

## **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH HISTORY**

### **PASTOR STANLEY R. HANBY**

**Founder of First Apostolic Church in Lancaster, Ohio**

- 1932 – First tent meeting. Lancaster fairgrounds.
- 1933 – Established “Lancaster Apostolic Tabernacle” in rented garage.
- 1938 – Growth prompted Pastor Hanby to purchase and break ground, construct and dedicate the “little red brick church” at 810 North Front Street, “First Apostolic Church”. They held seven tent revivals, had street meetings, and a jail ministry.
- 1945 – Pastor Hanby felt the call to open a work in Logan, Ohio.

### **PASTOR RALPH G. COOK**

- 1945 – Continuous revival for 4 years with 3-6 week meetings held by the Urshan’s, the Paslay’s and the Kinzie Party.
- 1968 – Purchased and broke ground constructed, and dedicated new church at 350 Park Street.
- 1968 – Built Educational Win Street meetings and radio broadcast great wisdom, sage advice, and astounding knowledge of The Word, coupled with the fiery testimony of Sister Cook, fueled more growth and steadfastness in the Lancaster church.
- 1973 – Pastor Ralph and Sis. Nellie Cook retired.

### **PASTOR JOHN S. LEAMAN**

- 1973 – A prior youth pastor and assistant to Rev. Ralph G. Cook, Rev. Leaman helped to continue the church growth program by round-the-clock prayer, all night prayer meetings, intensive Bible reading, and consecrated fasting established annual tent meetings held at Lancaster Fairgrounds initiated bus ministry and the Sunday school attendance for children and adults increased.
- 1975 – 108 received Holy Ghost, 125 baptized.
- 1976 – Pastor Leaman felt the call to Foreign Missions department of UPC.

### **PASTOR JAMES E. ROAM**

- 1976 – Discerned the need for larger facility.
- 1977 – 1,000 in attendance – broke record, purchased property on Rt. 33, Lancaster and broke ground October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 1978 – The building of New Life Christian Center was accomplished 80% o the men and women attending this assembly.
- 1979 – Dedication of new church building accompanied with a new established evangelism commission name, “New Life Christian Center”. May 1<sup>st</sup> established evangelism commission New Life Christian Academy.
- 1981/1982 – Drama “Jesus of Nazareth” touched hundreds from surrounding areas bringing new souls to Lancaster church.
- 1984 – Pastor Roam left to assist father, Pastor Guy Roam in St. Louis.

### **PASTOR MICHAEL B. FITZGERALD**

- 1984 – Pastor Fitzgerald had a vision to continue the work begun and established in years before him.
- 1986 – Built visiting minister’s apartment.
- 1989 – Expanded sanctuary and renovated facilities.
- 1991 – Initiated annual Living Christmas Tree Cantata, continued church growth.

### **PASTOR GARY A. KELLER**

- 1994 – Focus on God’s word, family prayer and fasting.
- 1995 – Provided leadership in stewardship campaign to build 28,000 square foot S.R. Hanby Family Life Center. Established Bread of Life radio broadcast.
- 1996 – Broke ground for the S.R. Hanby Family Life Center.
- 1997 – November 14 – 16, Homecoming and Dedication of the S.R. Hanby Family Life Center .
- 1998 – Elected to serve on the Fox Family Y General Board (served 3 times).

- 1999 – Established First Impressions Early Learning Center. Initiated first of annual Freedom Day Celebrations (July 4).
- 2000 – Continual development, training and equipping for all New Life Ministries.
- 2001 – Developed and produced curriculum for new converts called: Finding New Life (Levels One, Two, and Three). Partnered with Auburn Hills Apostolic Church in establishing a Missions work in Madrid, Spain.
- 2002 – Celebrated New Life's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, renovated foyer area.
- 2003 – Became director of the Lancaster Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Fox Family Y.
- 2004 – Worked with the Fairfield County Court system and judges to open the Alcohol Chemical Treatment Series (A.C.T.S.). Purchased a multi-media system for our worship services.
- 2005 – Worked with the Fairfield County system and judges to open the Anger Management Ministry.
- 2006 – New Life Prison Ministry opened, "SAMSON" youth drama.
- 2007 – Anticipating a wonderful Diamond 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for New Life Christian Center.
- 2008 – Established a weekly A.C.T.S. (Alcohol Chemical Treatment Series) program at the Southeastern Correctional Institution.
- 2010 – A year of revival with over 130 baptized at New Life Christian Center and the Southeastern Correctional Institution.
- 2011 – Sent the Christ Gibbs family as missionaries to Malawi, Africa through the foreign missions program Associates in Missions.