

BACK ON TRACK

Pastor Jason

The whole corona virus ordeal has certainly tested our faith, our endurance, and our resolve. Everyone has been put out by this pandemic. Many churches have suffered for close to three months now without even having so much as a small group meeting or a service. We have been very fortunate since we already had live stream capabilities and Facebook live activated. Many churches had nothing in the line of virtual church. It is wonderful that we are now meeting in person once again. We still want people to take precautions and necessary steps to honor one another and pray for one another in love. On Wednesday, May 27, we will be back on track with the classes we were hosting before the pandemic began. "I Said This... You Heard That," will once again be meeting in the back classroom and simultaneously be broadcast on Facebook Live. In the sanctuary, we will continue our expository teaching on the book of 1 Timothy. This will be recorded on our New Life livestream. If you are a part of one you can partake of the other later on by watching the recording. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night consistently once again. Praise the Lord!

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Our annual youth Michigan trip is right around the corner! This time of fellowship among our youth group is always a great time for all who attend. We understand that this year has a new set of challenges associated with us gathering together. We will continue to monitor all the state regulations as they keep changing each week. If you as a parent have any concerns, please talk with one of our youth leaders. Regarding a packing list, we will give those to the youth at church.

Dates: June 14-16

Cost: \$40 - We understand that finances are tight right now with all the craziness of our world at the moment. If you're in need of us helping cover costs of the retreat, please let us know. We don't want the financial component to stop any kids from coming!

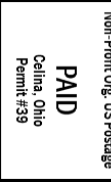
We are meeting at the Family Center at 3 pm on Sunday, June 14.

We are asking for a couple parents to volunteer to drive up to pick kids up from the cabin on Tuesday night around 7 pm. Our reason for this is so that the youth leaders can stay another night and enjoy some time resting the next day! We hope your youth are able to join us for this fun-filled youth event!

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Amid the economic troubles, the U.S. Census is still hiring and is in need of 80 more applicants from Mercer County. They are currently paying \$16 per hour and 58 cents per mile in Mercer County. This could be a great way to have some extra

income during this time. Apply now at: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>

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!



Children's Church Fundraiser

The children's church is again selling laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent to raise money for the VBS and other related activities. All items are \$45 and last approximately 6 months! See your CC teachers to place an order.



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!



NEW LIFE CHURCH WORK DAY

Tom Sanford

Every year you all are so faithful to help out with the much needed repairs at the church. We are grateful for you and are requesting your assistance again on June 5th and 6th. Starting at 6 pm on Friday, there are a variety of jobs that need done and literally all hands can help out. You do not need any specific skill sets or experience. We will resume Saturday, at 8 am and conclude around lunch time. If you can make it only one of these days, it is still greatly appreciated. Both days would be perfect, but we all can have busy schedules. Let me encourage you about what these work days at church can do. First of all, you are serving the Bride of Christ. There is nothing the Lord loves more than His Bride. Second, this is a chance to fellowship with others in a different context than usual. Solving problems together and sharing experiences builds bonds between people outside of the normality of life. I can't tell you how glad I am that I get to share work experiences with you because that is where you can really get to know a person. Lastly, many hands make the work light. Your willing heart helps the entire body be finished with the repairs faster and we all get to spend more time with our families and doing the things we love. There are indoor projects as well as outdoor. We will meet at the church building as usual both days, but there are some projects at the Family Center as well you may work on. We hope that you block these days on your calendar so that you can make it to serve the Bride of Christ, fellowship with others, and make the work light. BE BLESSED!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: June 7, 5 - 7 pm
Discipleship 2: June 7, 14 8 am



IDENTITY

Pastor Justin

For the last month or so, the Lord has been speaking to us as a church family about overcoming. I would like to share another aspect to overcoming through the lens of "who I am in Christ". Looking at the life of Jesus, we find that Jesus knew who He was at an early age. **Luke 2:49** Jesus tells us that He was about His Father's business. Jesus knew exactly who He was based on the relationship He had with His heavenly Father. In several places throughout Scripture, we see Jesus stating that He knew His purpose.

1 John 3:8 tells us for this purpose Jesus was made manifest, to destroy the works of the devil. In **John 18:37**, Jesus goes on to give great clarity on why He was born. That He might re-introduce the Kingdom of God into this world. To testify that He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. My point is this, Jesus was able to live His life effectively based on that fact that He knew who He was. There was no confusion on what He was to be doing or where He should be going. How was Jesus able to fight off temptation? Because He knew what He was called to do. He was offered a

counterfeit authority by the devil, yet He was able to resist. I believe a big reason why Christians are not overcoming is because they don't realize who they are in Christ. In **Galatians 2:20**, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me." We have a

new identity! Our old self has been crucified. My new self, is Christ! This means that where I go, Christ goes, when I speak, Christ is speaking. Notice that He "gave" Himself for

us. We don't have to earn or achieve a new identity. He grants it to us! That's good news! Our world is filled with, "achieve this," "work for that," "do this and get that." Jesus, on the other hand says, if you believe in Me, I will grant you a new name, a new identity. Now, just like Jesus, when any type of trial comes our way, we can overcome because of who now lives in us! **Romans 8:11** tells us the same spirit dwells in us that dwelt in Jesus. That means we overwhelmingly conquer based on His life flowing through us!

My new identity doesn't have to be achieved, it is granted!