

## 2 REQUESTS

Pastor Jason

The Elders want to share a couple of requests concerning protocol during our services:

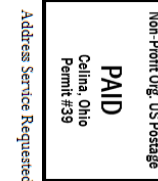
First, we have been having an inordinate amount of traffic going in and out of the sanctuary during praise and worship time, especially by our children. Kids are going to the bathroom and getting drinks way too often and causing distractions both in and out of the sanctuary. Parents: we need to teach our kids to get drinks and use the restroom BEFORE the service. Give them the gift of “NO” next time they ask to go out! Adults: some of us are guilty as well, so let’s please cut down on this.

Second, we also have a ton of traffic in the foyer during the sermon as well. This is mostly adults and sometimes parents with toddlers. Please understand that we have members of the Safety Team that are watching the foyer and parking lot for security reasons and that voluminous traffic and conversations in the foyer distract members of that team from watching doors, restrooms, and monitors for the safety of our flock. Think of the Foyer as more of a “passing through” area and not a place to congregate. Parents with toddlers can use the Cry Room until they get kids to the place where they can sit through the service. Thank you!

## THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! There have been a lot of exciting things going on in our youth group! Our renovations on the youth center are continuing to progress. Recently, the painters have redone the whole inside and the stage is completely done! There’s still work to be done, but we want to express our thanks and gratitude towards the church body for being faithful to give and sow into the youth program. The youth group has also enjoyed this fall weather as we have recently went paintballing and Suter Produce for their corn maze! There are currently no events planned for the near future, but we will inform you of those changes as they arise.

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We have begun collecting for our Christmas Shoebox Project. Please help by bringing in NEW gift items for the children to pack boxes, by packing your own box as a family, OR both! You can find a list of items you can donate in the bulletin or at the welcome center desk at the church. There is a basket in the foyer for you to drop your donated items in.



Our annual New Life Thanksgiving meal is going to be a little different this year. We will be having lunch after church on this date rather than a supper. Please sign up in the foyer as to

what you will be bringing. There are many options available such as main dishes, sides, etc. As usual, the church will provide the tableware and drinks. Let's enjoy this time as family together, giving thanks to Our Lord for all that He provides.



**CALL Ministries** is asking for monetary donations for this year's Christmas Gift Program that is provided for needy families in Mercer County. Your gift will go toward gift bags for the younger kids and shoes for the older children. Donations can be placed in the offering with "CALL Christmas" in the

## PROPHETIC WORD

Angie Kirk

Now is not the time to relax and sit back. Press in. Be alert! This is the season that you will need to stick close to the Lord. Do not be deceived. Enter into His presence. Go Deeper.

God showed me a picture of what looked like the tabernacle and the outer court. I saw tall tables with people all standing around the tables drinking, eating, and fellowshiping. They seemed to be concerned about themselves and their fleshly desires.

Worldly and compromised, they were believers, but still partaking in those things that satisfy the flesh and worldly things. They were saying and doing things yet not convicted, partaking in things that are not righteous, but still believing and proclaiming their faith. You know God, but you don't know Him intimately and personally. He said, I'm calling worshippers, those who worship in spirit and in truth. He's calling those into the Inner court. Worshipers!! Enter into the Holy of Holies where His presence is, into a deeper walk with Him. Lay all things aside to enter into His holiness, the secret place, the presence of the Lord, heart to heart. In His presence is where He sticks closer than a Brother. He speaks to you, you know His heart and you know His voice. Relationship! Seek His face that we might have clean hands and a pure heart and will receive a blessing from the Lord. Let's become the mature ones and follow the Lamb wherever He goes!

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**Discipleship 1: November 15, 5 - 7 pm**  
**Discipleship 2: November 15, 22, 8 am**



## OUR RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION

Pastor Justin

Despite how the election ends up, we must remind ourselves of several key important points. In **1 Peter 2:11**, he tells us to have the mind of a pilgrim or a sojourner. As a sojourner, you're just passing through. From where you started to where you end up at, the stuff in the middle is just stuff. You're not to get too attached to the "stuff" in the middle. We need to not get stressed out about how much stuff we have or don't have. Never has a U-haul been seen following a hearse. Why? Because all the stuff remains here while you pass onto your final destination. As Americans, it is hard for us to see how our country, our home is falling apart. It's hard to see wickedness and sin abound. Yet, we must remember, we have a dual citizenship. One of this earth and one of Heaven (**Philippians 3:20**). Our hearts need not be troubled by the current state of our world. Paul warns us many times in Scripture that certain things must take place prior to the return of our Lord (**2 Thess 2:2-9**). Our minds should be fixed upon the things above not on the things of this earth (**Colossians 3:1-2**). Jesus told

us that while it is day, we are to work (**John 9:4**). What does that mean? We are to be ambassadors of the Kingdom of God to this fallen world. While we are still here, be light. Be hope. Be Jesus to those around you. Don't get so caught up into the drama of all the corruption and disarray of this world. Why would we expect anything less from fallen humanity? Sure you could spend 10 hours researching all the corruption and scandals involved in modern day politics. But why not invest that time in advancing the Kingdom? Are you really in a place to make a difference in regards to politics? I doubt it. Unless you're working for or running a government agency with the ability to hold people accountable at a higher level, you're wasting your time fuming and fussing about what's going on. Refocus your energy and time being Jesus to a world in desperate need. Jesus didn't hand pick you to be a bench warmer. Get off your soap box and start getting on with your mission at hand. That is to re-present Jesus to your friends, your co-workers, family, and whomever else God brings into your life.