

WORK IS WORSHIP

Pastor Bruce

This month we are going to do something that we have never done before. We will have back to back Wednesday evening work nights. Wednesday, May 19, will be at the Worship center. There will also be hamburgers and hotdogs to eat. YUM!! There is something for everyone to help with and I hope you will make plans to be there. The reason for splitting the work into 2 Wednesday nights is that there is just too much to do at both facilities. The work night for the Youth Center will then be on May 26. Again, let's have good fellowship as we work together to take care of the facilities that the Lord has blessed us with. We are hoping and praying that the weather will cooperate with our endeavors. See you there!!

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Throughout the course of my life, I've witnessed countless personal prophetic words. In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul highlights the main function of the prophetic as a means by which to exhort and edify believers. If this is a clear Biblical truth, then why is "unfulfilled" personal prophecy seemingly prevalent and a source of discouragement to many? I have recently come to see the prophetic as a call from God to something vs. as an eventual truth that will be largely self-fulfilling if I just keep attending church and remaining a faithful believer. When we look at God's original call to the nation of Israel, we can gain insight into the prophetic patterns that God has established.

5 Now, therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation... Exodus 19:5-6. God is saying to Israel that IF they obey His voice and IF they keep the covenant, THEN He will make them as a treasure to Himself and give them priesthood and kingship. It has been very helpful to me to go back through my prophetic words and see what exactly God is asking ME to do in comparison to what He is saying HE will do. The prophetic is a beautiful call to great and even unfathomable things. Each one of us must not only hear but answer The Call. How could the children of Israel ever hope to be priests if they didn't FIRST enter into the outer court by way of the gate and make the sacrifice on the brazen altar? I think it is appropriate to ask ourselves if we have even done the first steps towards our prophetic destiny by practicing the basics of repentance, forgiveness, loving others, practicing hospitality, obeying authority, and many more. Take heart, don't be overwhelmed, and with each day ask God for his grace to do His will. You may be surprised where you will find yourself in your journey towards your destiny!

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Bahamas Service Mission Trips

You have some opportunities coming up this year to work with your hands in another land! You don't have to be

skilled to help! If interested, please contact Keith Heindel by calling 419-586-3962. Call soon as some trips are leaving as early as June!



Special Offering for New Life's Vacation Bible School May 23



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. Reminder if you signed up to bring in your homemade goods to have them there by 9:15. Right after, 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!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to the Etzler Family. Chad and Sara have been married nearly 17 years and have 2 sons. Their family has been attending New Life for approximately 1 year though Sara has deep roots growing up here. Sara is Renée Moniz' sister as well as Michelle Johnson who lives in Virginia and their parents are the late Sam and Elaine Stiles. She is the youngest of the 3 girls and describes herself as a "nerd" in school who competed in track and was in the band. She had the amazing opportunity to study in Poland for 6 months in college. Chad grew up in the small town of Convoy

and has a brother who is 6 years younger than him. Going to school Chad participated in baseball and through high school. Their oldest son Sam worked at Bellas Italian years. He is currently a sophomore that plays football and has recently signed up with the Explorers Program (working with sheriffs deputies and learning the trade). Nick is their youngest who loves gaming on his X-Box. As a current 4th grader at I.C. School, he mows lawns and would like to hold a paper route in the near future. Chad & Sara met while working together at The Marsh Foundation in Van Wert. They have a funny story about their first time meeting if you ask them! Chad has his Associates Degree in business, and is currently working at the jail in corrections. He was previously at St. Mary's Foundry for 15 years. Sara has her Master's Degree in Social Work and works at Van Wert County Children's Services. As a family, the Etzler's have been on multiple mission trips to Chicago, specifically to the homeless shelters and soup kitchens. They are really great people and are funny as well as enjoyable to talk to. Make sure you take the time to get to know them!



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DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: June 6, 5 - 7 pm



PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

Pastor Jason

Now more than any other time in history it is important that the church embrace its role as a Kingdom of priests. Exodus 19:5-6 says, "if you will heed my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And you will be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." God made this covenant and promise with the children of Israel and it was to perpetuate through the generations. Twice in Revelation (1:6 & 5:10) God tells us that we are

priesthood on his brother Aaron after Moses voiced his inadequacies. Yet Moses still had a much higher level of relating to God as he spoke with Him face to face as a friend. But in Genesis 14 we really begin to get a picture of what God wanted all along, way before Israel was even an established nation.

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost

Melchizedek, the king of Salem, came out to bless Abraham after the slaughter of the kings. He brought him bread and wine (the body and the blood) as a prophetic sign of

kings and priests and that we shall reign upon the earth. The priesthood entails mercy, truth, the presence of God, righteousness, justice, and peace. In fact, the Kingdom of God is more specifically defined as: righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Throughout Scripture there were many different priesthoods that existed. Adam was a priest even if we don't really see it. Moses was called to be a priest and deliverer to Israel, but God placed the mantle of the Levitical

His covenant and promise. It is THIS Melchizedek, the "King of Peace," that we are called to be after the order of. His name M E L K I (k i n g) Z D K (righteousness) means that He is "the King of Righteousness." And God calls us also to be "trees of righteousness...the plantings of the Lord." So that He might be glorified! This is the calling we all have...to bring glory to the God of Peace and Righteousness even in the midst of the dark and tumultuous times that we see today.