

**Countdown to the Cross**  
**Matthew 20:17-28, Matthew 21:1-11**

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**Prayer Requests**

Lois Baker  
Jennings Tallman  
Drayden Gibbs  
Richard Holliday  
Martha Swihart  
Bill Hall  
Martha Haubert  
Jane Clapper  
Lola Conway  
Russ White  
Jill Holliday  
Roger Gobeli  
Patti Hostetler  
Rachel Seymour

**Long Term Prayer Requests**

Adriana Stewart	Kathryn Floto
Rosalin Phillips	Linda Naugle
Lee Fuller	Keith Miller
Howard Diehl	Charles Ott
Debbie & Steve Brooks	Jason Copen
Eladio Santiago	Ray Wahl
Glenn Ellington	Millie & Addie Zimmerman
Brian Valley	Mayson White
Hailey Pucci	Kathy Walzack
Dorothy Bucher	Damon Tucker
Jim Shephard	David Reynolds
Melissa Warstler	Stephanie McIntyre-Frieden
Rusty Bostic	

**Following  
Jesus  
Together**

East Canton Church of God  
Sunday Discipleship Groups 9am  
Sunday Worship 10am  
330-488-0366  
www.eastcantonchurch.org

**March 29, 2026**

**Countdown to the  
CROSS**  
*Sermon Series / Easter 2026*

# Welcome to East Canton Church of God!

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We're so glad you've joined us today—whether it's your first time or you've been with us for years, you are family here. The Bible reminds us in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"

What a joy it is to gather in God's Presence!

As we gather together in worship, may our hearts be open to His voice and our souls lifted in unity. Like Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." We believe God is here with us now, ready to meet every need, speak peace into every heart, and transform our lives!

Don't forget to fill out one of our "Welcome Cards!"

Welcome home!

Pastor Greg Smith

## Happening This Week...

**Monday, March 30th | All Ministry Meeting | 6:00pm**

If you are the leader of a ministry in the church, make plans to attend this meeting.

**Wednesday, April 1st | Seder Meal & Foot Washing | 6:30pm**

**Friday, April 3rd | Good Friday Service | 6:00pm**

**Sunday, April 5th | Sunrise Service and Breakfast | 7:00am**

**Scholarship Applications | Due April 5th**

Scholarship applications are available in the church office for students attending college or trade school in the 2026-27 school year.

## Office Hours

**Monday- 1:00-5:00pm**

**Tuesday- 9:00-4:00pm**

**Thursday- 1:00-5:00pm**

**Friday- 9:00-1:00pm**

Messages are checked Monday-Friday, please leave a message if the office is closed.

## Upcoming Events...

**Saturday, April 11th | NEO Men's Breakfast | 9:00am | Gate of Heaven CoG**

Join men from throughout Northeast Ohio as we join in fellowship, prayer, and worship together.

**Saturday, April 11th | Adult Game Night | 6:00-9:00pm**

Bring a game and a snack to share!

**Thursday, April 16th | NEO Leadership Listen & Learn Lunch | 11:30am**

How can church leaders create a culture of discipleship? Join us for a free leadership listen & learn lunch to explore this vital question. Learn practical ways to make discipleship the top priority in your local church. Speaker: Tom Planck from Healthy Growing Churches. RSVP in the church office if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, April 18th | NEO Retreat Center Work Day | 9:00am-4:00pm**

There is something for everyone to do as we help open our Retreat Center for the season. Rain or shine. Coffee, donuts, and lunch provided. Gather a group of friends and come out to lend a helping hand!

**Saturday, April 18th | Adult Outing to "The Inspirations" Concert | 6:00pm**

"The Inspirations, a Pioneer Legacy" gospel group will be performing at the Lions Lincoln Theater in Massillon. Tickets are \$27/person. Sign up in the Welcome Center by 3/29.

**Sunday, April 19th | Baptism**

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office or fill out a Welcome Card.

**Sunday, April 26th | Youth- Destination Unknown | 5:00-8:00pm**

Pack your DU bag and get ready to head out to...Destination Unknown! What is known is that it will be a ton of fun! You won't want to miss it so invite your friends and get ready to go!

**Sunday, May 10th | Baby & Child Dedication**

If you are interested in dedicating your baby or children, please contact the church office or fill out a Welcome Card.

**June 14th-19th | Camp Still Water @ NEO Retreat Center**

Do you have a kiddo that will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2026? If so, get them registered for Camp Still Water today! At Camp Still Water, your child won't just have fun—they'll grow.

They'll learn about God's love, build lasting friendships, and be encouraged in their faith through age-appropriate teaching and activities. If you're looking for a summer experience that invests in your child's heart as well as their joy, Camp Still Water is for them. Register by 3/31 to receive a church scholarship. See Gina Conway for more details. [www.neoretreatcenter.org/campstillwater](http://www.neoretreatcenter.org/campstillwater)

## Opportunities To Give...

**Scrap Metal Collection for Youth Barn Fundraiser**

Contact Pastor Jenny to make an appointment at 330-495-2833. We are accepting all things metal that can be turned in for scrap money- appliances, car parts, etc.