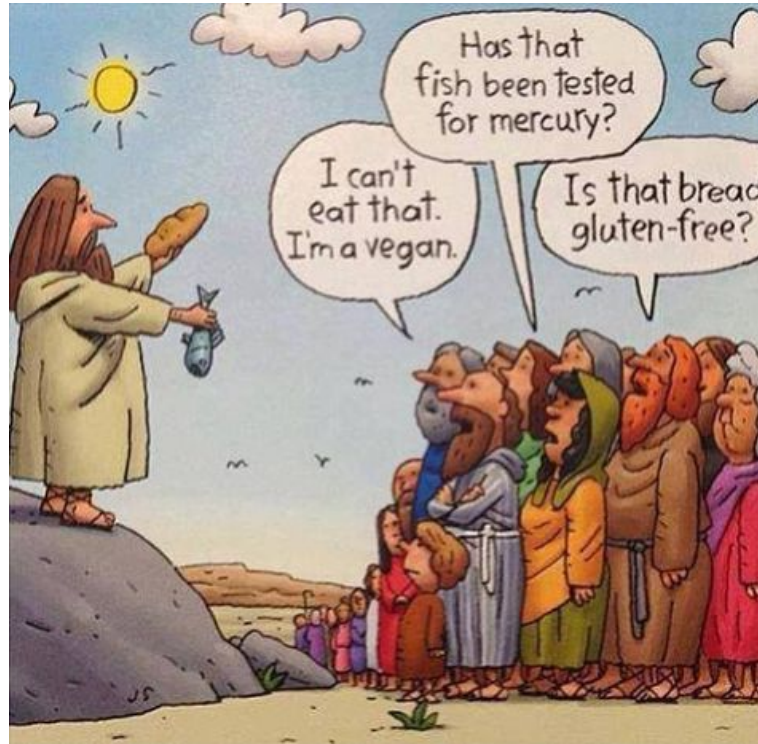


## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Pastor Bruce



## newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family, we are excited to announce that the youth center renovation is coming together and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel! With the carpet in, painting done, and cabinets hung, we are getting close to its completion. We want to thank all those who have invested both their time and resources into this project and we are excited to see what the Lord will do inside our new facility. There will be a walkthrough of the remodeled youth center on Sunday, February 14, at 12:30 pm to show the improvements made. Also, with Spring right around the corner, a reminder that our 2021 Spring Camp @ Michindoh is March 19-21. More information will be given to the youth soon about the camp details. Thank you for your prayers and support! God Bless.

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Game Night @  
The Youth Center  
February 28, 6 pm

Bring your favorite snacks and games and prepare to crush your opponents. This is a great opportunity for fellowship over card games, board games, and snacks.



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, reminder about this special event coming up. If you haven't turned in your registration and money to Ashley Driggs yet, be sure to do so right away. Tickets are \$10 per family and include a DJ, Glow Bracelets, Nail Painting, Games, Snacks, and More! This is a great opportunity to take your daughter out and treat her to a special dinner. Hope to see you there!



READ THE WORD

Pastor Justin

"I have found the book of the Law in the house of the Lord" (2 Kings 22:8). Hilkiah the high priest found the Torah after decades of it being lost under the evil Kings of Manasseh and Amon. King Josiah has been informed that the Torah has been found and he immediately inquires of the Lord what to do. After hearing from the prophetess Huldah, the King made a covenant with God to walk before Him all the days of his life. Then he did something so simple, yet profound, that brought revival to the land! He had the people listen to the Word being read out loud! Yep, that's how revival started. The reading of the Torah.

Now, if they could have revival on the reading of the Torah, what do you think you could have if you would read the Word faithfully as they did? "Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand" (Rev 1:3). There is something special about reading the Bible. It's not a normal book in any regards. It is the Word of Life. It has the answers to any and all questions pertaining to life. Paul told Timothy to give attention to the "reading" of the Word. Make it your aim this year to be a person of the Word. One who knows how to rightly handle the Word of Truth. God has an expectation of not just the leaders of the church, but also all of His children to be able to know His Word. In searching His Word, your aim is not just head knowledge, but to encounter the living God who is the Word! Read more on this in John 1:1-4.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: February 21, 5 - 7 pm  
Discipleship 2: February 14, 21, 8 am



A CALL TO UNITY

Pastor Jason

The following article was posted to Charisma News and is based on the ENVOY news episode from 1-26-21.

The narrative that seems to be catching fire in these divisive days is the call for unity. Abraham Lincoln is referred to as the Great Unifier for his efforts to preserve the Union through the dark days of the Civil War, and he did so by refusing to vilify or punish the South once the war subsided. This unifying spirit is needed more now than ever.

Unfortunately, the ones who should be offering the medicine for the epidemic of division don't seem to

possess it themselves. Denominational splits and divisiveness have been a long-standing issue in Christianity.

How can the church offer light in a time of ever-increasing darkness when we continue to focus on a small percentage of convictions and preferences rather than focusing on the commonality we share in Christ Jesus? We are just as infected as those we are trying to cure if we vilify those who hold a different view, all the while pleading for unity. Jesus, who lived in continual submission to the Holy Spirit, stated that, "A house divided cannot stand." We

are also called to "prefer one another in love" rather than disparage one another for differing views. This doesn't mean we agree on all things, but rather that we agree to walk together despite disagreement, in submission to Him. My wife and I certainly have not agreed on everything in our 24 years of marriage, but we have remained

steadfast in our covenant to walk together regardless. It's time for us to follow the example Jesus gave as the one who brings us all together in Himself.

The disease of division needs a vaccine people can believe in. We find it in John 17:21, when Jesus prayed "that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You. May they also be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me." This is a supernatural unity attained by supernatural believers yielding to a supernatural God while also living in this natural world. Powerful things happen when believers come together in "unity and one accord."

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