

## REMINDER TO.....

Pastor Bruce

Many of us are familiar with the scripture from 1 Tim.2:1 which tells us that “prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for ALL men, kings and ALL who are in authority.” Yes and that includes the ones we don’t like, even the ones who are evil. But I would venture that way fewer people know the promise which goes along with that command as we continue to read the verse.

“That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. I don’t know about you, but I would love to live in that manner. Paul goes on to say in verse 3, “for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior”. The Apostle Paul said all these words living under Roman tyranny in which he was eventually arrested and martyred, but he never lost his focus for the Kingdom of God. These scriptures are so important for us in the hour in which we live as our nation is facing what is probably the most important time since the Civil War for the future of our country. Let’s adhere to the Word of God and PRAY!!

## THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

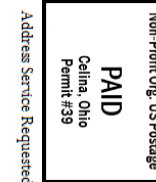
### 2020 Recap

This has been a very exciting year for NLCC’s Thrive youth group! This past spring saw us missing winter camp during the uncertain first months of Covid, but we were quickly back in action with our annual Michigan trip. We love having just our group at the lake house in Quincy to relax and have fun while learning and growing together also. Dan and Sherri Lowe make it truly special by lending us their boat and jet-skis for tons of fun on the lake.

In the midst of many cancellations this year, we were very happy to have gone forward with camp! We spent the week learning about prayer with JC Alzamora. It was a powerful time learning and a much needed time of great fellowship.

All throughout the year, we have been slowly but surely making improvements at our youth center, small and large! Through the help of many, we are enjoying the new look and the new functional spaces created. It has been our goal to make a place for our youth to call home. Thank you all for your support!

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# **Youth Super Bowl Party!** **February 7** **5:30 pm arrival** **6:30 pm kickoff**

Bring a side to share and your favorite game to our annual Super Bowl Party. This year it will be held at our newly remodeled youth center! This will be our first large event enjoying the fruits of our labor.

## **Classified**

members who have a business or a service they would like people to know about. 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](mailto: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!

## **Youth Group Fundraiser Lunch** **February 14, 12:30 pm**

Join us for lunch after church on this day to check out the newly remodeled youth center! A lunch will be provided for a donation. Thank you for your support!



## **Youth Spring camp at Michindoh** **March 19-21**

Make sure that you are saving up and preparing for this awesome time with the Lord! You won't want to miss this retreat as it was a blast the last time!

## PROPHETIC 2021 WORD

Pastor Jason

Preparation: make yourself ready. Will not My bride make herself ready for the love of her soul? Will she not adorn herself with fine jewels and crown her head with the bridal veil? Will she make herself ready and wear the white gown of her marriage ceremony? The guests have been beckoned to come. The seats are being filled with unexpected guests from many years ago. Will you, my bride, be prepared to be handed to the One who has always loved you... the One who has sacrificed all things to make this day happen? Are you ready to walk down the aisle and present yourself at the altar? Are you ready to say "yes" when asked to, "forsake all others?" Are you prepared to see the face of the One who purchased all things seen to make this day so perfect? Prepare yourself for this moment. Make your heart ready to receive the love of the Groom who has always loved you. Prepare to be loved more than your heart can fathom. For the love of Christ will be more real and more tangible than you've ever known. The expectation level is about to peak! The guests are gathered, the hall is decorated, everything is in its place. The Groom only now waits for the bride to enter into the sanctuary to start the greatest event in history. "This will be one for the ages!" I hear a man say with a smile of great pleasure. The music is cued...the wedding party is in place. The bridal march is about to commence! Can you feel the electricity in the air? Can you sense that something great is about to happen?

Preparation. Make ready. Don't be a runaway bride and leave your Beloved at the altar! Is He not worthy to receive all of your love and all of your devotion even now? Fling wide the doors of the sanctuary. Enter in, oh bride, and begin your march to the altar of great sacrifice in the name of love! Prepare to have your new name announced and bestowed upon you.

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**Discipleship 1: January 17, 5 - 7 pm**  
**Discipleship 2: January 17, 24, 8 am**



## ENCOURAGE YOURSELF IN THE LORD

Pastor Justin

**"Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. Luke 24:13-15**

Today, we find ourselves in times in which we are all wondering what is happening. There is confusion, anger, and emotions overflowing. We

are watching these events on TV, asking ourselves "who can we believe, what is true, what is a lie?" It is so hard to tell right now. We need an Emmaus Road experience. We need Jesus to show up and sort this out. He is the Truth and He is the Way. We all can have opinions, thoughts, and concerns, but in reality, we need Him. We need Him to open up our eyes to see just as He did with these two disciples.

In 1 Samuel 30:6, David encouraged himself in

the Lord. The situation he found himself in was one of dire straights. He not only lost his family to a band of robbers, but his men spoke of stoning him because of the loss of their family as well. What was David's response? Seek the Lord. He knew that the Lord was his only chance at figuring out this problem.

Today, right now, your responsibility is to seek the Lord. What is the Lord speaking to you? What is He revealing to you?

We need an Emmaus Road experience. One in which God can both enlighten our eyes to truth and encourage our hearts to proceed forward. We are instructed to guard our hearts, for out of our heart flows rivers of living water. Guard your heart from fear, anxiety, bitterness, whatever the enemy tries to sow, you need to repel. Instead, let the life of God flow freely through you that you may be a light in a dark place!

*Encourage yourself in the Lord!*