

PERSPECTIVE

Pastor Jason

Recently in my time of prayer, I've been asking God to change my perspective to His. "Lord, let me see things through Your eyes and not my own." Today it is easy to develop a negative spirit through a cynical and sarcastic attitude. I am certainly guilty of that. However, I want to reflect Christ and His nature. I want to see the lost as those who are captured by a great lie, instead of seeing them as the enemy. We need to have a change in perspective and see clearly. Our judgment has been clouded by the craziness of what continues to transpire in the world all around us.

Lord, put a **"revelational"** and **"revolutionary"** word in our mouths to speak to people today! Turn things on their head and expose the lies and deception. Provoke kingdom transformation in your people, O Lord!

Psalm 82 - *"defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked... arise, oh God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all nations."*

THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

The Thrive youth group is starting to live up to it's name...it is thriving!!! Since the beginning of 2021, we have consistently had 20-22 kids on average attending our weekly Wednesday meetings at the newly renovated youth center! Along with our adult youth leadership team of 6 (plus 1 in training), we now have a team of 5 student leaders consisting of Jaden King, Sydney, Allison, and Megan Baucher, and Alysa Kirk. We have 3 students that have blessed us with their music abilities (Alysa, Sydney, and Hailey) and some working behind the scenes practicing and gaining courage to serve the Lord in whatever God has planned for them. We have also formed 3 leadership/team building teams who have been taking turns running the activities each month during our gatherings. The Lord has really anointed our worship, teaching, and fellowship and we have seen much growth and maturity in our youth this year. We are thankful for all those who have supported us through prayer, finances, and many other ways and just want you to know that we are now seeing much fruit from all of the labor!



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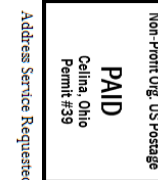
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Church WORK DAY

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.



Thrive Youth Bake Sale
Sunday, May 23
9:15 am - 10:00 am

This fundraiser is always highly anticipated and lots of fun. There is a sign up sheet located on the registration desk for you to benefit the youth group by bringing in your homemade goodies. During this timeframe, we will be holding a silent auction for you to bid on your favorite treats. Last bids end by 10:00 am and your desserts will be ready for you and your payment after church!

DENNY CRAMER

Pastor Bruce

We are very excited to have Denny and Diane Cramer back with us on May 14 and 16. Denny has had a great impact on this church body for many years and we have been greatly encouraged by the things that the Lord has spoken over many of you by the prophet. We give much attention to the prophetic here at New Life. The apostle Paul in giving instruction about the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12 & 14 ends the chapter by exhorting us **"TO DESIRE EARNESTLY TO PROPHECY"**. Paul goes on to say in 1 Thess.5:20, **"DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECY"**.

"but don't we have to guide and Isn't that what Certainly it is!



Some people ask, the 'Word of God' direct our lives? God intended?" However, the Lord has much to say prophetically. The Israelites also had God's Word, but the prophets spoke all throughout their history. God wants to speak **"fresh manna"** into our lives and will many times use the prophets to do it. The personal prophetic ministry also speaks to the potential in our lives and God will often pinpoint specific areas that He wants us to work on. Remember that the prophetic will NEVER tell us or lead us in anything that goes out of the bounds of the scriptures. The Bible is the only source of absolute truth and is our anchor for every ministry. I hope that you will make plans to be with us on Friday, May 14, at 7:00 pm as well as Sunday, May 16, at 10:00 am. Come expecting a move of God!

If we teach by the Spirit and you listen by the Spirit, some one of us will touch on your circumstance, sending a personal prophetic epistle just to you. Quote by Jeffrey Holland

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: May 16, 5 - 7 pm



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THE HEART OF GOD

Pastor Justin

"Return, backsliding Israel, says the Lord; I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful, says the Lord." Jeremiah 3:12 Oh that we would comprehend the heart of God towards us. He is inviting us to this loving, kind, and caring relationship. He wants to be our Chief Shepherd. The One who looks after us in the midst of all the storms we face in life. Some people might struggle with the idea that a Supreme Being would be loving and caring. Maybe you have had relationships in your life that have caused you to mistrust authority figures or despise your parents' instruction. If that is the case, I want you to know that our God is not that way. When Jesus stepped on the scene, He displayed the heart of God to

waiting in Heaven ready to pounce on you like a lion on prey. He's so willing and ready to forgive you! **(Ps 86:5)** Get this settled in your heart and mind right now. God desires to show mercy! **(Micah 7:8)** That a loving God, who cares for you, delights in treating you better than you deserve. Tell yourself this, "God loves me and He wants to show me mercy right now!" Whether you're in sin or whether you're doing really good. It doesn't matter, embrace His mercy! Often

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we think in terms of how well our performance has been and according to our performance that is how God is going to treat us. For example, we think, if I have been reading my Bible each day, then God is probably happy with me. So going to church

should be easy this week because my performance has been good. But let's say you sinned Thursday and now you are struggling with the thought of gathering together with believers on Sunday because your performance isn't up to par. Do you think God is mad at you now because your performance is bad? Which of these two are more powerful, your sin or His mercy? Stop letting your performance dictate how you relate to God. He loves you, He delights in treating you better than you deserve(mercy). Your sin and your poor performance aren't greater than God. He can overcome all that if you allow Him to work and operate in your life. **(Hebrews 4:16)**

humanity. He wasn't vengeful or hateful. He showed and demonstrated the tender mercies of God. In His disciples' real-life accounts, they recorded how He was always willing to show mercy and compassion to the people who called out for it. **(Matthew 9:27, 15:22, 17:15)** If Jesus was willing to show mercy and compassion while He walked on this earth, what makes you think He is not willing to do so now in your life? Are you a special case? Are you the exception to the rule? No! God defines mercy in this way, not giving you what you deserve and treating you better than you deserve. When you mess up, you fall short of the standard, which we all do, myself included. God isn't