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## From The Desk of The Pastor - Why Believe

Often people ask themselves and each other questions such as, "What is the need for attending church, or even believing in God?" In previous discourses, I approached these questions using scripture references to solidify my point - optimistically, believing that a biblical point of view brings the necessary resolve to these perplexities. In contrast, however, it could alienate the person, pushing them further away from the conversation. Subsequently, this epistle gives me an opportunity to use everyday vernacular in addressing matters of church attendance and God.

I want to begin this by saying, "God does not need me to vouch for or even prove that He is God." In fact, the existence of God does not require my belief. Albeit, my acceptance of God's existence helps me to understand my purpose and gifting to the world. If everything in this world exists for a reason, and we allot purpose for it, then why is it not reasonable to believe that someone designed a plan for that purpose and reason? As nature, science, and purpose come together to operate a system that is specific for this world, the architect of this system requires all things to work together for a common good. Moreover, like nature and purpose in the name of science join forces, so should the guardians of the systems conjoin. I suggest that humankind unites to thank our intelligent designer for trusting us to be its temporary caretakers. Not only should we thank God for the system but discover our true purpose with each other and hold one another accountable for it.

We have one world, and it is our responsibility to remember this beautiful gift yields to us resources that we all enjoy. We operate righteously to experience the laws of reciprocity. However, if we do not work together, we negate the God-precedent of working together like nature and purpose. Now that is a disrespect to the greatest scientist and architect, God!

*+D McNeil Hanna*

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*AND MORE!*



# *The Empty Pursuit of More*

Greed.

It wears like an invisible cloak, blending seamlessly into the fabric of modern culture. It silently seeps into our desires, clouds our judgment, and distorts our values. Greed always seeks more - more validation, more status, more comfort, more things.

But the irony of greed is this: the more earthly possessions, status, or validation we gain, the more we are left dissatisfied. In Luke 12:15, Jesus warns how this illusion of fulfillment through relentlessly collecting more blinds us to true contentment and purpose and is an empty pursuit:

**“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’”**

True fulfillment doesn't happen when we store up possessions or pursue unending comfort. True fulfillment is found when we're anchored in contentment, gratitude, and a deep relationship with God that leads to seeking His kingdom and righteousness (Luke 12:31).

Where do you have an endless craving for more - more validation, more comfort, more possessions? Are there areas of your life where the constant pursuit of more might be overshadowing the pursuit of God's kingdom and righteousness?

Let's be satisfied in Jesus, first.



Taken from The Bible App, daily meditation



# THE SEASON OF LENT IS UPON US

## LENT

Lent is a season in the Christian Church's liturgical year. It begins on Ash Wednesday. This year, Ash Wednesday Service is held on February 14, 2024. The Lenten season ends on Holy Saturday. This year, Holy Saturday falls on March 30, 2024.

Lent is a 40-day period - this does not include the six Sundays that fall between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday. The number 'Forty' has biblical roots in the lives of Moses, Elijah, Noah, Jonah, the Hebrew people, and Jesus. Christians observe this period with fasting, prayer, and the giving of alms. Lent culminates with the hallelujah praises on Resurrection Sunday. The altar will be dressed in purple during the Lenten season.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

As Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, special services are held throughout the Christian world. Ashes are prepared by burning the palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Ashes are typically placed on a believer's head in the sign of a cross. This represents an outward expression of a sacred season. As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday marks a time of sobriety, humility, and repentance. Ashes, in historical biblical settings, have expressed grief. When ashes are applied to a believer's forehead, one of two expressions are often used: "Repent and believe in The Gospel," or, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

## BLESSED OIL

Blessed Oil is based on the Holy Anointing Oil mentioned throughout the Bible. PCC has prepared its own Blessed Oil for decades on the Monday before Ash Wednesday. It is only prepared by the priests of the house. This oil is for ordinations, consecrations, sanctifications, and healings. It becomes a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the power of God. As each year's oil is prepared, the atmosphere is filled with prayer, song, and praise seeking God's blessings as the oil is used throughout the year. We believe by faith that God will heal, deliver, lead and guide. May you be blessed and made whole as you pray and anoint with this Holy Oil.





# The Chest: Where Does the Money Go?

During offering times, The Chest is opened. All monies dropped into The Chest are used for restoration projects in the temple.

The commercial door handle on our entry door was replaced in January, along with repairs to the door hardware. The wheelchair lift is aging. The church has a maintenance plan and the structure is serviced regularly. It is time for some major parts to be replaced. This process has begun.

