

## PARENTING HELP IS COMING!!

Pastor Jason

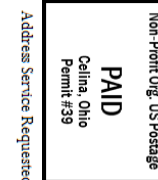
It may be one of the hardest times in history to be a parent. So many distractions and pitfalls that our kids have to deal with. So many “experts” telling us which method of parenting or disciplining our kids is appropriate. Education choices, sports, clubs, activities, etc. all compete for our family time today! I know you all have the goal to steward your children in righteousness, but are we really doing our best? Is our Father pleased with how we as parents are rearing HIS kids? Can someone please tell me what to do in my parenting situation?!

Hang in there, help is on the way! In October, Pastor Jason and Joe'l will be sharing a “Biblical Parenting Today” class, 4 Wednesdays in a row. We will explore the Bible on the topics of parenting, educating, and discipling our children according to the Lord's design. We will share personal stories of what works and what NOT to do as well! If you don't usually make it on Wednesday nights, you may want to put this in your calendar and make it a priority to come. The dates again are October 6, 13, 20, & 27.

## THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! As the school year is back in session, we are not slowing down in the youth group! And with the school year, we encourage all our high school students to join us at Kingdom Harvest Ministries during their Lunch/IE periods at school to have a, during school hours, opportunity to grow in their relationship with the Lord! We are currently working on finishing the carpet upstairs in the youth center and we appreciate all the help we received in prepping for the new carpet to be laid. We also have 1 more lake day at Dan and Sheri's on September 11, from 3 - 9 pm. Then, on September 12, after church we will have our Fall Parent meeting with a lunch together. Another event that is coming up will be our annual corn maze trip, and that will be on October 31, with more details to come in the near future. We always appreciate your constant prayers and ask that you keep our teens lifted up during this time, that they will be lights in their classrooms and witnesses for Jesus wherever they are! God bless.

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DSM classes start September 13, for students and it is not too late to register! Full-time or part-time is available and we encourage people of all ages to consider learning with us!



**Saturday,  
September 18  
7:00 pm**

**Sunday,  
September 19  
10:00 am**

Save the dates for this awesome time with Kerry Kirkwood. Kerry brings a strong prophetic word that has changed a lot of people's lives. You will want to bring a friend to this. Note that this is a Saturday evening as well as a Sunday morning.

**October 10  
10:00 am  
Randy Kutz**



We have a special speaker coming up that you won't want to miss! Pastor Randy is from Foundation Stone, our affiliated ATM church in Toledo and is really a lot of fun to be around. Save this date for sure!



**October 10, 2021 @ 12:00 pm**

This annual event at the worship center follows our Sunday morning service. Mark your calendars now, and look for more details in future publications.

## THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Pastor Justin

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Have you ever wondered what some of the qualities are that make up the champions of the Bible? The obvious qualities like faith, hope, and love come to mind as we consider the qualities of a champion. How often have you considered the "Fear of the Lord" as a quality? Looking into the lives of the early church disciples and even the O.T. saints you see all of the champions possessed this quality. Take Noah for example. Hebrews 11:7 By faith, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. Noah took action based on a godly fear. This type of fear is defined as the following: reverence, awe, respect, and honor. Because Noah had a holy reverence for God, he was moved to action. Even in the life of Jesus, He was heard by the Father and raised from the dead on the basis of His godly fear. (Heb. 5:7) Throughout the Psalms we can read of the many promises of God that are associated with the Fear of the Lord. One of my favorites is Ps 25:14, "the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him." How cool is that? The Father wants to share His secrets with us. But not just anyone. With those that fear Him. Those that honor and revere His name. What should you do if you realize that you're lacking the fear of the Lord in your life? You need to ask God to produce in you, the fear of the Lord. Just because someone says a prayer or attends church doesn't mean they will have this revelation birthed within them. As Peter instructs us, that while we remain on this earth, let us walk in the fear of the Lord! (1 Peter 1:17)

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**Discipleship 1: September 19, 5 - 7 pm**

**Discipleship 3: September 12, 19, 8:00 - 9:15 am**



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## THE MIND & ITS LIE

Elizabeth Monfort

In my earliest memories of childhood, I had an active imagination. I thought in pictures, envisioning my day and the things I wanted to do. Imagination is simply thinking in pictures, envisioning what doesn't yet exist. It isn't necessarily fantasy; often it's real things that just aren't presently being experienced. God used imagination in the beginning by speaking into life what did not previously exist. We are made in His likeness to do likewise.

But how? And why? What place does imagination have in the lives of believers? Isa 26:3 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You." Keeping the mind steadfast or stayed may seem like a tall order, something that requires much effort and work. It's true that we have

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to take our thoughts captive (2 Corinthians 10:5), rejecting that which is in opposition to God's word and holding fast to what is true. But even more so, the stayed or steadfast mind finds REST in the Lord, His love, and His sovereignty. The same Hebrew word for "stayed" or "steadfast" is translated "sustains" in Psalms 3:5 "I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me." If you are resting, reclining, lying down, and sleeping, that is very much a passive state of being. So should be our posture in a time where worry, anxiety, and business can consume our thoughts. Furthermore, the word for "mind" in Isaiah is the Hebrew word "yetser" which means form, image, or imagination. The question is,

what will we purpose our imagination to rest on? What thoughts will we entertain and allow to take root in our hearts?

As we have learned in the past month, the lies and deception of the enemy is real and prevalent and anything but passive towards the hearts and minds of people - including Christians. It's a difficult balance to be honest with oneself about what's going on in the world, the pending end times tribulations, and the lies we've embraced in our individual lives while still imagining hope for the future. But we DO have the hope! The assurance that every knee will bow to the supremacy of Jesus and ultimate victory will have us ruling and reigning with Him. Peace and joy in the Lord is available to us and we have a provision for obtaining it. Romans 8:25-26 says,

"But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it. Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;"

If you find yourself becoming overwhelmed in your mind and heart you can pray in the Spirit, pray in tongues, and allow the peace of the Lord to wash over you. Don't fall prey to allowing your mind to be full of wrong imagination or just plain distracted to the point of ignoring all thoughts or feelings. Trust in the Lord, not your own understanding, and find and share the peace and hope that lives within you!