.



NLAC WOMEN'S GUILD

The NLAC Women's Guild is having a Raffle.

1st Prize – Deluxe Food Basket

2nd Prize - \$50.00 Gift Card

Tickets are: 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

The Drawing will be held on

December 29,2024 after church service.

Internal construction on the church has begun. Fellowship Hall will not be available for outside use/rent until after the beginning of the year 2025.



The Chairlift is available for use. Please see one of the Ushers, Terrence or Jayden if you need help. CHILDREN THIS IS NOT A TOY FOR JOY RIDES.

Birthday's Week December 1st.

Sarah L. Williams 1st

Billie Brown 2nd

Rev. Joseph S. Banaci 5th



Scripture Readers Month of Dec.

Olivera Perkins Dec 1st

Lauren Beach Dec 8th

Cassandra Rogers Dec 15th

Ruby Turner Dec 22nd

Unique Willis-Norris Dec 29th

Advent Readers: Sunday December 8st

Melvin Simmons & Avere Thomas

Special Offerings

1st Sunday – Deacon's Offerings

2nd Sunday – Prison Ministry

3rd Sunday – Rotolu Orphanage Nigeria

4th Sunday – Two Cents A Meal

5th Sunday – Above & Beyond

Youth Zoom Classes on Mondays

Worship Class - Resumes

Teacher (Pastor Antonia Martin)

(Grades PK-K) 2-5 years (6:00-6:30 pm)

(Grades 1-3) 6-8 years (6:30-7:30 pm)

(Grades 4-6) 9-12 years (7:30-8:30 pm)

(Grades 7-12) 13-17 years (8:30-9:30 pm.)

Zoom ID: 832 7903 1773 PC: 092683

Monday 6:30 pm (Adult Class)

The Good Gospel

Teachers: Marvin Rogers and Andrea Billups

Zoom Meeting 891-1091-7393/2020 Zoom Call In
1-312-626-6799 891-1091-7393 # # 2020#

Women with a Heart Bent Towards God

Will meet on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at
10:00am. The Coffee Cup, 444 Broadway Ave.,
Bedford, OH 44146

Wednesday 7:30pm (Adult Class)

Faith, Doubt and God's Mysterious Timing

Teacher: Pastor Antonia

Zoom Meeting 829-8003-5837/2020 Zoom Call In
1-312-626-6799 829-8003-5837 # # 2020#

Wednesday 7:30 pm (Adult Class)

Worship in the Covenant Community

Teacher: Sylvia Fields

Zoom Meeting 865-9998-5439/54321
Zoom Call In 1-301-715-8592 ID: 865-9998-5439 #
PW: 54321

Wednesday 7:00 pm (Adult Class)

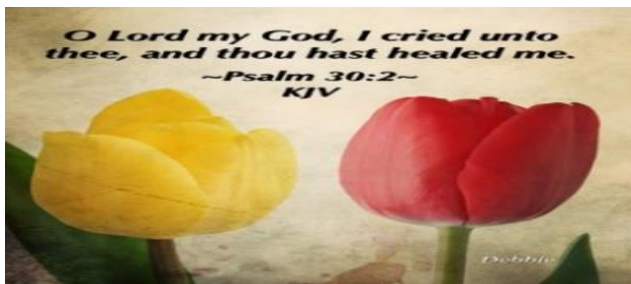
Teachers: Reginald Woods – Romans
In person in the gym.

Wednesdays 7:00 pm (Adult Class)

**Teacher: Pastor Toby Emeritus (The Chosen
Season 4)** Zoom Meeting 334-158-729/2020 Zoom
Call In 1-312-626-6799 334-158-729# # 2020#

Read The Bible in One Year/52 weeks/365 days - 7:00 pm

We will be using the NIV Version –
Teacher: Pastor Kellie
Meetings 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesday of the month
Meeting ID: 82097918709 PW: 605886
Phone# 13126266799 82097918709 # # 605886 #



*Please send a card, call, pray for, and support our
Sick and Shut ins and recuperating brothers and
sisters in Christ. Thank you.*

Jennie Brown (1783 East 227th St, Euclid, OH
44117 216.785.9295)

Stanette (Brown) Israel (Ave. at Warrensville
Care & Rehab, 4129 Interchange Corporate Center
Rd. #143, Cleveland, OH 44128, 216.941.5211)

Bessie Bryant (Jennings Rehab Center, 10210
Granger Rd, #367 Garfield Hts 44125 216-246-
3453)

Minnie Doaty (12005 Ablewhite Ave, Clev., OH
44108)

Natalie Franklin (daughter of Julie Wright cards
only) (c/o Donnese Franklin, 4216 Colby Ave,
Columbus, OH 43227)

