

THE POWER TO RESPOND

Pastor Bruce

The last of the human freedoms: to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances.

— Victor Frankl, Austrian neurologist and Holocaust survivor, author of Man's Search for Meaning.

“Whatever is going on, we have the power to decide how we respond.” What a great quote from someone who lived through one of the most horrendous experiences in recent history. As we continue to live through troubling times, we do have to decide how we are going to respond. Remember that “death and life are in the power of the tongue.” Let's purpose to speak life each day in spite of circumstances or watching politicians make decisions contrary to our thinking. God is ultimately at the helm and how we respond to Him becomes critical for our own well being. Declare the promises of God and draw near to Him and rest in His presence. Keep an attitude of gratitude, for that is the language of faith and remember, the best is yet to come!

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello, Thrive youth members! We are excited to welcome everyone back to church! It has been an interesting past few weeks and we hope you've all been doing well. We are ready to see you all again as we will be getting back to our regularly scheduled youth meetings soon, but till then, we will be continuing to meet via two Zoom meetings - one for guys and the other for girls - every Wednesday from 5:45pm to 6:15pm. With this being such an interesting past few weeks, you've probably had some extra time on your hands. We encourage you to view this extra time not as an opportunity to watch more Netflix or play more video games, but as extra time we could all be spending with our Heavenly Father. In the same way you would want to grow in a relationship with a friend, you have to spend time with them. This principle is the same as we apply it with our relationship with the Lord. If we want to know Him better, we have to spend time with Him. The Lord has blessed us with such a time as this that allows us to create new routines and habits that center around our relationship with the Creator of the universe. Just as the Elders have been preaching, we do not want to go back to normal! Let us press in and seek the Lord with more diligence than we've seen in the Church for decades. The Lord is looking for laborers, are we ready?

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RESCHEDULED!!

Due to the current situation going on in our nation, this event is being rescheduled for a later date. Check future publications and Facebook for updates.

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
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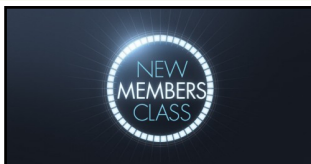
Celebration Carry-in Lunch

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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Chris & Sarah Thompson. They along with their son, Eli, have been attending New Life for about 3 years now. Eli is 3 and a half years old and in September they are expecting a baby girl! If you see them, make sure to congratulate them and they appreciate the gift of Reese cups. They have a funny story about this delicious chocolate if you would like to ask them as well. Through their 16 years of marriage, they have enjoyed hiking and camping together along with basically just being outdoors. Sarah is a 4th grade teacher at Cridersville Elementary school. She has been a teacher since 2006 and at this school for 6 years. Omnisource in St. been for the past 2 buy scrap metal for the Cridersville in a and his dad, Dave, They worked for over 3 beautiful home it is of a wild side to them. 30, they went love to do it again still! Prior to having a child, they thoroughly enjoyed riding motorcycles. They would ride all over the country. Some of their favorite memories on the bike were heading to the East Coast as well as riding around in the Smoky Mountains. Eli must have inherited a little of that because he loves all toys with wheels and engines. Both Chris and Sarah grew up attending church regularly. They met while attending Taylor University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. After living in Minnesota for a bit, they moved back to the area. Chris & Sarah visited our church at the behest of his parents, Dave and Liz Thompson. They really enjoy the teaching at New Life and feel they are learning a lot of new things they have never heard before. They are a fun couple to get to know!



Chris works at Mary's where he has years. He is the one to steel mill. They live in farmhouse that Chris completely remodeled. years, turning it into the now. They do have a bit When they both turned skydiving. Sarah would Chris, not so much.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: May 17, 5 - 7 pm



KINGS AND PRIESTS

Pastor Jason

Revelation 1:6 and 5:10 declares that we have been made to be "kings and priests unto our God." With that in mind we must understand the intent that God has for each of us to move beyond the provisions of the "Outer Court" and into the rights and privileges of the "Inner Court" worship. The Outer Court made provision for sin and cleansing through the judgment of the blood sacrifice and the washing of the water of the Word. Jesus stated that He is "The Way, The Truth, and The Life" or in



other words, He is The Gate (to the Outer Court), the Door (to the Inner Court/ Holy Place), and the Veil (to the Most Holy Place). He is the access point to all things! As the priests moved to the Inner Court, where God is a spirit and He says we must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, they would enter the Door to perform their true worship unto God. In entering the Tabernacle of Moses, they would walk through this Door which had 5 pillars. ALL of the priests were to minister to the Lord here. The number 5 represents the number of Grace,

Atonement, Life, and Ministry. The 5-Fold Ministry of Ephesians 4 is part of the work of our priesthood. Interestingly though, when Solomon built the first Temple, his design had only 2 pillars on either side of the door. These pillars even had names. The one on the right was "Jachin" which means "He will ESTABLISH." The one on the left side was "Boaz" which means

"STRENGTH is within Him." Is it possible that these 2 pillars are a picture of the foundational ministries of Apostle and

Prophet on

which the church is built? An Apostle must ESTABLISH a firm foundation on which to build. A Prophet also builds upon this foundation and "frames" the purpose that God has for His children. These two foundation laying ministries are mostly rejected today yet fill a vital role in 5-Fold ministry that should never be forsaken. God is calling us back into order so we can be true worshippers of the Most High!

~See 1 Kings 7, Ephesians 2:18-3:6