



WINGFOOT CHURCH

# MEMBER MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2023

# Whole-Hearted Discipleship

Inviting Jesus to lead every part of me.

This past spring and through the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course we've been introduced to the concept of a Rule of Life. In the words of Pete Scazzero, it's a simple, conscious plan to make Jesus the center of everything we do. As a church, it's a way for us to talk about, be intentional about, and grow together in our journey following Jesus.

We start with loving God with every part of us: socially, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually (SPIES). This process requires us to open up, yielding to God and letting go our resistance to God's leading and transforming our inner lives and desires (the dotted line).

We grow in this journey as we intentionally embrace Jesus' way and teachings through the 6P's: practices from Jesus' life that you and I can put into practice in our own life.

Getting started is simple: identify one habit you already do or would like to do and write it down. Share this with your spouse, a friend, or someone in your community and encourage and challenge each other as you seek to put it into practice. Check in with yourself and others on a regular basis (every 30 days or so) and identify areas of growth, challenge, and God at work.



# HOPE IN THE HEIGHTS IN JESUS' NAME

## Our Mission

## Our Priorities

### Whole-Hearted Discipleship

- 38 participated in Emotionally Healthy Spirituality in Spring '23
- 17 participating in weekly huddle discipleship

### Whole-Life Community

- 46 regularly engaging in house church community (68%)
- 48 active serving on Sunday mornings
- 12 baptisms since launch

### Whole-City Impact

- 150 attended summer block parties
- 10 pre-registered for Food, Faith + Fitness program starting this fall
- 5 building partners utilizing the Heights Center for programming
  - Joann's Pantry
  - Sip Savor Soul
  - Noex Sports
  - South Akron Youth Mentorship
  - Teen Mother Choices
- 5 Wingfoot members serving on a team to help start Goodyear Heights CDC (ETA Spring '24)

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."

Isaiah 52:7



# Church Family Updates

Church is more than an hour on Sunday. It's a community of people being made new by Jesus following him together.

That's why church health and growth more than numbers on a Sunday. Here are some steps that folks are taking and things that are taking place among our church family.



## BAPTISMS SINCE FEBRUARY

Monica Berrios  
Julio Berrios  
Ryan Stull  
Bridget Phillips  
Robert, Hope, Isabell & Madison



## NEW MEMBERS

Russ Billowich  
Bruni Billowich  
Emma Barna  
Gail Turner  
Danyell Seawright

## DEPARTING MEMBERS

Matthew Schmidt  
Gabrielle Schmidt



## NEW LIFE

Scout Tickle  
Everly Noland  
+ more on the way!



## KIDS CLASSES

Averaging 15 kids on a Sunday morning



# FOOD+FAITH+FITNESS

## *STRONG KIDS CLUB*

A FREE AFTER-SCHOOL MENTORING &  
LIFE-SKILLS PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGES 10-14



**COOKING CLASSES**



**MENTORING**



**EXERCISE & MOVEMENT**



**DEANDRA WRIGHT**  
*Youth Outreach Coordinator*

**EVERY OTHER MONDAY**  
**AFTERNOON 3-5PM**

**STARTING**  
**LATE SEPTEMBER 2023**

**NEEDS:**  
4-5 bi-weekly mentors  
2-3 drivers to pickup kids



the  
emotionally healthy  
**RELATIONSHIPS  
COURSE**

**MONDAYS 6:45-8:30PM STARTING OCTOBER 2**

Emotionally Healthy Relationships is Part 2 of the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship course. You don't have to have taken Part 1 to take Part 2.

In the Emotionally Healthy Relationships Course, you will learn 8 practical relationship skills to develop mature, loving relationships with others.

1. Take Your Community Temperature Reading
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And since loving others and loving God cannot be separated, you will also grow in your personal, first-hand relationships with Jesus by incorporating stillness, silence, and Scripture as daily life rhythms.

Each person attending the course needs to register. Course costs (\$20) cover two books:

- Emotionally Healthy Relationships Workbook
- Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day-by-Day

Registration is open at [www.wingfootchurch.com/classes](http://www.wingfootchurch.com/classes) or on the Church Center App.



# How To: Care



**Linda Tymchek**  
Prayer & Care Team  
Interim Leader

## What do I do when a care or prayer need comes up?

1. Let us know through the "Share a Prayer Request" option on the app.
2. If you're in a house church community, let your house church leader and care coordinator know. House church communities are the first line of care.
3. If a care or prayer need comes up for someone else, you can also let us know through the "Share a Prayer Request" option.

