

AGITATED BY WICKEDNESS

Pastor Jason

I have struggled this past week to curb my own anger and disappointment over the senseless destruction of our nation during these violent protests. The sight of mobs beating people and men beating on women in public has caused me to long for vengeance against such acts. But God has reminded me that these people are victims of a “mob spirit” that is demonic and also that the answer is Christ. We need to put down our weapons and use the greatest weapon in our arsenal...LOVE! Love is stronger than Hate! God is Love! Don't get carried away with thoughts of “justice and vengeance.” God keeps the record. But remember that all confessed sin will be forgiven and Jesus Himself is willing to take the blame for the very heinous acts we are seeing daily if the guilty will but repent. That is our message.

Psalms 37 makes the following declarations:

Do not be agitated by evildoers...they shall soon be cut down like the grass... trust in the Lord and do good, feed on His faithfulness... Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart... wait expectantly for Him; do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way... by the one who carries out evil plans... evildoers will be destroyed, but those who put their hope in the Lord will inherit the land... salvation is from the Lord, their refuge, in a time of trouble.

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Thrive youth group!! Not only a youth group, but a family! We want to shout out to the amazing group of kids God has blessed New Life with. We might be small, but we are mighty! These kids are always welcoming when new students show up. One of the exciting things Thrive youth is looking forward to, is Kingdom Camp. Many of the kids were deeply moved last year and can not wait for camp this year!



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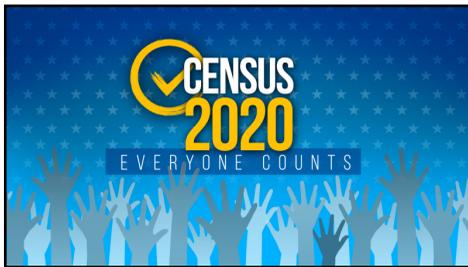
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Amid the economic troubles, the U.S. Census is still hiring and is in need of 80 more applicants from Mercer County. They are currently paying \$16 per hour and 58 cents per mile in Mercer County. This could be a great way to have some

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Alex and Kalista Knous. This great young couple have been coming to New Life for over a year and more regularly for the last 8 months. They are both 24 with their November birthdays only being 2 weeks apart. Married for 2.5 years, they met at a Christian ministry in Lima and were good friends for a while there before dating. Kalista, pronounced Kuh-LEE-sta, is from Greenville, and grew up in the EUM Church. Her family loves board games and you will probably see her at the game nights that New Life sponsors in the winter. Alex grew up in his brothers were or other adventures. Kalista is so strong that bikes to pay for the up in the Nazarene attended for a long Kalista holds a bachelors Studies. She has a desire in Christian Counseling.



St. Mary's where he and constantly on dirt bikes His commitment to he even sold his dirt wedding ring! Alex grew church where his family time. As for schooling, degree in Biblical to attain her next degree Alex attended Wright State University Lake Campus for Mechanical Engineering. Currently, he is working at the family business, Knous Tool & Machine, Inc. and has been, for over 2 years. They both are continuously pursuing the Lord and have a strong desire to learn. They were both very instrumental in Revive and continue to reach out in evangelism. They helped run a young adult ministry in the past and still are passionate about discipling 18-25 year olds. For fun, they enjoy playing cards and spending time with their dog, Rocky, who is 2 years old. If you want a good laugh, ask Alex about his E.R. visit at the first family vacation he went on with Kalista's family. They joined New Life after specifically asking God for a church where the people had a hunger and thirst for Him, and the Power of God! I encourage you to meet this great young couple because they are so much fun to be with and have sincere hearts for The Lord!

MY NEW IDENTITY

Pastor Justin

Last week I shared with you the revelation that our identity is something that is granted to us versus something we have to achieve. Continuing on with that revelation, **Isaiah 56:5 states, "Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."** Notice how we receive this new name! It is something that is granted! He gives us this new name, that even goes beyond the idea of a family relation, it is eternal! How do we receive this new name? This new name is granted to us at our

God. Not born of blood or the flesh of man, but by the will of God (**John 1:12-13**). This means that those who give their life up to Jesus Christ, He then in return places His life in them! Jesus shares with us that if we are willing to lose our life for His sake, we can gain His life for the here and now (**Matthew 10:39**)! What a paradox! When we stop looking into ourselves for our identity and we start looking to Him, He changes us from the inside out. We no longer have to strive to perform, but we can truly enter the rest in faith, knowing He can do what He says He can do (**Hebrews 4**). In

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birth. Just as we are given a "new" name at our natural birth, so we are given a "new" name at our second birth, in which the second death has no power over us (**Revelation 20:14**)! We truly only die once, our physical death, but we are given an eternal name at our second birth! What is our second birth? Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born a second time to enter the Kingdom of God. That the life of God had to be placed within and we now live this life in faith, in the Son of God (**Galatians 2:20**)! To those that receive Him, He gives us the right to become children of

the words of C.S. Lewis, "Your real, new self will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him." When we become born again, we become part of Jesus. His Word says that we are flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone (**Ephesians 5:30**)! Blessed be our Lord and Savior who has placed us already on the throne with Him! My identity is not wrapped up in what I do, it's wrapped up in whose I am! Food for thought (**Matthew 3:17**), the Father told Jesus He was well pleased with Him prior to Him doing any miracles...

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!

New Life Vacation Bible School July 19-23

You won't want to miss this amazing railroad adventure! Mark your calendars and sign up your little conductors on Sunday at the registration desk!



Please set time aside after church to stay and fellowship together over a meal. Look for more details in future 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!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: June 21, 5 - 7 pm

Discipleship 2: June 14, 21, 8 am