This spring, plans include repairs to the exterior areas of the sanctuary. Many areas are in serious need of tuckpointing. This means that mortar between the bricks has broken away and needs to be fixed. This prevents water from entering the walls of the building and from additional damage when water freezes in the winter. There is also stonework in need of replacement. To begin, we hope to start on the south side of the building.

Many place cash in the Chest. If you choose to use an envelope, please write 'Building Fund' or 'Restoration' on the blank line. If your giving is for the heating/boiler, please write 'Boiler' on the line.

**12 month total (Nov 2022-Oct 2023): \$28,949.89**

**The total collected for November 2023: \$3,890.00**

**The total collected for December 2023: \$2,092.86**

**The total collected for January 2024: \$2,022.00**

Your continued giving really matters. Thank you for supporting the improvements!





# PCC Shares the Gift of God's Love

It was one minute before midnight on Thursday, August 24, 2023. For three short minutes, a tornado ripped through Cleveland's East Side. It began on East 71st and Chester. It ended on East 89th and Euclid. The length of this tornado's path was just .79 miles. It was only 150 yards wide. No person was injured. No fatalities occurred.

There were trees and branches ripped apart and some property sustained damage. The biggest shock came Friday morning to the congregation at New Life At Calvary church on East 79th and Euclid Avenue. Their roof was gone and much of the supporting stone collapsed. The pictures were all over the news outlets. Pastor Kellie and Assistant Pastor Antonia reached out to the congregation - services would not be held on Sunday.

Monday morning, Bishop Derrick Hanna went over to the damaged building. The day before, he had asked the congregation at PCC to support this congregation in our community. The members immediately gave \$2,100. When Bishop Hanna took the check to the roofless church, he put the check in the Pastor's hand. Pastor Kellie said that he prayed for them and encouraged them during this tragic time. This was the first gift of many to New Life At Calvary. Although no businesses sent funds to allow the church to rebuild, many individuals of faith and congregations in the Jewish and Christian community did.

Today, the congregation has not yet been able to resume services. Mold, asbestos, and lead removal have been a long process. The church office is located in the parking lot. Services are permitted in the gym only once a week for two hours. The church family at New Life At Calvary sent a letter of thanks to PCC at the end of November 2023. The letter states:

"Your donation will have an important impact on our future as we continue our 143 year Ministry here at East 79th and Euclid Avenue. Brothers and sisters, our many thanks go out to you for helping us to move forward with the needed renovation and repairs that will be required after the severe tornado damage. Your support gives our Congregation and the Community encouragement and a stronger commitment despite such a tremendous setback. Many thanks again for your support. May God's kindness and love always be with you in your ministry. Your generosity is a shining example of God's love."

May God continue to allow all believers to support and love each other as we work in the Kingdom of God.





# TEMPLE & COMMUNITY OBSERVATIONS

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements- Feb. 2024



## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Church Meeting, which will be held tomorrow, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the temple. Come and let us hear the heart of our leaders as they share with us the vision for this house!

## ASPINWALL CHURCH'S SNEAKER BALL

Attention PCC Next Gen...We are invited to attend Aspinwall Church's Sneaker Ball, an Epic Youth Fundraiser. This is a youth event, but all ages are welcome. Join us Saturday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. Dress your best and put your sneakers on!

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at [aspinwallchurch.givingfire.com](http://aspinwallchurch.givingfire.com) under the YWC fund or you may purchase tickets at the door.



## 2024 LENTEN SEASON

In preparation for the Lenten season, please mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday service, which will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14.





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## WOMEN OF G.R.A.C.E FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, the next Women of G.R.A.C.E. fellowship will take place Friday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the lower auditorium. Come prepared for a fun and faith-filled fellowship. See you there!



## MEN OF VALOR FELLOWSHIP

Calling all men...The next monthly Men of Valor fellowship will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. in the lower auditorium.



## CELEBRATING BISHOP DERRICK HANNA

On Sunday, Feb. 18, we will celebrate our very own Bishop Derrick McNeil Hanna's birthday during Morning Worship. All who can, please bring a \$100 monetary gift. If you are unable to contribute the \$100.00, please come as close as you can. We want our Bishop to know how much he is appreciated as God blesses him to see another year.



