

DAVID'S TABERNACLE

by Pastor Jason & Ron Beougher

“After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up.”

Acts 15:16. What was it about the tabernacle of David that made it God's favorite tabernacle of all time? God did not say He was going to rebuild the tabernacle of Moses, or the temple of Solomon, or any other structure that housed His presence. David's tabernacle was an open tent where the ark was on display in the open and the worshipers of God did not stop their praise 24/7 day and night. God's original intention was not to be put in a box. The throne of a king does not compare to the access we have to the presence of God. That's why David said he would rather be a doorkeeper in the courts of the Lord than to take his fate upon himself. Remember that David's Tabernacle had no avail. Great sacrifice and bloodshed led the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem. The veil was not for God to hide behind but rather to hide man's eyes from the radiant glory of God's presence being completely revealed to frail flesh. We walk by faith and not by sight. Now we can see God in His glory when we go to the other side of the veil inside our temple which is our body.

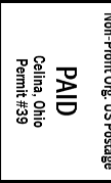
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The following is a recap of the first 2 Wednesdays of November, when the youth group watched the documentary “Social Dilemma” on Netflix. The Social Dilemma is “laced with prophetic statements and insights from tech insiders that goes back and forth like a pendulum, hitting us with the hard-to-swallow truth bombs about social media.” I know I personally struggle with getting sucked into social media. Throughout the documentary, it shows in a humorous way how they use artificial intelligence to lure a man back onto his social media account. AI sends notifications or shows him more related videos to keep him on social media. Some of the quotes that were eye-opening for me personally were: “There are only two industries that call their customers ‘users’; illegal drugs and software.” “If you’re not paying for the product, then you’re the product...It’s the gradual, slight, imperceptible change in our own behavior and perception that is the product.” “Technology giants have manipulated human psychology to influence how we behave.” “How do you wake up from the matrix when you don’t know you are in the matrix?” We highly encourage you to watch this with your pre-teens, teens and even some friends! Check your motives and check your heart. We must also take personal responsibility for our own actions and remember Matthew 24:4, “And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you.”

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The church office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 - January 3. We will reopen on January 4, at 9:00 am.



We really want to bless those in our own body first if we can. Anyone wanting to advertise will need to submit an **electronic**, business card sized ad to Nichole by January 18, at atmoffice@atmintl.org. If you submitted one for the last ad please send an email letting her know you wish to place the ad again or if there are any changes to it. Those not responding will be removed from the ad.



Just a reminder that during the winter months you may want to bring a sweater or jacket to wear in the sanctuary before we begin our service. We purposely do not heat the room up to a comfortably warm temperature because once worship begins it warms up quickly and if we heated it before hand we would have to run the AC in the winter! Thank you for taking this into consideration!



Located at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, this drive thru event will be a lot of fun. The experience takes about 15 minutes to drive while you get to see the amazing lights! For pricing and a complete calendar of sponsored days including discounts, visit MercerCountyOhioFair.com.



Due to the holiday and the offices being closed, this will be the last newsletter of the year. Our next newsletter will come out on January 13, 2021. Please be sure to read your bulletins to keep up on any events or check out our Facebook group page for any upcoming announcements and news.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to the Hefner family! Chad and Kim have been coming to New Life for approximately 1 year and their son Jesse (14) has been coming to youth group for approximately 2 years. Living in Wapakoneta, this couple truly enjoys coming here to church because of how much spiritual growth they have noticed in a short time. They love all of the pastors and the amount of knowledge that is taught. Kim is Dave and Liz Thompson's daughter and grew up in Wapakoneta. Chad grew up in Elida. They have been married for 13 years and have adult children, Cole (25), and Carliegh (22). Their granddaughter is Braelyn, who is just one year old.



The Hefner's are a nice family that have incredibly diverse giftings and passions. Chad has worked at Honda, in Anna, for 23 years in plant quality for engine assembly. He loves muscle cars and working out. Definitely not a cat guy by the way. Kim has been at Koenig Insurance in Wapakoneta for 1.5 years, mainly with customer service and sales. She previously held her realtors license and babysat. She loves crafting and cooking. There's no challenge too great or food she's not willing to cook or try. Kim also enjoys making announcements for people's special occasions. Jesse enjoys playing video games in his spare time. He's received some prophecies about playing guitar and has started lessons. Also, his favorite food is sushi! Ministry giftings with this family could definitely be in the youth and children's church arena. Chad sees interest as well in the men's groups such as the Band of Brothers.

If this family had a million dollars to work with, they would give a large portion to the church for expansion needs, Chad would buy an '03 Cobra, Jesse would work on building secret rooms and passageways in the house. Kim would leave work and spend her days serving and cooking for others. They are truly a family with great hearts and it will be worth it to get to know them more.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: January 3, 5 - 7 pm
Discipleship 2: Dec. 27 & Jan. 3, 8 am



CONFESSION

Pastor Justin

Have you ever had a weird pain in your body and thought, "hmm? I should look it up on google and see what it says." As you go from one article to the next, what you thought was just some bad pizza you ate causing some weird stomach acid reaction, you now have convinced yourself you have stage 2 cancer with a case of diabetes to top it off! How did you go from a slight concern of a stomach ache to full-blown mind loss, calling your close friends and family letting them know of your soon coming demise?

May I suggest to you the probable cause? The Bible says that faith comes by hearing. So, if you keep reading, listening, and watching something over and over, you're building your faith into that one obsession. Be it good or bad, doesn't matter. You could be building faith in something that opposes God!

The Bible teaches us that as we fix our attention on something, good or bad, you will cause that something to grow in your life. You are engaging in a powerful process called, "the power of agreement". (Matthew 18:19) You now are coming into an agreement with what you're filling your mind with. Jesus taught that if any two come into

agreement on one thing, it shall be done. Another example of the power of agreement is the Tower of Babel. (Gen 11) Then comes the next stage, which is the confession of your lips. Now you begin to confess over your life what others have spoken over you. Your mind and heart begin to believe and speak what the negative report is. The greek word for confession is, homologia,

which has several meanings. Primarily it means, "what we profess to be ours" and also "to say the same thing as another". Meaning, that if someone is saying something negative

about you and you decide that to be true concerning yourself, you have entered into homologia. It is now yours.

So, what is going to be the confession of your lips? Hebrews 10:23 tells us, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised." Holding fast implies that truth you do believe about yourself, is and will be tested to prove if you truly believe what you believe. May we fight the good fight of faith, laying hold of eternal life, professing the good profession until the end! (1 Tim 6:12)

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