Marvin Hayes (Home 216.650.2312)

Alfred Haywood (St. Augustine 7801 Detroit Ave,
Rm 421, Cleveland, OH 44102)

Savannah (Robin) Hill (Falling Water Healthcare
Center, RM 236D, 18840 Falling Water Rd.
Strongsville, OH 44136)

Glynn Jackson (13717 Southview Clev., OH
44120 216-921-3788)

LaDonna Jessup (Shaker Gardens Nursing &
Rehab. 3550 Northfield Rd – 362A – Shaker, OH
44122 - 216-255-7693)

Kent Kelton (9308 Empire, Cleveland, OH 44108
216-672-2763)

Mildred Little (1344 East 90th St., Cleve., OH
44106)

Margaret Mallory (Home)

Fannie Ruffin (8164 Dartmoor Rd, Mentor, OH
44060)

Edna Swoope (27100 Cedar Rd, Beachwood, OH
44122)

Brenda White (West Park Commons 4106 Rocky
River Dr, Apt 207, Clev., OH 44135 216-377-7352)

Janet Williams (10516 Elgin Ave., Cleveland, OH
44108)



**The White pillars candle in the chancel is
a reminder for us to pray for the safety of all
the men and women serving in the military.
It reminds us to pray for peace in our land
and all lands**

Celebrating the 95th Birthday of Sarah L. Williams



Sarah L. Williams was born on December 1, 1929, in Darwin, Mississippi. She was born to a teenage mother and was adopted by her aunt and uncle, Margaret & John Lunard. Sarah was the first grandchild of her grandparents, James and Sarah Ann Betts. She was dearly loved by her grandparents and spent many years on their farm as a child. Her grandfather owned his land, and her grandmother was a midwife. Sarah has many great memories of growing up on the farm. Sarah's parents lived in Toledo, Ohio, she grew up going to Toledo schools. She met and married her husband, Percy Williams. They lived in Cleveland and raised their 6 children. Percy, Margaret, Joyce, Rosa, David, and Danny. Sadly, they lost their son, David in a tragic accident, when he was 7 years old. Although devastated by David's loss, the family persevered with their faith, family, and friends.

Sarah attended beauty school, she enjoyed doing hair, especially little girls. She also held a job at the US Post Office. Her final job, when she was 62 years old, was at the Cleveland Art Museum, where she traveled out of state to many events with other museums. Sarah and her husband were Charter Members of the newly formed Glenville New Life Community Church. The original Glenville Presbyterian Church had closed, because of the influx of African Americans from the south into the neighborhood. The Presbytery of the Western Reserve decided to re-open the church in 1962 under the leadership of Rev. David Zuverink. Sarah and Percy were there when Zuverink was ordained and installed. Sarah said, "I enjoyed the neighborhood because, I came from a mixed neighborhood, we had English and German, everyone worked together." Sarah also remembers that when she moved to Glenville, she couldn't understand that most of the black people went to Central High School. It was more segregated in Cleveland; she didn't understand that.

Sarah says, "I remember my son, went to school and noticed that the curriculum was different, I complained to the Euclid Church of the Covenant Pastor. We protested the school board. They fired the superintendent. Then the white families left, they moved and went to private schools. It was two school systems in Cleveland. I never could understand that. Segregation never made sense." Sarah was among the families that welcomed Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Cleveland. She and other members had breakfast with him at a local restaurant.



Some other Sarah memories, "I've always liked to read; my grandmother told me that knowledge was written in books so read all you can." "I planned to live a long life; my great grandmother lived to be 113 so I said I'm going to live to be 100." Finally, Sarah's life advice: "Put God First. All lessons come from Him. Read your bible. Be kind to everybody. Go to Sunday School." Sarah has lived in Toledo with her daughter Rosa, since retirement. She became a Charter Member of New Life At Calvary in 2013, with the merger. She remains the longest living Charter Member of the former Glenville New Life Community Church. She is a dedicated member of our church. She loves the Lord and enjoys studying the word of God. We celebrate with Sarah! Happy 95th Birthday!

Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Billie Brown



Billie Brown, was born on December 2, 1934 in Bluefield, West Virginia to Patti and William Carmichael. She was an only child. She was baptized at 1st Baptist Church in Bluefield at around 11 or 12. She then moved to Roanoke, Virginia. There she attended John Stewart Methodist Church. She attended Park Central High School and then went on to West Virginia State University, where she met her husband, Stanley Brown.

