

## WHAT ARE CHURCHES TO DO?

Pastor Bruce

Our mandate as Christians is to obey governing authorities (Rom. 13:1–7; 1 Pet. 2:13–17). Canceling in-person worship services is not the same as canceling worship. Christians should never stop worshipping, because God is worthy of all our praise. Those in the persecuted church have long worshiped God without buildings, because they know that church is not primarily a place but a people. And technology now gives us unprecedented options. Does closing church doors lead to direct disobedience of God's command? Such is not the case for churches that are suspending gathered worship services in a pandemic. This decision comes out of sacrificial love, not from habitual or casual disregard for worship. The church must rise up to its essential work of prayer. Nobody is exempted from this work: *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests".*

## newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

### So What Now?

With the ongoing health threat worldwide and government restrictions, the youth team, with great sadness, thought it would be best to postpone our winter camp event. Many of us may feel very out of sorts with virtually every aspect of our daily schedules altered. So what now? I think this time we are living in be the best of times or of times. Perhaps the worst of times. one of the biggest dangers is depression that come feelings of isolation that come with missing the typical, at least twice weekly gatherings we all enjoy. But you aren't in this alone! As a youth team, we are here for you - never hesitate to shoot us a text or call and talk. Whether you come to us or we come to you, know that you aren't forgotten and you don't have to be alone!



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April 19, 26, & May 3

Come learn more about us at these classes directly following our Sunday services.

Women's Ministry Evening with MARIA ALZAMORA FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD AT 7PM NLCC WORSHIP CENTER SIGN UP IN THE FOYER - PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL NEED CHILDCARE AGES 12 & UP



Join us for this conference in Toledo. Develop an offensive strategy to fight our enemy with clarity and precision!

ATTENTION: ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR CALL THE OFFICE FOR UPDATES/QUESTIONS.

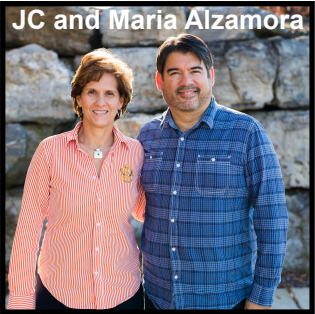


encouraged to attend. We ask that everyone please bring a large breakfast food item to share. Drinks and Tableware will be provided.



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

Check our Facebook page for updates on this event or call the office to find out latest details.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Chris and Georgiana Schroer. They are a great couple who have been coming to New Life for approximately 1 1/2 years. Ever since they first came, they have loved the worship and rock solid teaching. Since then, they have both been involved with prophetic ministry, and Georgiana is involved heavily with the women's ministry at church. They really feel blessed to church. Chris and two adult children. Sarah lives in North Austin, Texas and is a principal at the Killeen. Her husband is a pastor at Lead Church where they live. Their son Elvin and his family live on the farm in St. Mary's. His wife Lisa homeschools their two children and they are the 7th generation to farm on the land in the Schroer family! Their history goes way back in farming on both sides! Chris grew up on the family farm and Georgiana grew up in a farming family in Wapakoneta. Between both of their children, they have 4 wonderful grandchildren. Something you may not know is that Georgiana is an avid bicyclist. She is so much so that she participates in bike and barge traveling. Through this adventure, she has bicycled throughout Italy, Germany, and other European countries. Locally, she has participated in the GOBA, Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure, and has made about 15 trips with them. She has not bicycled for approximately 5 years. Chris can be a workaholic at the farm and participates on numerous boards. He is the chairman on the Sunrise Co Op and also has a seat on the hospital board. Georgiana taught Kindergarten for 32 years in St. Mary's. She has since retired and misses the kids. This couple is one that you don't want to miss out on knowing. They are fun to be around and bring a lot of knowledge and wisdom in their conversations.



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: April 5, 5 - 7 pm



EXCERPTS FROM JOYCE MEYERS Pastor Bruce

We don't have to be miserable, frustrated, and unhappy in difficult places. We've learned there are very few days that go exactly the way we'd like them to go. There always seem to be different things happening that can affect our lives. God is never going to put us into a situation or permit us to be in one, without giving us the ability to be in it with joy. I believe God makes His grace available to us each and every day. When we find ourselves in a situation like the current Covid-19 dilemma, then He is going to give us a special grace, for a special season, to experience His peace and joy despite the circumstances. As Christians, I believe the attitude we live with and the level of joy, peace, and stability seen in our life is what will speak to the people around us much more than if we try to

preach to them. It's about how we live our life in front of them, especially when things are not going perfectly for us all the time. Grace is power! It's God's power that we receive by the grace of God through faith. Everything comes to us through faith. When we release our faith and trust God to do what we can't do, we're putting our faith in Him. Then the grace —which is God's power— comes through the channel of

GRACE IS POWER

faith and enables us to do what will amaze ourselves and other people also. The same way we receive Christ is the same way we are supposed to live each day of our life in total, complete dependence on Him. "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and Oare safe" - Proverbs 18:10