

YOUTH CENTER

Pastor Justin

Progress is under way! Thanks for the donations and help from many of you we have been able to get the youth center project started! We have started phase 1, which includes getting the stage and back café area totally remodeled. We have the frame and drywall up in the café area. The stage has been painted and we have the brick paneling put up as well. Our next steps are going to include more painting, installing carpet, cupboards, and many other necessary items. We are asking for you to prayerfully consider financially supporting our renovation project. On a low end, we could get away with doing everything on a small budget of about \$10k. If we were to do all improvements on our list we are around \$16k. Our vision is to have a place the youth can come to on a regular basis that they can call home. Somewhere that they feel that they belong. We want to make this an exciting, fun place for youth to enjoy weekly. Upgrading this old looking church to a new modern era youth center will be just the right thing for our youth in our church!



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**Dennis & Diane
Cramer**
**Friday, August 21,
7:00 pm**
**Sunday, August 23,
10:00 am**

Come join us for these meetings with Dennis and Diane. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear a timely word from the Lord.



September 7

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 7. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8.



August 30, September 13, & September 20

If you are new to the church or have never taken these classes and

would like to know more about us, you need to sign up to come. The classes will be held directly after our Sunday morning services and there will be a lunch provided. If you would like to come, please contact the church office by Monday, August 24, so we can get a final count for food and materials.



Band of Brothers Clay Shoot

This event will be held at Mad River Sportsman Club in Bellefontaine on **S a t u r d a y ,** September 12 at

9:00 am. For details and questions, please see Jeff Monfort, Dan Lowe, Rabi Melendrez, or Dave Thompson.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Stacey and Emma Stauffer. This sweet couple has attended New Life for 1.5 years. Both are in retail, so you may see them around the area when you are shopping for needed supplies. Emma has been working at Kohls in St. Mary's and Stacey is the head of the paint department at Menards. If you see them at their work, make sure to stop and say, "hi" as they always enjoy a great conversation. In January, Emma and Stacey will be married 33 years! They have 4 children and 2 grandchildren (ages 1 & 3). One of their children is in North Carolina and three of their kids are still in Florida, where Emma and Stacey lived for 29 years. They met in Sarasota, where Stacey grew up and ended up raising their family. Emma grew up in an Amish family in Berne, IN. Her brother later in life became friends with Stacey. When Emma came to visit him and attend their prayer group, her and Stacey hit it off. This is where she learned that God wants to have a deep relationship with His people rather than legalism. They moved here not too many years ago to be near Emmas sister and to take care of her parents. She enjoys gardening, canning, and floral arrangements. She also owns her own business called Vintage Creations, where she organizes and plans special events. Stacey enjoys learning new skills and embraces challenges in life head on. He is naturally a survivalist and has been through many training courses such as emergency response training and disaster response training. He also has a heart to help people. In his previous church, he spent a lot of time in ministry to those in need of small home repairs and participated in small groups for prayer and encouragement. If you can't tell, this couple is well equipped and are a joy to talk with. Make sure you take the time to know them!



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: September 6, 5 - 7 pm

Discipleship 2: August 23, 30, 8 am



A CRISIS OF BELIEF

Pastor Bruce

A new survey finds that a majority of people who describe themselves as Christian accept a "works-oriented" means to God's acceptance. A survey conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University find that American adults today increasingly adopt a "salvation-can-be-earned" perspective. A plurality of adults (48 percent) believe that if a person is generally good, or does enough good things during their life, they will "earn" a place in heaven. Only one-third of

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adults (35 percent) disagree. A majority of Americans who describe themselves as Christian (52 percent) also accept a "works-oriented" means to God's acceptance—even those associated with churches whose official doctrine says eternal salvation comes only from embracing Jesus Christ as Savior. Almost half of all adults associated with Pentecostal (46 percent),

mainline Protestant (44 percent), and Evangelical (41 percent) churches, as well as nearly two-thirds of Catholics (70 percent), hold that view. While about 65 percent of American adults describe themselves as Christians, only about half (54 percent) believe they will experience heaven after they die. Only one-third of adults (33 percent) believe they will go to heaven solely because of confessing their sins and embracing Jesus as their Savior. Another one-in-five expecting to experience

heaven are counting on earning their way in or because they embrace universalism (i.e., that God will let all people into heaven). Beloved, we are certainly in a crisis of belief in the American church. If there was ever a time to know in Whom we have believed, it is now. Let's follow the Word of God and know there is only ONE way to heaven! Jesus!!