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## PCC NEXT GEN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT TALK

The next PCC Youth and Young Adult Table Talk will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the lower auditorium.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please see Youth Pastor Devaros Burks or Sister Brianna Smith for more information.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

On Sunday, Feb. 25, Children's Church will be in session in the lower auditorium for children ages 3 to 12. Please bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

## AVAILABLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



**SHERWIN-WILLIAMS.**

Sherwin Williams Paint Store - North Randall location

Part-time position available

For more information, please contact Brother Tristen Smith at (216) 475-1181 or visit [careers.sherwin-williams.com](https://careers.sherwin-williams.com).

*Have a job or volunteer opportunity you'd like promoted?  
Contact PCC Next Gen at [pccnowcleveland@gmail.com](mailto:pccnowcleveland@gmail.com)*



# The Boiler Repairs Update

As we are warmed by the two new boilers sending steam heat through pipes to our many, many radiators, here is some information on the costs for such comfort. The removal of the old system and installing two new boilers with many repairs to radiators and pipes currently has cost \$156,299.62.

It is the desire of Bishop Hanna that this project would not incur debt for the church. As the numbers show, there is still need for money to release the church from this large expense. If supporting this capital effort is important to you, pray. If you are able to give, please label Boiler Replacement on your envelope. Thank God for the warmth. Thank God for your support.

## SHOE DRIVE: THE GOAL IS NEAR!

In the last eleven months, PCC has processed 3,675 pairs of shoes to be shipped to Micro Businesses in Third World countries. We have also provided a few hundred shoes to men, women and children in Cuyahoga County in need of foot protection.


Our goal for this drive is 4,125 pairs of shoes. Currently, there are 450 pairs of shoes still needed. Please bring in new and used footwear from men, women, boys and girls. Help us to help others.

## ACCESS FREE COUNSELING SERVICES\*

PCC members are able to access confidential, professional Christian counseling and education resources as part of Moore Counseling & Mediation Services Inc.'s Church Assistance Program (CAP). Covered counseling topics include financial hardships, dealing with grief, beating stress, setting goals, suicide intervention and more.

\*Amount of free sessions per counseling topic are limited. Contact MCMS CAP Department at 216-404-1900 to learn more.





Reaching Today's Multitudes  
**MCMS** MOORE COUNSELING & MEDIATION SERVICES, INC.

**CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)**

*Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. (MCMS) Church Assistance Program (CAP) offers professionally trained counselors, whose values and theological perspectives are consistent with Christian beliefs and practices.*

Moore Counseling & Mediation Services Inc.'s Church Assistance Program (CAP) is a confidential, professional, Christian counseling and education resource that is available to all members of the Pentecostal Church of Christ (PCC). The CAP program encourages PCC members with the stresses of personal, family, work, or spiritually related problems to seek competent help in times of crisis.

MCMS provide a variety of service plans that include initial assessments, preventive care, referrals, recommendations and on-going treatment. Our counselors provide verbal and face-to-face sessions with voluntary theological perspectives that are consistent with Christian beliefs and practices.

**Counseling Topics:**


- 1. Managing Aging Family Member
- 2. Financial Hardships
- 3. Handling Difficult Child/Child-Caregiver
- 4. Difficulties in the Church
- 5. Dealing with Grief
- 6. Managing a Crisis
- 7. Beating Stress
- 8. Setting Goals
- 9. Dealing with Chronic Illnesses
- 10. Suicide Intervention
- 11. Assisting a Family Member with Mental Health Concerns
- 12. Addressing and Treating Substance Abuse Concerns

**Counseling Topics Continued:**

- 13. Experiencing Intelligences
- 14. Experiencing Change
- 15. Healing Marriage
- 16. Mind, Body, and Spirit Performance
- 17. Managing Anger
- 18. Mental Health
- 19. Managing Church Groups
- 20. Church Leadership Ministry Training
- 21. Grief/loss Planning
- 22. The Power of Positive Thinking
- 23. Overcoming and Managing Depression/Anxiety
- 24. Finding Purpose in Your Life

Contact MCMS CAP Department for more information:  
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## 7 Reflective Scriptures for February

### ~1 Corinthians 13:13 KJV

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity

### ~Mark 12:30-31 KJV

30 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

### ~Matthew 7:1-2 KJV

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

### ~1 John 5:14 KJV

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us...

### ~2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

### ~Isaiah 12:2 KJV

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

### ~Joshua 1:9 KJV

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

## Prayer Corner

Mother Clarice Craig-Mavec

2 Corinthians 12:9-10, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Father, Creator, King, Lord, Savior, GOD...so much is happening around us and in our lives. We cling to your Word and every encouragement found within your voice and its pages. Thank you for allowing us to exchange our weaknesses for your strength. You willingly endured the cross for our sin, so that we are equipped to set aside every weight and we thank you!!

