

## REOPEN SERVICES

Pastor Jason

There has been so much uncertainty with this pandemic that has caused us to be in limbo concerning meeting together in person at church and reopening services. As Christians we need to honor authority and we have done that. As leaders we feel a need to protect the flock and we have done that. As Believers we have trusted God to lead us and help our faith grow in this time, and He has done that as well. Some are now saying we are through this. Yet others say it could be years. It is obvious that this COVID is a serious sickness, but it is also quite obvious that politics and media have seized upon this moment to drive FEAR deep into the hearts of the masses! We have prayed and feel that God is instructing us to carefully and wisely begin to reopen our meetings in person. The elders believe that we are to commence with this plan starting with a "soft reopen" on Sunday, May 3. On Wednesday April 29, and every meeting to follow we will share more details on what to expect for proceeding meetings. By "soft reopen" we simply want to state that people should ONLY gather if they have absolutely NO symptoms, their immune systems are in no way compromised, that we carefully honor the personal space of others, and that we limit all physical contact to prefer one another. Check for updates posted on Facebook, and if you missed the Wednesday, April 29, service be sure to watch it online for details.

## newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello, Thrive Youth! We pray that you are drawing near to the Lord as you seize the great opportunities of this time we are living in. Also, we have an opportunity for you! Join us and fellow youth for online youth group. TWO Zoom meetings - one for guys and one for gals Wednesday from 5:45pm to 6:15pm. Have your computer or phone ready and join the meeting sent to you by a youth leader. Remember, God has created you for this very day, this very time, and with this purpose! Now is an excellent time to grow in the Lord as mature sons and daughters. Take heart, for you are loved and cherished by the King of kings.



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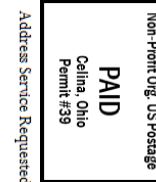
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**Friday, May 15, 7:00 PM**  
**Sunday, May 17, 10:00 AM**

Come join us for these special meetings with Dennis and Diane Cramer located at New Life. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear what God has for our church family. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

**Prayer**

**7 AM - 8 AM**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**

If you can't make it to the sanctuary during these times, please remember to pray from home!

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

**Celebration Carry-in Lunch**

We are going to do a carry-in lunch together on one of the first couple Sundays after we get back. We originally planned on a breakfast like Easter, but would like to have more time to fellowship afterwards and lunchtime provides us with that. Look for more information on Facebook and other publications.



**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!



**Postponed & TBD**

Our new member classes will be postponed until we can reconvene in church again and we will let you know the new dates as soon as we can! During this time, we encourage you to continue watching the podcasts on the website and joining us in prayer for our nation.

**DENNIS CRAMER**  
 Pastor Bruce

**Y**es, it's that time again. We always look forward to having Denny and Diane Cramer with us and receiving from Denny's incredible prophetic gifting. Many of you have been asking if Denny will be coming in May because of all the upheaval and the answer is, yes. Pastor Gary was talking to him this week and as of right now, unless some other unforeseen circumstances occur, the plan is for them to be here. Pennsylvania, where the Cramers live, has actually been in a tighter lockdown than Ohio. Now more than ever, we need to hear from the Lord so that we are able to quell all the lies, fears, and hysteria with the truth of God's Word. In Denny's book: THE NEXT 100 YEARS, we are seeing some of the events on the headlines today which he wrote nearly 25 years ago. For example, recent happenings in North Korea with the disappearance of Kim Jung Un has brought about speculation dealing with the possible reunification of the North and South which Denny prophesied and writes in his book. So again, more than ever, we want to keep our spiritual ears tuned to hear what the Spirit is saying in this hour for the critical time in which we live. *We were born for such a time as this!!!*



**DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

**Discipleship 1: May 3, 5 - 7 pm**



**HEAR AND DO WHAT I SAY**  
 Pastor Justin

What does it take to be in the family of God? In Luke 8:21, Jesus tells us who His real family is! Those who hear and do the Word of God. Jesus has an expectation of each of us that not only do we hear, but we also act on what we hear the Father speak to us. In Luke 6:46, just prior to this conversation of who His real family is, "Jesus responds to them, "Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?" What is the point Jesus is trying to get across? It's not good enough to just hear a good message or talk a good game. We have to put action to what we believe. We call that faith! Imagine if you will for a moment, that you are in a parent and child relationship. As the parent, you tell the child to clean their room prior to going outside to play with friends. The child hears what you say to them, but promptly heads outside to play instead. As the parent, how would you feel? You would be upset, you would call your child in and ask them why they didn't do what

you asked? After all their excuses, you would then discipline them and make sure they do what they were told to do. After about 30 minutes you go check on them and they have decided to play video games in their room instead of cleaning up. How would you feel? Probably pretty angry!

Now, apply this to our relationship with our Heavenly Father. How many times does He ask us to do something and we willingly do something other than what He asked us to do?

*He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. Isaiah 50:4*

Jesus explains to us in the parable of the sower, that people keep on hearing, but don't understand. They keep on seeing, but don't perceive. That's not the group of people we want to be. We want to have the testimony of Jesus who said, "I do only what the Father tells me to do." John 5:30. In Isaiah 50:4, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear." As a born one of God, we should be able to hear His voice clearly! -John 10:27