

# WEEKLY UPDATE

HELPING PEOPLE TAKE THEIR NEXT STEP TOWARD JESUS

## FIRST TIME HERE?

We would love to meet you and answer your questions! Please fill out a digital connect card or contact a member of our team with your questions or comments.



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### 12/20 LADIES PRAYER & GIFT EXCHANGE - 10:00 AM

The ladies gather on the third Saturday morning of each month for prayer and devotions. In December we will add a White Elephant gift exchange! Bring a friend and meet in the Youth Lounge!

ASK MANDY: MANDYANDKAYDEN@YAHOO.COM



### 01/07 NEW WEDNESDAY WINTER CLASSES BEGIN 6:30PM

#### The Chosen

Watch episodes from The Chosen followed by a short group discussion. Meets in the Sanctuary.

#### The Art of Marriage

Led by Rob and Monica Paugh, this class is for any couple wanting to strengthen and enrich their marriage.

#### Tame Your Thoughts

Based on Max Lucado's teaching—learn three practical tools for renewing your mind. Led by the Westermans in the Conference Room.

#### Psalms: Dwelling in God's Presence

A group-led discussion exploring the Psalms and what it means to live in God's presence. Led by Thom and Kathy Jacob in the Fireside Room.

#### Ink, Paint, & Purpose

A creative, faith-centered drawing class for all skill levels—from hesitant beginners to seasoned artists. Led by Phyllis and meeting in the Fenster House (church office) on the first Wednesday of each month.

#### S1 Kids (K-5th Grade)

High-energy games, lessons, and activities designed to help kids grow in faith— Meets in the Gym.

#### Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

A fun and welcoming night of worship, teaching, and connection for students— Meets in the Central Complex.

#### Nursery Available

## SIGN UP TO HELP US PLAN!



## REDISCOVERING CHRISTMAS THROUGH RECOVERY

### 12/18 CELEBRATE RECOVERY CHRISTMAS 7 PM

Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-based 12-Step program for anyone dealing with hurts, habits, or hang-ups—and it can be especially meaningful during the Christmas season. On December 18th, we'll hold a special Christmas service, open to everyone. If you'd like to attend and need childcare, please reach out to Kristen at the link below. Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 7pm and will gather in the Sanctuary from December 18th through March.

ASK KRISTEN: [KESFREEDOM@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KESFREEDOM@YAHOO.COM)

## CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY

### 12/21 CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY

Parents, you're invited to take the meaningful step of child dedication. This is an opportunity to commit your child to God, and partner with our church family as we pray, support, and walk alongside you. For more details or to sign up, please reach out—we're here to help you every step of the way.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Services*

Wednesday, December 24th  
Gahanna Campus: 3, 4:30 & 6pm  
Johnstown Campus: 4:30pm

### 12/24 CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00, 4:30 & 6:00PM

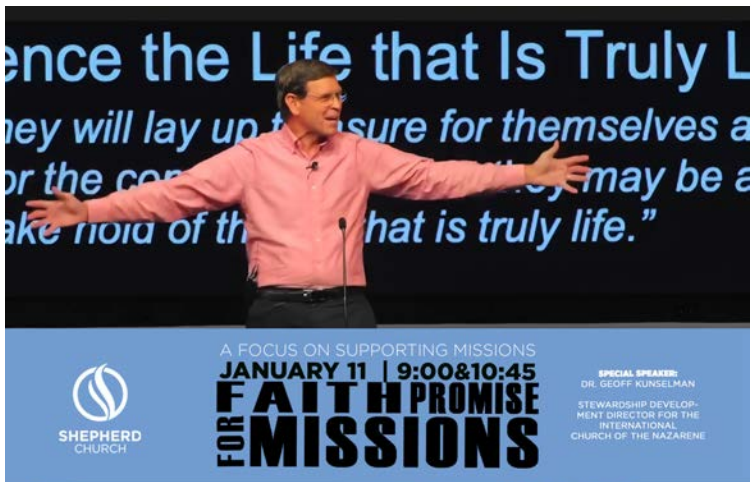
You're invited to Christmas Eve Candlelight Services! Join us on December 24 at the service time that fits your schedule. We have planned an evening filled with traditional Christmas music and a heartfelt retelling of the Christmas story. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come experience the hope and wonder of Christmas together. All are welcome!



### 12/28 BAPTISM SUNDAY!

We're excited to celebrate Baptism Sunday on the fourth Sunday of each month during both the 9:00am and 10:45am services. If you've been thinking about taking this important step in your faith journey, this is a beautiful opportunity to publicly declare your commitment to Jesus. If you are ready—or even if you just have questions—please talk to one of our pastors or contact Pastor Natalie. She'd love to help you take the next step.

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### 01/11 FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

We are excited to invite you to participate in Faith Promise 2026! Please join us for a day of inspiration, fellowship, and support for Nazarene Missionaries around the world!

Special Speaker:

We are honored to welcome Geoff Kunselman, as our guest speaker. Dr. Kunselman is a former staff member at Shepherd who has gone on to serve the church and missions in many ways! His inspiring stories and passion for missions will be shared during both services.

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ShepNaz Kids Worship takes place every Sunday at 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meet in the Central Complex for an engaging and faith-filled service. Nursery and Pre-K childcare are also available during both services. If you have any questions, please contact our Children's Pastor, Brett Dillinger.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Every Wednesday, students in 6th-12th grade come together for ShepNaz Youth! The evening kicks off with time to unwind: basketball, games, snacks, and more – followed by worship, relevant teaching, and open discussions about life and faith. If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Bryanna.

### STATISTICS

	12/07/25	WEEKLY AVG / YTD
Worship Services	510	584
Connect Groups	78	100
Johnstown Campus	56	56
Tithes Needed	<b>\$23,268</b>	YTD \$930,720 -
Tithes Received	\$33,446	YTD \$955,966 -
Faith Promise Needed	<b>\$1,230</b>	YTD \$46,740 -
Faith Promise Received	\$1,403	YTD \$39,081 -

### PRAYER AND PRAISE: SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Every Tuesday morning at 10 AM our senior adults meet in the sanctuary for hymns, devotions, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a bible based 12 Step program for all and any of your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This is a place for healing and restoration. A place where anonymity and confidentiality are highly valued. ShepNaz Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday evening. We have snacks and fellowship at 6:45, Large Group at 7, and gender specific open share groups at 8.

**Check out our Facebook page:** ShepNaz Celebrate Recovery

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614-307-9057, leave a voicemail or send text

### GIVING OPTIONS

- **Online:** Shepnaz.org
- **Mobile App:** Text "**SHEPNAZAPP**" to **77977**
- **Text:** Text "**SHEPNAZ**" to **77977** and follow the link
- **Mail:**  
*Shepherd Church of the Nazarene*  
*425 S. Hamilton Road*  
*Gahanna, Ohio 43230*
- **In Person:** Drop your gift in the black box at the back of the Sanctuary