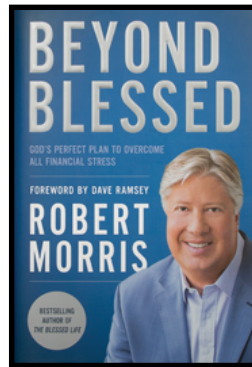


## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Pastor Jason

Occasionally one of the elders will come across a good book that has impacted them and it is good to share with others. In 2018, I read Robert Morris' book, *The Blessed Life* and it had a profound impact on me. It opened my eyes to stewarding all that God has given to me and my family with the sole intent on blessing God and His Kingdom. I just began reading the follow up book by Robert Morris titled, *Beyond Blessed* and so far I can tell you it is another fantastic and challenging read. This book teaches what the Bible says about the importance of wise stewardship and how it is God's perfect plan to overcome all financial stress. I highly recommend you buy yourself a copy today or watch the sermon series on [www.gatewaypeople.com](http://www.gatewaypeople.com)



## newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

A big "Thank You" goes to all church members as you graciously donated baked goods and money to our youth bake sale. We sincerely appreciate your support in helping the youth get to camps this year. With your giving, we raised over \$900! That is amazing and certainly helps these kids out! God Bless you all for sowing into the next generation!



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February 28,  
6:00 pm

You won't want to miss this time of fellowship with others over board games, card games, and snacks. Plan to bring your favorite

games and a snack to share. This will be held at the Worship Center. For more information contact Tom Sanford.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Paul Martinez. Paul has been coming to New Life for close to two years. He is currently a member of the service team so you may have seen him take up the offering or distribute communion. He truly has a servant's heart. Paul served in the Marine Corps Security Forces and in one of the most prestigious assignments at 8&I Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington D.C. as a member of the Silent Drill Platoon. He was in the 20 years. He became a master systems and was a close quarters instructor. It was in the Corps that Paul developed a love for hiking, climbing, skydiving, and logged over 75 jumps while he was in the military! He is currently employed at



McCollough Transportation and is a broker who sets up deals for large vehicle transportation across the country. Paul is also a 4th year student at Winebrenner Theological Seminary at the University of Findlay completing his degree in Pastoral Training. He wishes to mentor men in small groups with a focus on integrity. His long term goal with this would be to even attain a double Master's in Divinity and Theology! If you don't know Paul, who's also a fitness nut, it's time to strike up a conversation. You won't regret it!

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 4: Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8 - 9:15 am



## THE PERFECT STORM

Pastor Bruce

I would like to share some excerpts from Michael Synder's article, entitled, "The Perfect Storm." Synder writes that global weather patterns have gone completely nuts, large earthquakes are popping off like firecrackers, it looks like the plague of locusts in Africa could soon develop into the worst in modern history, and a massive plague of bats is severely terrorizing parts of Australia. On top of all that, African swine fever is wiping out millions upon millions of pigs

creating a perfect storm that threatens to engulf humanity. In Africa right now, approximately 360 billion locusts are eating everything that they can find, and U.N. officials continue to claim that the number of locusts could actually get "500 times" larger by the time June arrives. Meanwhile, the crust of our planet is literally shaking like a

*Locusts  
Bats  
Earthquakes  
Diseases*

around the globe, the H1N1 swine flu is killing people in Taiwan, there have been H5N1 bird flu outbreaks in China and in India, and the H5N8 bird flu has made an appearance at a poultry facility in Saudi Arabia, not to mention the Coronavirus. Even the mainstream media is admitting that humanity is facing a tremendous crisis and will be dealing with one disaster after another. Extreme weather, species loss, water scarcity, and a food production crisis are all serious in themselves, but the combination of all five together is amplifying the risks of each,

leaf. Earthquakes have consistently rocked the Ring of Fire this week, with an average of 50 in the region every day, most in a middling magnitude of two or more. Some have grazed higher levels, however, with the largest pushing magnitude 6. Five earthquakes were reported in Tennessee this last week. Here at New Life, we have been talking about this being the time of the "beginnings of sorrows". Again not to cause fear, but to show the urgency of the hour in which we live. The church must wake up to these realities and have our spiritual house in order that we can be overcomers in the midst of all that is happening. "*Even so Lord Jesus, come.*"

### New Life Carry-In

### ATM Camp March 20-22

All grades 7-12 are invited for the 2nd Annual ATM Spring Retreat! You won't want to miss growing closer to the Lord as an ATM family!



Don't forget to join your New Life Family in a carry-in after church. If you did not get a chance to sign up you can still join in the fun. Just bring a Main Dish or Side Dish to share!

### SAVE THE DATES:

COMMUNITY  
NIGHT OF  
WORSHIP  
March 27

April 5, JC and  
Maria Alzamora



Fathers and Daughters join us at New Life for an evening with your princess. It's only \$10 per family at the door! Hope to see you there!