ALMS

Pastor Justin

The less fortunate have always been on the heart of God. God from the beginning commanded the children of Israel to take care of the poor within their community. One of the ways God had them care for the poor was for a farmer to leave the corners of the field unharvested! Those who for whatever reason found themselves in a difficult time in life could rely on the relief God provided for them to go glean among the corners of the field to feed themselves. Today, God still expects us to take care of the poor just like He expected them to do in their day. How we do it looks different, but the expectation is still the same. Here is what God is expecting, for each of us to "leave a corner of our fields unharvested." What does that look like? As we budget our finances for the month, leave aside some extra money to give to someone in time of need. The amount, that's up to you. God sets no amount on the alms except that it be done from the heart and that you be obedient to give when He leads you to do so. Another practical application is if you're not sure what and who to give alms to each month, we at the church can and do handle this monthly. Often, we receive phone calls from people within the church as well as outside the church asking for help. We have made it a practice within the church to take up an extra offering on every 5th Sunday of the month. If you're wanting to give aside from the 5th Sunday, you're more than welcome to do that. Just mark the envelope for alms. A good verse to remember is Proverbs 17:5 - "He who mocks the poor taunts His maker."



Packing List for ATM Spring Camp This Weekend:

- \$5 for supper/No electronics
- Bible/Journal/Flashlight/Pen
- Warm clothes/Warm shoes
- Clothes & shoes to get muddy
- Coat/Gloves/Hats
- Pajamas/Pillow/Ear plugs
- Bedding-Sheets/Sleeping bag
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Favorite snacks/drinks to share
- Towels/Wash cloths/Toiletries
- Shower shoes/Tennis shoes/Garbage bag
- Medications(turn in to leaders)







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Lord Jesus Christ. We will begin eating promptly at 8:30 am. All are welcomed a n d

encouraged to attend. We ask that everyone please bring a large breakfast food item to share. Drinks and Tableware will be provided.



April 12

8:30am Easter Sunday

AUGUST 15, 7:30 PM New Life has purchased a block of tickets for the Mercer County Fair Christian Concert this year. We have 10 track tickets at \$40 each and 60 grandstand tickets at \$30 each. You can call the church office to reserve your tickets now!



April 5 JC and Maria Alzamora will be ministering in our church and they always bring a good word from God! Be Blessed!

WAR ROOM PRAYER

God declares in His Word, "...for My house will be called a House of Prayer for all nations." With this in mind, we are determined that New Life would be one such "house" of God on this earth that would certainly be the fulfillment of His desire. In order for this to be the case we must all first see that we are far from what God wants for this to be a reality. This is not meant as a criticism, but rather as an honest assessment of where we are today. We long to fulfill this prophetic word, but we need the entire body to embrace it and pursue it together!



Wednesdays to press into the presence and to pray corporately together. If you don't already come to this time of prayer we ask that you consider it as a vital part of your worship and start joining us regularly.

CHANGE: one of the changes we are asking you to help us with is to put your belongings down on your seats and then come to the front of the sanctuary and gather towards the front so we can create a more dynamic atmosphere that is conducive to sharing revelation and scripture in a more intimate and powerful way. Many are hesitant to share when a microphone is needed so we are going to try a more clustered group approach to this as we used to have in the back classrooms in the past. So please come and activate the House of Prayer calling God desires to see from us!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: April 5, 5 - 7 pm

Discipleship 4: March 22, 29, 8 - 9:15 am



IUDGEMENT BEGINS WITH THE HOUSE OF GOD Pastor Bruce

God

In Numbers 25, the plan of the enemy to destroy the people of God began to unfold with the Israelites fornicating with the Midianites. In that time, God raised up Phinehas to be the champion of the hour. His Spirit that invoked the For 40 years the Lord had zeal of Phinehas that day to painstakingly

purged the love **Behold the** of Egypt out of goodness and His people in the wilderness. He the severity of had vigilantly protected them t h e from

corruption of the pagan nations of the area. He negate His abhorrence of it. had even weaned them of the carnal "flesh pots" of Egypt. However, the Israelites still indulged in the lewd and filthy perversions associated with Baal worship. We too have an enemy bent on our destruction. In a similar strategy, Satan is once again using sex to destroy the lives of God's people. Over the past thirty years, sexual sin has gained an ever increasing momentum within the Church. The modern

version of the Moabite temptress is pornography, which latches itself upon people's minds, filling them with evil. We don't like to think of Jesus in the same way as Phinehas, but it was

come against this evil. We might as well admit the fact that just because God is no longer striking people dead for their sin. that does not

God still hates sin and there will be a day of reckoning for all those who flout His grace and goodness. And it was this very thing which David prophesied about the coming Messiah when he wrote, "For zeal for Your house has consumed me..." (Psalm 69:9) Yes, it is true that Jesus befriended sinners, but only in the hopes of leading them into the kind of repentance that would set them free from the shackles of sin.