## How can I help care?

- Join the prayer group and pray as requests and care needs arise.
- Help with meal trains when people are sick or have a baby.
- Provide food and support for funerals and other events at / with the church.
- Text and follow up calls to people in need of prayer.



## Download the Church Center App

- Submit care and prayer requests
- Signup for classes and events
- Manage giving
- and more!

Search "Church Center" on your device. Once you download it, you'll search for "Wingfoot Church" and sign in with your Planning Center account.



# How To: Serve



Watch Planning Center  
training videos at  
[wingfootchurch.com/serve](http://wingfootchurch.com/serve)

## Serve Team Best Practices

- Blockout any dates you know that you will be unavailable (work, vacation, etc.) as soon as you know them.
- Download the Planning Center Services app to see and set your schedule.
- **CONFIRM** or **DECLINE** your schedule.
- If you can't serve on a Sunday you confirmed:
  - Try to find a replacement.
  - Contact your team leader ASAP.

TIME	TEAM	PURPOSE	LOCATION
8:30	Worship & Production Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rehearsal for Sunday morning worship service</li></ul>	Sanctuary
9:30	Hospitality Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get the building prepped, opened, and ready to welcome people.</li></ul>	Outside Room 21
9:45	All other serve teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connect with your team leader about details and pray with your team</li></ul>	Prayer: Chapel Kids: Room 24 Upfront: Sanctuary
10:00	Community Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflect on the morning's Scripture and enter into our gathering attentive to God.</li></ul>	Prayer Chapel

# FYI: Kids



**Aysa Morrison**  
Kids' Team Leader

**KIDS' TEAM APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:  
AUGUST 27**

**6-12 Class starting back up on Sunday,  
September 3**

**Here's what your kids will be learning this  
year in our kids' classes:**



4 Weeks on Spiritual Habits



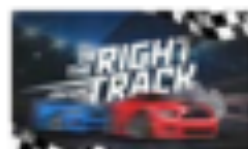
4 Weeks on Joseph



4 Weeks on Moses



5 Weeks on Israel & the  
Wilderness



4 Weeks on Joshua



5 Weeks on Christmas



4 weeks on Jesus' Birth and  
Ministry



4 Weeks on Jesus' Miracles



5 Weeks on Easter



4 Weeks on Jesus' Teachings



4 Weeks on the Early Church



5 Weeks on Judges, Ruth &  
Samuel



4 Weeks on David



# Teaching



## JESUS OVER EVERYTHING

*Who is Jesus and why is he worth following?  
And how does knowing him transform  
everything about your life, our church, and  
the world?*

Starting Sunday, September 17 with our  
Three-Year Anniversary Celebration



## FOUNDATIONS FOR FOLLOWING JESUS

Coming Spring 2024

*Designed for people new to following  
Jesus or needing a refresher, we'll walk  
through four foundational essentials to  
understanding, knowing, believing in, and  
following Jesus.*

SEASON	SERMON SERIES	2023-2024
AUG - OCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6P Series</li><li>• Gospel / New Testament Letters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loving Your Neighbor (People + Place)</li><li>• Jesus Over Everything: The Letter to the Colossians</li></ul>
NOV - JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advent Series</li><li>• Vision / Discipleship Series</li><li>• Community Life</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God With Us</li><li>• Disciplemaking Series</li><li>• Paradigm Shift: How To Be the Church in 2024</li></ul>
FEB - APR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6P Series / Lent</li><li>• Life of Jesus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How To Change Your Life (Practice)</li><li>• Death Shall Have No Dominion: How Jesus Frees Us From Death</li></ul>
MAY - JUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6P Series</li><li>• Q&amp;A / Topic</li><li>• Psalms / Wisdom Books</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peacemaking Series</li><li>• Psalms of Jesus</li></ul>

# UPCOMING DATES

September 10	House Churches starting
September 17	Anniversary Celebration
September 25	Food, Faith & Fitness Launch
October 1	Hope in the Heights Class
October 2	Emotionally Healthy Relationships starts
November 11	The Together Gathering
November 19	Community Thanksgiving Dinner



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**Together**

**DOING JUSTICE AS A FAMILY FOR  
THE LONG-HAUL  
November 11 @ Malone U.**

Together is an annual gathering of likeminded followers of Jesus seeking to live out his way in neighborhoods across the city of Akron.

