

28th Anniversary REFLECTIONS

January 9, 2022

HAPPY, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!
A Time to Reflect and Refresh

Five boys decided to go and play basketball at the park. When they arrived, they saw one of their friends playing with some of the older boys. They asked him if he would play with them and he did. After they were finished their friend went back to playing with the older boys. After the game was over and they were on their way home one of the five boys ask their friend why he goes to the park everyday to play with older boys. Their friend said that he wanted to be a basketball player in the NBA someday. The boys told him that the older boys blocked his shots and pushed him around. The friend told them that it was okay. The boys shouted back; "how could that be okay?" The friend told them because one day he wants to be in the NBA. The boys said that sometimes they make you wait a long time to play. The friend said that was okay because they still allow him to play. As time went on the five boys could not keep up on the basketball court and the older boys would call on him to play.

Some of believers just want to come to church, get fed, fellowship some, and read their Bibles, but there are some believers who want to experience heaven on earth (Galatians 5:22-26; Colossians 3:1-4). They want to be like Christ (Philippians 1:21). They would like to experience joy, peace, love, patience, and self-control, while on this troubled earth. They would like to sense the Spirit leading them and the wisdom of God when making decisions. They would like to be strong when they experience trials and the Lord's protection in a troubled world. Some believers want to experience God's rewards when they get to heaven, not just be in heaven (Revelation 3:21). This has always been the vision of the Lord's church. This is a good time while celebrating 28 years to remember why God has preserved His church and grown it each and every year. It is a good time to renew and refresh our commitment so that, like Paul, no matter what we may face, together we can say; "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8; NASU)

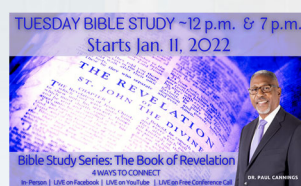
Practice may be difficult, but experiencing victory erases the pain (Romans 8:18). When there is a crown on our heads (James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 9:25) and we are dressed in white gowns (Revelation 3:4-5, 18) we did not just play at the top level like an NBA player, but we become "Champions". (Philippians 3:12-16). I pray that this would always be our passion and our joy!



UPCOMING Events



Faith In Fitness Ministry
21 Day Challenge—Starts January 10th
It's estimated that it takes people 21-28 days to form a new habit. This 21-Day Challenge is a commitment to making physical health a priority by moving your body for 30 minutes each day for the 21 days in efforts to form a new healthy habit. Join the Faith in Fitness Ministry. Join the Facebook Group to stay connected at www.facebook.com/faithinfitness or contact Dean'na Mitchell at dkmitchell87@gmail.com



Tuesday Bible Study Starts Jan. 11th
12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
The Book of Revelation
Join Dr. Paul Cannings in this new Bible Study Series as he journeys through the Book of Revelation. There are 4 Ways to Connect: **1. IN-PERSON 2. LIVE on Facebook 3. LIVE on YouTube 4. LIVE on FREE Conference Call** Start 2022 with a commitment to Study the Word of God each Week in Bible Study!



Kingdom Builders Men's Ministry Meet & Greet
Sat. Jan. 15th 9 a.m.—Legacy Sanctuary
Come and join the Kingdom Builders Men's Ministry for our first meeting of the new year as we have a time of fellowship, worship, and conversation. Contact Jeffrey Allen for more information at jeffrey.allen@lwfellowshipchurch.org



Covenant Marriage Ministry Prayer Breakfast
Sat. Jan. 29th 8:30—11:00 a.m.
Reconnect, Refresh and Re-Energize your Covenant Marriage! Covenant Keepers is pressing forward into the 2022 New Year with an Inspirational Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 29th. Come and partake of food for the body and the soul of Marriage in fellowship with the Spirit and other couples. Pastor Terrance O'Neil of Smyrna Baptist Church, Houston, TX, will be our guest speaker. Contact Terri and Sherri Randle for more information at LWFCMarriageMin@gmail.com



Power Walk Ministries is Hiring
Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Power Walk Ministries led by Dr. Paul Cannings is seeking a part-time administrative assistant. Must have good administrative and computer skills. Must be available to come into the church office to conduct inventory, fulfill resource orders, prepare proper resources for conferences and provide monthly reports using Microsoft Excel. All interested candidates, please submit resumes to goneal@lwfellowshipchurch.org



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Coming Together to Rejoice"

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."
John 15:11

Pastor Rodney Maiden, Providence Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

Full sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org

Click on the "Resources" tab and click "Sermon Notes"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Ages 2—6th grade



SERMON OUTLINE

“Together Again” 2022

The year 2022 should be a year that is focused on regathering God’s people with the same determination that was exhibited in Ezra and Nehemiah as they sought to recover from their diaspora. When Israel regathered during the days of Nehemiah their focus was to rebuild the walls, but not just for the purpose of having walls (Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:17-20).

TOGETHER WE SERVE - Their focus in rebuilding the walls, while trusting the Lord to protect them against their enemies, was to better serve the rebuilding of the temple (The Book of Habakkuk and Zechariah; Ezra 6:13-18) and re-establish worship as a community of believers who were collectively working together to serve God (Ezra 10:1-17).

