

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tom Sanford

Despite the circumstances, the Lord's plans will prevail and we know He has Good Plans for us! Outside of the events located in the bulletin, we can look forward to the Mercer County Fair being open again this year with a Casting Crowns Concert! Tickets are for sale at the church office once again, so contact the office to order your tickets. We are truly blessed that our community has come together and brought in these big name Christian bands. In order for us to keep them coming we need to attend and support so we would love for everyone able to come out and enjoy an evening with Casting Crowns at the fair this year!

Later in the summer as well, you can expect our church family picnic to be held at the Bryson Swimming Pool again. It has been such a blast being there and we have a great turnout every year. God takes care of the weather for us! I know that I am truly grateful, and hope that you are too, that our church leadership provides opportunities for the Body to get together and fellowship so often! With the Easter breakfast that we just had, multiple carry-ins, Thanksgiving supper, etc. Always plan on attending fellowship events when possible.

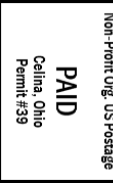
THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! We are happy to say that the Thrive youth winter camp went great! After our upcoming Michigan cabin retreat in June, our next camp will be our summer camp, and that will be from July 11th through July 16th. We would love to have your youth come and see what God has in store for them. The youth will also have opportunities before the camp to be able to help offset the cost through fundraisers. The location will be at the Nazarene campgrounds in St. Mary's, also known as the Lighthouse Retreat Center. Please, if you have any questions at all, ask a youth leader. We hope that this will be a great opportunity for our youth to encounter the Lord and be drawn deeper into their relationship with Him!

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Church WORK DAY

May 19, 6:00 pm
New Life Work Day & Cookout

Come one, come all, for the New Life Work Day. Meet at the Worship Center at 6:00 pm where we will have hot dogs & hamburgers ready for you! There is work to be done at both locations so be ready and bring the skills! All abilities and skill levels are encouraged to come because there is something for everyone.



May 14 & 16
Denny & Diane Cramer

Denny will be ministering to us on these dates so make sure that you keep them open! You won't want to miss these services and it would be a good idea to invite a friend or two as well.



Can you believe it's time to start prepping for Vacation Bible School already? Well it is! Sign up today for kids aged 3 through 6th grade at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/newlifechristiancenter> or you can find the link on our New Life Christian Center Facebook page. Sign up today as spots are limited! Shirts are available to purchase for \$10 each, and are optional.



Daily Prayer

Reminder that there is daily prayer in the sanctuary from 7:00 am - 8:00 am Monday through Saturday. If you can't attend, please spend this time with the Lord where you are at.

THE ANOINTING

Pastor Jason

A few weeks ago I had a vision of a golden orb suspended in the air and it burst open and golden liquid poured out like butter. I felt the Lord impress upon me that the anointing of the Holy Spirit can make that which is bland, tasteless, and "blah" become very tasteful and satisfying. Like butter on popcorn or dressing on a salad, that which is bland can become delectable when something tasteful and satisfying to the tastebuds is poured out on it. The Bible says, "taste and see that the Lord is good." The way that people "taste" the goodness of God is through the words and actions of His saints that represent Him. Has Christianity become bland and tasteless to the world? Has the Church lost its savor? We are the only thing standing in the gap between God and His judgment on this nation. (Ezekiel 22:29-31; Isaiah 59:15-21). The enemy has tried to occupy our hearts and minds by offering us alternatives that distract us from our purpose and calling. We must be sober and watchful in these dark hours, not to "give heed to seducing spirits" that try to derail us and compete for real estate in our hearts and minds! The anointing is that which we should be continually filled with over and over again. Then we can be poured out like a drink offering in this world and fulfill the purpose God intended for us to accomplish for His namesake. If we don't, then we will quench (extinguish) and possibly even grieve the Holy Spirit. So let's stop worrying about what people think during these days when the "cancel culture" tries to guilt and shame every person on the planet. Let's honor God by putting on our armor and preparing ourselves for the battle that lies ahead. The church is not a place to be entertained, yet it has become just that. The gathering of the saints is meant to equip us for the work of ministry!

"The church has been a cruise ship for so long and it must turn back into a battleship" ~Mario Murillo

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: April 18, 5 - 7 pm



SPRING CAMP 2021

Pastor Justin

This year we were blessed to have over 20 students go to camp with us. We had four meetings packed into the weekend. The main theme we had this year was about having God produce live works in and through our lives. That we can either do the works ourselves, which is a dead work, or we can have God do the work through us, which is a live work.

For the first time this year, we had some of our youth student leaders help lead worship. It is exciting for us as leaders to see the youth stepping up in various ways. We know that God is up to something special with this group.

Camp is always a great time for kids to get away, make new friends, renew old friendships, stay up late, and eat more candy than normal! I heard one youth say, "my mom never lets me stay up past midnight!" These youth will remember these times for the rest of their lives. We have our Summer Camp coming up soon, July 11-16th in St. Mary's.