Stanley and Billie were married for 46 years. Their secret she said was that they were good friends, talked things out with each other, and talked things out with their girls, Patti and Stanette. At West Virginia State University,

WVU, Billie studied Elementary Education. She decided to be a teacher because there were a lot of teachers in her family. As a freshman at WVU, Billie became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has been a member since 1952, a total of 72 years! She has been a Golden Member, a 50-year member, for some time now. She mostly enjoys the sisterhood and is still active. She meets with the RAKA's, Retired AKA's. Her daughter Patti was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Stanley was a member of Omega Psi Phi. At WVU, Billie was also a part of the Acapella Choir. She sang Alto. They travelled from state to state. Because of the times, with segregation, she and her choir always had arrangements to stay with Alumni. They never stayed at a hotel.

Billie went on to study at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. She received a Master's Degree in Reading. Billie was a teacher for 31 years. She first taught at Miles Standish Elementary School and then at Adlai Stevenson.

Billie and Stanley have attended Glenville New Life Community Church since the 1960's. Stanley was an Elder and Billie was ushered and sang. They were both members of Glenville New Life Community Church and Billie is currently a part of New Life At Calvary. She currently enjoys spending time with her daughter Stanette, being a part of her AKA chapter, reading and doing crosswords. Her favorite book is "Five Smooth Stones." Before the pandemic, she was on a bowling league and never missed Monday night bowling. This December 2nd, Billie will be 90 years old!

Happy 90th Birthday Billie Brown, from you New Life At Calvary Family!

Pledge Card for support of the 2nd Milestone of the Building On Faith Capital Campaign of New Life At Calvary Cleveland, OH

A Capital Campaign is how we fund the future of New Life At Calvary. It challenges us to reach higher and dig deeper in order to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the church and the community. Like annual giving, giving to a Capital Campaign enhances the mission and ministry of the church through renovation and improvement of our church building.

Giving to the Capital Campaign is considered sacrificial giving. It does not come from our daily living expenses. Capital Campaign giving can be spread out over a three-year period to allow donors to manage their gifts according to their needs.

I/We pledge in faith to support the 2nd Milestone of the Capital Campaign of New Life At Calvary listed by making the financial contribution listed below:

Total Amount of Pledge \$ _____ (for those renewing the pledge see reverse side of this form)

One-time Payment Date: _____

Payments Over-Time
Regular Payment Schedule expected:

\$ _____ each week/month/quarter/year

Start date: _____ End Date: _____

-or-

Other Payment Schedule described below:

Method(s) of Payment

Cash or Check Enclosed

Online Giving through New Life At Calvary

(set up on the www.nlac.tv website)

Gift of Securities (see other side)

Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature

Date of Pledge

Signature

Date of Pledge

Methods of Giving to New Life At Calvary Capital Campaign, *Building on Faith Restoration*

Cash or Checks- Checks payable to New Life At Calvary, sent to 2020 E. 79th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Online Giving- One time or Recurring payment directly from a bank account. This is set up and managed from the Online Giving tab on the New Life At Calvary website (nlac.tv).

Gifts of Securities- Gifts of stocks, bonds, and other financial instruments can be arranged by contacting the NLAC steering Committee: Pastor Kellie C. Sullivan, Sylvia Y. Fields, Ruby Turner and Ella Thomas. When giving gifts of securities, please contact the Steering Committee with the donor's name, the type of security name, and the number of shares, no later than the day the gift is made.

Matching gifts- Many employers will match charitable donations made by their employees. By using your company's Matching Gift benefit, you may be able to multiply the amount of your donation. If you are affiliated with a company that matches gifts, please send the Matching Gift Form (usually attained by contacting your Human Resources Department), along with your donation to New Life At Calvary. The church will complete the form and return it to the company.

Information pertaining to my companies matching gift program:

I/We work for a Company that has a Matching Gifts Program.

The Matching Gifts Form is enclosed with this Pledge Card.

The Matching Gifts form will be forwarded in the near future.

I/We pledge in faith to support the *Building on Faith Restoration Campaign* of New Life At Calvary by making the financial contribution listed on the reverse side of this form. My/Our contact information is on the reverse side. I/We have also signed indicating our commitment to complete this pledge. I understand that if we are a couple making this pledge both parties must sign this pledge.

I/We made a pledge to the 1st Milestone. For the 2nd Milestone please do one of the following: (Check One)

A. _____ Keep my/our pledge the same.

B. . _____ Increase my/our pledge to \$_____.

a. I/We plan on giving monthly, weekly, bi-weekly (please circle one).

C. I/We want to discuss giving a **Gift of Securities**.

D. I/We want to discuss doing a matching gift with my job.



1st Milestone givers please complete the contact information on the other side of this form. Thank you for your continued support.



What Is Advent? History and Meaning

Advent is the season of reflective preparation for [Christ's Nativity](#) at Christmas and Christ's expected return in the [Second Coming](#). It starts Sunday, December 3rd and ends Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." By the 6th century, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world.