SERVICE AND WORSHIP - Their worship and fellowship pleased the Lord God (Nehemiah 12:27-47; Acts 2:42-47). These developments re-established Israel’s relationship with the Lord.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY - When the relationship with the Lord was healthy, they were blessed, which led to the full restoration of the nation. This process created the need to refresh their commitment to the Word of God (Ezra 8; 10:).

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE - God’s Word caused them to worship Him sincerely, which kept the community focused on loving and supporting one another (Nehemiah 4).

CREATE COMMUNITY - Living honorable lives before God, remaining strong during adversity (Nehemiah 4), and giving as God instructed them (Nehemiah 10:28-39; 13:10-14).

TITHES - God in response to their faithful commitment in giving was motivated to refresh what was lost (Nehemiah 8).

LEADERSHIP - It took strong leadership to get them there and to hold them to the principles of God (Nehemiah 11), but in the end they were successful, and God was pleased.

FAITH IN FITNESS MINISTRY

21 DAY CHALLENGE STARTS JANUARY 10TH

JOIN THE NEW FACEBOOK GROUP AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FAITHINFITNESS
For More Information Contact Dean'na Mitchell at dkmitchell87@gmail.com



LWFC KIDZ MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUNDAYS
8AM & 11AM
SERVICES

“Train a child in the way that he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

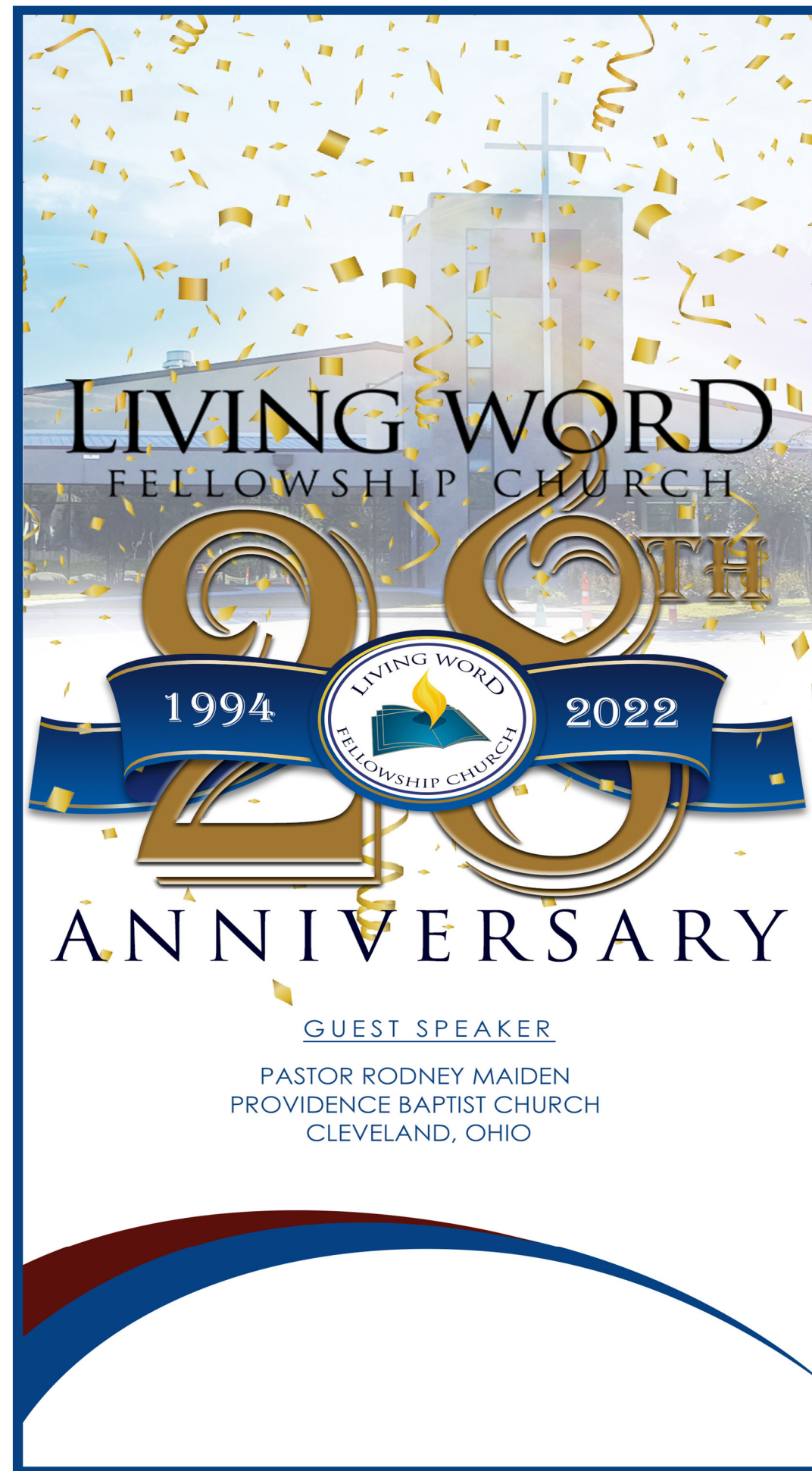
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Lula Walker & family, Carlton Lopes & family, and Carolyn Hadnot & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Brittany Bullock, Barbara Gordon, Eric White, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Lakessia Davis, and Rutha Patrick.



GUEST SPEAKER

PASTOR RODNEY MAIDEN
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
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