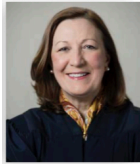


## OHIO SUPREME COURT

Pastor Jason



Jennifer Brunner

(D)



Judi French

(R)



John O'Donnell

(D)



Sharon L. Kennedy

(R)

The Ohio Supreme Court candidates are shown above and it is important that you get to know their stance. Please go to the following website and review their beliefs prior to election day!

<https://www.buckeyeballot.com/resources/>

\*Click on Voter Guide PDF to see each judicial candidates views.

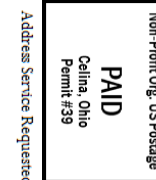
**Make sure you get out to VOTE!!**

## THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

This summer has been a great one for the NLCC Thrive youth group! We have enjoyed many activities and events. In addition to renovating the youth center, we are in the beginning stages of forming a youth band! Quite a few of the youth received prophetic words this summer about musical gifting and abilities. We are working with the youth and encouraging them to practice and empowering them to use their talents to honor the Lord. We have had several of the teens doing live worship for a month now and it has been fantastic!

In addition to the October 17th paintball trip, there is also a corn maze trip on the 25th to Sutter's Corn Maze. We will be joined by the wonderful Foundation Stone Youth Group. We will leave from the youth center at 1 PM. All youth are to bring \$5 to cover the corn maze entry fee and can optionally bring extra money for cider, popcorn, donuts, and other goodies available for purchase.

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We have begun collecting for our Christmas Shoebox Project. Please help by bringing in NEW gift items for the children to pack boxes, by packing your own box as a family, OR both! You can find a list of items you can donate in the bulletin or at the welcome center desk at the church. There is a basket in the foyer for you to drop your donated items in.





Packing Day Is November 18!

**Good News! Great Joy!**

*Pack a box. Impact a life.*  
All Items in by Nov. 15



This unique experience will be a “Drive In Concert” at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. You may order tickets online or at the Fairgrounds Office. It will be a great concert!

**October 17 - Brunch Provided!**



**A Date with Destiny**



Feeling stuck in life? This women’s conference is about unpacking Biblical strategies to get you unstuck and unstoppable. It’s for individuals who want to fine tune their kingdom assignment or the assignment of their children, business, or family. And anyone who knows their assignment and wants to strategize ways to get from where they are to where they need to be.

**Youth Paintball**

**October 17**

**7:30am - 8pm**

**Cost: \$55-\$75**

See your youth leaders for details!



**Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1!**

**Don’t forget to set your clocks back!**

**TESTIMONY**

Ron Bougher

God loves us and wants to meddle in our lives like we cannot even imagine. We need to open our hearts and thinking to His presence and blessing to be joyously surprised. This testimony starts with a conviction I felt at the beginning of last year. I have been blessed with good health, and I felt I needed to show greater appreciation for God's blessing and take better care of my body. I knew I was overweight, so I began a life change. I began exercising and changing how I eat. Initially, I started losing a pound a week. I am now down 45 pounds from where I started. In a seemingly unrelated experience, my CPAP machine which I was using to treat sleep apnea began to make strange sounds then died. My initial thought was, "Oh No!" My machine was very expensive to buy, and having a sleep study is annoying and also expensive. But then I began to have this peace and suspicion that God was up to something. Maybe God was behind the death of the machine. Being overweight is a contributing factor to sleep apnea. So my ordeal came to a head with the sleep study I had September 17th. I was told that I had no episodes all night long, and I should not expect my insurance company to pay for a CPAP machine I didn't need. Hallelujah! It always seemed like a diagnosis of sleep apnea was like getting a life sentence. Having to use the CPAP was like a ball and chain. I wished God would set me free, but it never occurred to me how God would do it. In addition, I shared with Pastor Justin about my suspicions before my test and asked him to pray in agreement with me. So God has incorporated the prayers and support of others in this walk. Now, I believe He has much more coming. We should never limit God by our “boxed in” thinking. Also, the other Sunday Jason challenged everyone to take communion and pray for healing, which I did with Erma when I got home. It was a beautiful confirmation of God's desire to heal me from having to use the CPAP.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

**Discipleship 1: October 18, 5 - 7 pm**  
**Discipleship 2: October 18, 25, 8 am**



**A TRIBUTE TO GENE & ALYCE KOCH**

Pastor Doyle

Gene and Alyce, by their lives, have exemplified what Paul says in Colossians 3:23-25, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” Over the years our church has had 3 different locations in the Celina community. At each of these locations, Gene and Alyce made that 17 mile trip from their home practically every time that the doors were open often making 2-3 trips in a day. They both served members of our church family in about every way possible. Beef butchering “parties” on their farm, sweet corn for the whole church, hospitality in their home, taking families out to eat, helping on church work days, and then coming and fixing things that needed done on the church buildings when it was not an “official” work day. Alyce assisted at many home births in the early years of our church. Gene helped the youth fund their trips by Saturday trash pickups along the roads in Blackcreek Township. (Yes, you can pick up trash as unto the Lord, but you cannot litter as unto the Lord.) These were character building opportunities for our youth. Time and time again they freely gave of their time, finances, and talents to build and maintain this local body of Christ.

In our early years, Gene and Alyce embraced the Apostolic calling that God had on our church. They, as pillars, have made it possible for others to use their gifts and talents in building God’s Church. Gene and Alyce have never forgotten the simple words of Jesus, “That it is more blessed to give, than it is to receive.” Their gifts of giving, hospitality, helps, and service were evident time and time again. When the Koch’s were well into their 70’s, one of the challenges some of us faced was to get to the church building on a Sunday morning before they did, especially in the winter. Gene shoveled snow on the Col. 3:23 principle. Gene and Alyce got to church e-a-r-l-y to make sure everything was in order and ready for that day's services. For decades they served this church family faithfully. May this couples example always remind us, God’s family is an eternal family, and faithful service to the Kingdom of God counts for eternity.

