

## FOR KING AND COUNTRY

Tom Sanford

September 27, is now the day for the FOR KING AND COUNTRY concert. Starting at 7:30, this will be a “Drive In Concert” at the Mercer County Fair. If you have already purchased tickets, there are some options available. First, you can hold your tickets for the 2021 Fair where CASTING CROWNS will be the main band, or you can exchange your tickets for the “Drive In” concert. Lastly, if you would like a refund, you can stop by or call the fair office in the month of September to have your money returned to you. And if you did not purchase tickets prior, you may order them online or at the fair office. Ticket prices for the new “Drive In” concert start at \$150 per car load (up to 6) and go up to \$200, based on which tier level tickets you would like. It will certainly be a good experience still and a unique one.

## newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! As this year continues to unfold, the elders have been challenging us to not go back to our “normal” lives, but to use this time to our advantage and draw nearer to the Lord. As much as this is true for the adults with their careers, this year has been full of unpredictability for the youth as well. Whether it’s having school close early, or not knowing if fall school will be in person or online, the thought of having a normal school year is far gone. But even as the elders have challenged the adults in the congregation to use this time to draw near to the Lord, we need to encourage all ages to do this during this time of the unknown. I feel that as we do this, the Lord is going to give us a greater revelation of our true identity as His sons and daughters and the authority we carry. Especially in the youth; that they would be so steadfast in their pursuit and devotion to the Lord, that even if they are on a zoom meeting for class, that the presence of the Lord would infiltrate the hearts of their classmates just through a video! The fields are white unto harvest church, and the only thing that is missing are willing laborers. I challenge us all, from those of all ages, to harvest the field in front of us.

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## September 26 & 27

Pastor Kerry Kirkwood and his wife Diane will be ministering to New Life on these days. Make sure to mark your calendars for these prophetic meetings!



## September 7

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



If you are new to the church or have never taken these classes and would like to know more about us, you can still come.

The classes will be held directly after our Sunday morning services and there will be a lunch provided. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.



## Band of Brothers Clay Shoot September 12, 9:00 am

This event will be held at Mad River Sportsman Club in Bellefontaine on

Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 am. For details and questions, please see Jeff Monfort, Dan Lowe, Rabi Melendrez, or Dave Thompson.

## DESTINY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Pastor Justin

What is new this year with Destiny School of Ministry (DSM)? We are excited to share with you our new class schedule where we will be offering day classes and also one night class per week!

### Day classes - Monday's and Wednesday's

Time: 8 am to 10:30 am

First class: September 14th

Night class: Tuesday nights

Time: 6 pm to 9 pm

### First night class: September 15th

Our night classes will run for 4 weeks per class. After the 4 weeks we will start a totally new class, that may or may not be connected to the previous class. You are able to jump into any 4 week night class you would like. Our first night class course we will be offering is called "Identity." Who we are in Christ, but even more importantly, who Christ is in us!

You have the option to take both day and night classes, or just one and not the other. Whatever works for your schedule. You also have two options of how you can participate in the classes. You can either audit a class or take the class for college credits. Auditing class, simply means you're not going to do all the extra stuff; no quizzes, no tests, etc. You can just take the class from a standpoint of discipleship. Taking the class for college credit means you will be writing papers, having outside of the class reading assignments, tests, etc., which also helps you learn more deeply. One of our goals is to make this very affordable for anyone who wants to take the classes. If you're going to audit the courses, your cost would be \$20 per class. If you're going to take the courses for college credit, it would cost \$30 per credit, plus a one time registration fee to the school. You would also have some other small costs associated like book fees, etc. If you're wanting more information or want to enroll with DSM this year, please call us at the church office at 419-586-1095.

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: September 20, 5 - 7 pm

Discipleship 2: September 13, 20, 8 am



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## PRAYER

Pastor Doyle

I do not find prayer to be an easy thing all the time. At times it can be easy, but usually I find it to be difficult. There are often times I would much rather be doing other things than praying like working in the yard, reading, watching TV, listening to Christian music,

etc. I usually have no problem doing those things and keeping my mind focused or passively resting on what I am engaged in at that earthly moment. Prayer is hard

work because our minds so easily drift to the cares of this life rather than engaging God and His kingdom.

In prayer, God's intent is that we leave the focus of this temporal earthly realm and absorb ourselves in the everlasting realm. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, here on earth, just like it is done in heaven." I have personally never heard of or seen where there has been a prayer

meeting and admission was charged or individuals were turned away because of overcrowding. Real prayer like Jesus taught and exemplified in His life and ministry was HARD WORK. For it to be effective, it must involve spiritual warfare, and that, in our western

Christian culture, does not come easy. We must pray because our spiritual life is dependent upon it. We must pray because God is calling forth His Bride, and she must make

herself ready. Rev. 19:7. The mature Saints of God will be those who have learned to fulfill their calling as priestly intercessors for all mankind. May God help us to embrace the privilege of abiding in His presence through prayer.

Do you find yourself agreeing with these words? We can safely say that as humans we generally feel this way. It takes effort to press in and grow spiritually. Let's make that effort!

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