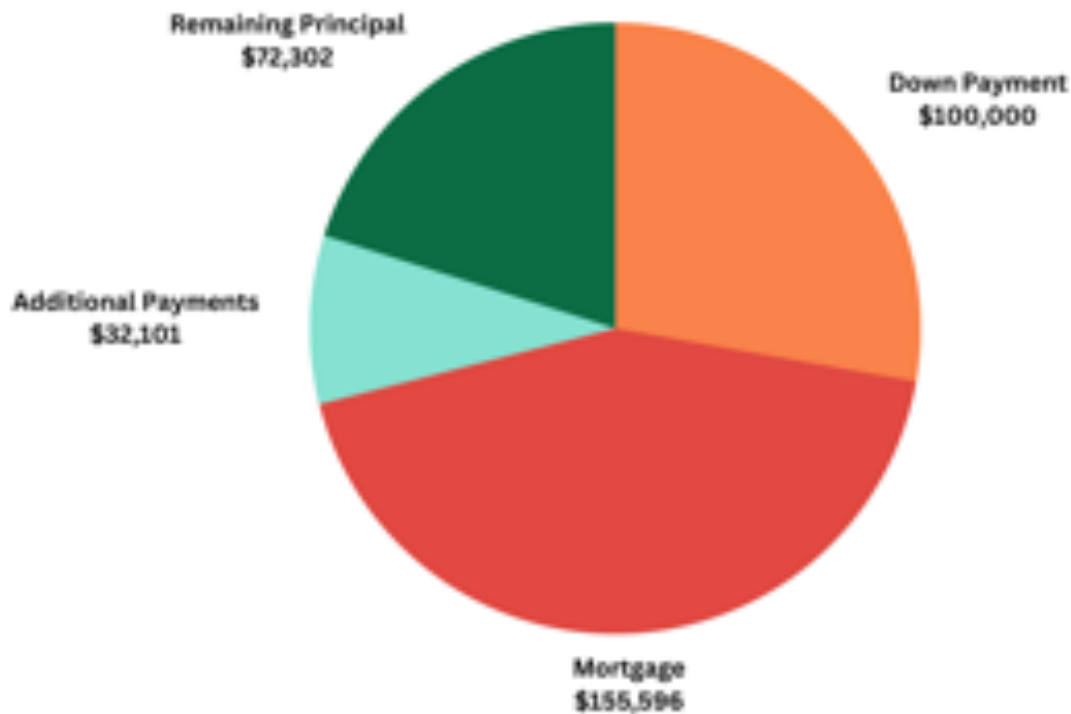
This year's gathering will feature Hugh Halter & McKenna Riley.

Register at [togetherneo.com](http://togetherneo.com)

# Finances







## BUILDING LOAN BREAKDOWN \$360,000



January - July 2023						
	General Fund	Building Fund	Other Designated Funds	Total		
Income	\$ 86,403	\$ 21,951	\$ 5,502	\$	\$	\$ 113,856
Expenses	\$ (85,720)		\$ (5,502)	\$	\$	\$ (91,222)
Principal Payments	\$ (12,285)	\$ (21,951)	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ (30,236)
Net Cash	\$ (16,602)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ (16,602)

January - July 2022						
	General Fund	Building Fund	Other Designated Funds	Total		
Income	\$ 107,876	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ 107,876
Expenses	\$ (101,714)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ (101,714)
Principal Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ -
Net Cash	\$ 6,162	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$	\$ 6,162

 OVERALL GIVING IS UP \$5,908   
 GENERAL GIVING IS DOWN \$16,602 

## How should I think about giving?

Climb the generosity ladder.

### Some Recommendations:

1. If you're a member and not yet giving, aim to start giving toward our general fund.
2. If you're a member and giving at a sporadic or scheduled level, get to sustained giving at 10% to the general fund first before giving to Rooted.
3. If you're a member and giving at or near a sustained or sacrificial level, continue to give toward general and Rooted.

**Sacrificial**  
*Giving regularly above 10%*

**Sustained**  
*Giving regularly at 10%*

**Scheduled**  
*Giving regularly at any amount*

**Sporadic**  
*Giving when I remember & have extra*



## ELDER TEAM

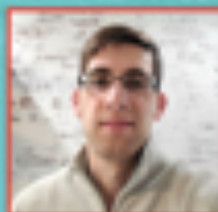
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JON  
ASHLEY



DAVE  
KUPCHELLA



DAN  
HAZLETT



TOM  
POLATAS



STEVE  
STILLEY

## FID TEAM

Guide the financial and logistical operations of the church.  
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ZACH  
MEYER



KELLY  
ASHLEY



YVETTE  
DIAZ



STEVE  
STILLEY

## STAFF TEAM



JON  
ASHLEY  
Pastor



KELLY  
ASHLEY  
Finances & Admin



JUSTIN  
NOLAND  
Worship



DEANDRA  
WRIGHT  
Youth Outreach