

## A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Travis Neal

After the last week of both national and personal conflict, the Lord reminded me of Ephesians 4:14: “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.” This was spoken after Paul told the purpose of the five-fold ministry, to equip the saints and edify the body of Christ. I have been attending NLCC for 12 years, and ever since that time the elders have been equipping the saints for discerning times such as these. JC Alzamora also posted a couple days ago Philippians 4:6-7, “Don’t be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, then God’s wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ.” The main things I believe God was speaking to me from these verses are to be wary of being tossed around by the waves of whatever is permeating the media or even locally. Also to not be pulled in different directions or worried about the events that are unfolding. Continue to do the work of the ministry that we have been equipped to do, and allow God to continue to guide each one of us.

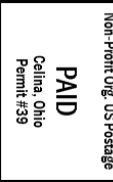
### THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

At Thrive, we are really pushing the youth to engage in worship and to press into the presence of the Lord. Most times, we all can just go through the motions of just singing a couple songs then sit down and hear a message, but there is so much more than that (to inquire and to dwell in the Lord and to behold His presence of the Lord and to beauty)! That is where we are pushing your kids towards. That it would not just be a once a week thing, but an encounter. We see every day the passion inside and our goal as leaders is to see your kids have a desire to passionately worship the Lord. We encourage you guys to have family worship nights as well, so that it's a daily occurrence for your kids to be in the presence of our Almighty Savior.



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## The Connection

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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.



NICC CHILDREN'S CHURCH PRESENTS:

# LIGHT up the Night

*Ages 3-6th Grade*

## DADDY-DAUGHTER Glow Dance

Saturday, February 13th  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

NICC Youth Center  
 529 N Walnut St - Celina, OH 45822

*Girls Can Bring Dad or Other Special Male Guest*

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

INCLUDES: DJ, GLOW BRACELETS, NAIL PAINTING, SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS, GAMES, AND MORE!

# **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!

## **February 13, 7:00 pm**

Dads & Daughters, make sure you sign up soon for this exciting time that is precious to your little girls. Tickets are \$10 per family and include a DJ, Glow Bracelets, Nail Painting, Games, Snacks, and More! Please sign up by February 6, so we know how many supplies we will need. Feel free to invite a friend and her dad/father figure to join you! Hope to see a lot of you there! Please turn in forms and payment to Ashley Driggs



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Ron & Erma Beougher. This amazing couple have deep roots with New Life. They met when Pastor Gary's congregation was on Main St. and the church was named, Church at Celina. After marrying, they spent a few more years there and have traveled around ministering and being ministered to in many different churches and denominations. Ron & Erma have been attending New life currently for approximately 3 years. Erma grew up in a Mennonite church in Berne, IN. Erma's mother experienced a supernatural healing of her back which is an incredible story when you have the chance to talk with her at church. Erma after college became a registered nurse and worked at the State hospital for a lengthy spends most days grandkids. Born in Celina, Ron attended Parkway for many years from Mendon with other Ron's dad had a family farm drainage. In 1967, and was in Vietnam with number of years later, Ron had some heavy trials in his life. His body developed Guillain-Barré syndrome and this trial lasted about 11 years. If you don't know what it is, GBS is severe and impacts the nerves. At one point Ron was even paralyzed from the neck down. After a Divine vision from the Lord, his healing started and the nerves actually grew back! There is so much more to the story and you'll be blessed greatly to hear it from their mouths. During these hard times, Ron & Erma were still called to minister to the body of Christ. They had created a strong evangelistic puppet ministry called "MasterPeace," which went very strong for approximately 5-6 years. They are a very creative and diverse couple! You are certainly missing out if you have not tasted their delicious pies and other baked goods. You'll want to get to know this couple so take the time and chat!



## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: February 7, 5 - 7 pm  
 Discipleship 2: Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 8 am



## TRYING TIMES

Pastor Bruce

Well, here we are a few days after the inauguration of Joe Biden as president of the U.S. There are many questions that have risen in light of the amount of prayer as well as many prophetic words spoken concerning the election. Many have questions regarding the integrity of the prophetic realm. Let me address some of these concerns. First of all, I do not question the validity of prophecy. It would seem in this particular case that some things were

wrong in the fact that Trump did not become our next president. Remember as we have been saying through this process, that the Bible says **"we know in part and we prophesy in part"**. Obviously we did not hear all the parts. That is why we are told to judge prophecy. Paul also tells us to **"covet earnestly to prophesy"**, **"do not despise prophecy, and to learn to prophesy"**. This certainly has been and is a learning process. Now concerning the sovereignty of God in this

whole matter, the Bible is clear that it is God who **"sets up Kings and takes them down"**. Even in massive voter fraud, God is still sovereign and will allow things to take place according to His own plans and purposes. We should pray for divine restraint for Biden and Harris. I encourage you to:

*Jesus  
Be  
Glorified*

1) Make a list of everything you fear could go wrong under the Biden-Harris leadership and pray for the opposite; 2) Pray daily that the Lord would restrain those whose vision would destroy our nation; 3) Pray that Biden and Harris would have life-changing encounters with the Lord; 4) If the Biden presidency is meant as divine chastisement, pray that we would understand where we need to repent so that mercy may be poured out; and 5) Pray that, no matter what happens, Jesus would be glorified and His kingdom advanced on the earth. Let's carry on saints of God. Come Lord Jesus!!