Thank you for rest, provision, healing, restoration, rapture, and triumph. We all say Hallelujah for past blessings and are conscious to say if often, now. Thank you for giving us the desires of our hearts. We will continue to seek your face, having confidence in Jesus that You will be found.

It is in your holy name that we pray, Amen.



## 7 Reflective Scriptures for March

~1 *Peter 5:6-7 KJV*

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.  
7 casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you

~*Colossians 2:18 KJV*

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

~*Matthew 7:1-2 KJV*

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Almighty God, Creator, Father, Forgiver, Healer, Provider, Prayer Listener, Prayer Answerer, Faithful, Perfect, Guide, Holy, Righteous, Just, Majestic, One True Living God, Savior, and the only Way to Eternal Life. Thank you, Father God, for your gift of reconciliation through Jesus, your Son, who conquered sin and death by living a sinless life of obedience to you, then giving His life for sinful people, the entire world.

Thank you that His-story did not end there. Perfection in divine planning manifested Jesus' resurrection, and everyone who believes is received by you. We are grateful and owe you all worship, honor, and praise. We surrender willingly, asking you to give us what to desire. Keep us steeped in your love so that we are witnesses of who our Father is, God most holy. We pray in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord over all. Amen.



# Recognizing Black History Month

## *I Dream A World*

*I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace its paths adorn  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth  
And every man is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all mankind-  
Of such I dream, my world!*

*Langston Hughes*



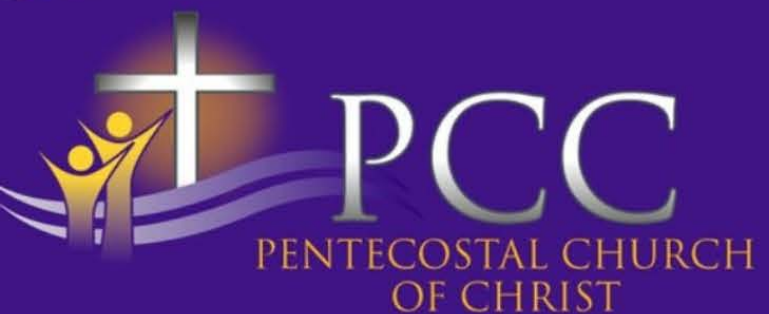
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Wishing a happy birthday to  
all of those celebrating  
throughout the month of  
February. Those celebrating  
include:*

Bishop Derrick M. Hanna  
Bishop Benjamin  
Douglass  
Brianna Smith  
Rosemary Bonner  
Jerry Brown  
Deacon Raymond Fomby  
Nikaeda Griffie  
Cynthia Hairston  
Michael Holloway  
Ceciley Jones  
Ruby Phippen  
James Quinn  
Raneeka Starling-Young  
Kathleen Swoope







## Our Weekly Calendar

# Watch & Worship

Sundays at 10 AM



# WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

Starts at 7 PM



## GIVING OPTIONS

**GIVE ONLINE:** [PCCCLEVELAND.ORG](http://PCCCLEVELAND.ORG)

**GIVE BY MAIL:** 10515 CHESTER AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OH 44106

**TEXT TO GIVE:** 216-208-6880

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## Weekly Prayer Times

**Monday Evenings- 7PM**

**Wednesday Mornings- 7AM**

**1st Saturday of each month- 12PM**

Conference Call Number  
516-597-9820

For more information, contact:  
Sister Phorfina Wade (Call Moderator),  
Elder Dyna Richardson (Prayer Lead  
Scheduler), or Overseer Dennis Grant.

## "In the Word" Bible Study

**Wednesday Evenings - 7PM**

Join us for our weekly bible study on  
Wednesdays, starting at 7 p.m. We look  
forward to seeing you! You can also view  
Bible Study via the church's YouTube  
channel or the PCC Facebook page.

## Music Ministry Rehearsal

**Thursday Evenings - 7PM**

For those interested in participating in the  
music ministry (i.e. the choir and praise  
teams), please join us for weekly  
rehearsals.

## The Doorkeepers Ministry

Every first Saturday morning - 9:30AM  
For those who are interested in joining  
the Usher's Board, you may speak to  
Sister Sonia Stinson.