

## OPEN, EMBRACE, LINK

THANKS FOR JOINING US. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

### **CONNECT WITH US**

There are three ways to engage with us immediately:

- text the keyword CONNECT to 513-268-1118
- visit our Youtube, Instagram, or Facebook pages
- download the SOZO app in the app store(s) for all that and much more

Other ways to connect:

- SOZOloveland.com
- **•** (513) 677-8500
- contact@sozoloveland.com
- 9781 Fields Ertel Rd. Loveland, OH 45140

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We want to pray for you. We want you to know that God hears your prayers and works on your behalf.

- ASK FOR PRAYER DIRECTLY AFTER SERVICE
- EMAIL THE PASTORS STEPHEN.PEELE@SOZOLOVELAND.COM
- USE THE CHURCH APP
- CALL THE CHURCH (513) 677-8500
- TEXT (513) 268-1118 WITH KEYWORD PRAYER

Prayer requests are handled confidentially by our staff. Please remember these issues can be personal and sensitive.

### **STAFF MEMBERS**

SENIOR PASTORS
ASSOCIATE PASTORS
DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR
CHILDREN'S LEADERS
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
HOSPITALITY

Steve + Tara Peele
John + Angie Acree
Mike Ward
Dan + Shielah Wood
Carol Boreing
Nancy Tubbs
Tara Peele
Glenn Lee

Thank you SOZO Servers

At SOZO, we are so excited by the large number of people who serve on a weekly basis. We salute you. We wouldn't be a functioning church without everyone who serves.

Want to serve on a team, or have any specific questions? Look for someone with a SOZO TEAM badge on and ask them how you can get plugged in!

# THANK YOU!





John 6:27 "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal"

Life's struggles require something worth fighting for, a greater goal for someone we love. Our faith in God is the greatest battle, with Christ as the reward and God the Father as the one we love. Challenges come from our ambitions and desires, battles with others, and the influence of the world. These difficulties can either strengthen or weaken us, but ultimately, we have the power to decide! Exploring life's challenges and triumphs in the context of eternity can inspire us to work harder, resist longer, and rejoice louder.

#### WELCOME HOME

are likely one of our friends or family. That can feel strange to some visitors because it will seem like so many of us "know each other". Well, we do. Don't worry, we are friendly and we love welcoming new people. Do not be surprised if we give you a gift!

If you want to know more about who we are please visit our website at www.sozoloveland.com. You will find information about SOZO, pictures of our community, and ways to connect. SOZO's DNA is to be as authentic as we can, as loving as we should, and as in love with God as He deserves. We think that is what keeps SOZO healthy.

#### WHAT IS SOZO?

I am sure you had to notice our strange name and wonder where it came from. The short answer is; prayer. Over the last several years we have been asking God where He wanted to take us as a church having been founded in 1980 as Living Word Fellowship. The answer we got back was a little-known Greek word (sode' zo), which means; to save, keep safe, and rescue from destruction. We believe that is what God wants to do for each of us, in this life.

We know that God uses the community of believers, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to accomplish that work as we **open** our lives to one another, we **embrace** each other as children of the same God, and we **link** together as the body of Christ to do the work of Christ. That is it in a nutshell. Welcome to the family!

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#### **PRAY**

Like most churches, we pray for our community of believers first and foremost, and those around us. That is because we need to be spiritually healthy to help those around us. As you meet and interact with people, we hope you will remember and pray for them as God places them on your heart.

In addition, we have a deep commitment to the growth and development of our children. We try to welcome each child and a significant amount of \$14,135.30 our ministry requires volunteers to work with them while we minister in the main service. We ask that you pray for them before and after service as well.

The final area is that God would continue to bless our vision with provision so we remain focused and capable of completing the work. It all takes work, and that takes resources.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

First, we want to say Welcome Home to you because if you are here you SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join us every Sunday morning at 9AM as we dive deeper into God's word, as a church. Each week will be focused on something new, so be sure to stay up to date! See someone at the Welcome Desk for more information.

> MOTHER'S DAY: Join us for an incredible Mother's Day Sunday service right here at SOZO Loveland, on May 12th! You can expect tons of surprises for all of the incredible mother's and mom like figures that we are blessed to have a part of our church community.

WEEKLY PRAYER: Wednesday mornings from 11AM-12PM, and Evenings on May 7th + 21st at 6PM!

MEDIA TEAM: Serving is such a huge part of our DNA here at SOZO Loveland and we truly believe that God does so much in our lives when we serve others, before ourselves. If you have a passion for all things Media, or a desire to learn new things please fill out a serve card on any given Sunday or head to the serve tab on our app to sign up to serve! A team member will follow up with you1

Our Media Team is specifically looking for:

- Pro-Presenter Operator
- Camera Switcher
- Video Camera Operator
- Stage Light Operator

SOZO KIDS & SOZO YTH Volunteers Needed! We have been busy updating our kids & youth ministries. The goal is to freshen up our facility, curriculum and the experience our children have at SOZO. It is as important that we minister to them in ways that encourage their hunger for the lord early on in their lives. Our teams have been going Above & Beyond to make that exciting for the kids and their parents! See someone with a SOZO Team Badge and/or fill out a "Serve" card if you feel God calling you to serve in this area. You can also sign up online at: SOZOLOVELAND.COM/WAYS-TO-CONNECT

#### **APRIL TITHE & OFFERING**

Thank you to all of those who continue to give "Above & Beyond", showing that you have "Heart for the House". We're so excited for all of the amazing things we're believing God has in store for SOZO Loveland, and we can't thank you enough for your faithful giving! Let's continue "Going" The Distance" in all that God is calling us to in 2024!