THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

The Youth Group would like to send a big THANK YOU to Dan & Sherri Lowe for allowing us to have our special "Lake Day." Every year, the Lowe's are so generous and hospitable to us all, allowing us to ride on their jet skis and pontoon, as well as providing many yard games and food for us! THANK YOU!

Another big thank you to everyone who prayed for, donated to, and worked on our youth center. We are in the finishing touches phase right now after carpeting everything, painting every wall, and remodeling the back area into a Cafe. We so appreciate all of you for this wonderful space.

Upcoming events are the Corn Maze on October 31, and then our ATM Winter Camp January 14-17. Make sure to mark your calendars for these events so we can all be together.



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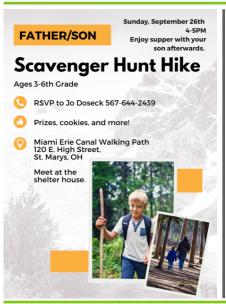


Band of Brothers Clay Shoot October 23 8:30 am

This event is open to all men 18 and older and will be held at Mad River Sportsman Club in Bellefontaine. Bring Your shotgun and enough 7.5-8 shot shells for 100 clays at 14 different stations. If you don't have a shotgun, let one of the leaders know. Cost is \$42 per person. Lunch is provided immediately after the shoot. Sign up in the foyer or see Jeff Monfort!



Parenting classes will be held during our regular Wednesday services on these dates in the back classrooms. Childcare will be provided.



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.



This annual event at the worship center follows our Sunday morning service. The church will provide the hotdogs, drinks, tableware, and inflatable bouncy houses for the kids. Please sign up on the sign up sheet for what you will be bringing. If you're unable to sign up, please bring a finger food side or dessert. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs as we don't have much seating out by the campfire. Reminder, this is a "dress down" Sunday.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tom Sanford

Let me introduce you to Alexa Schmackers. She has been attending New Life for approximately 2.5 years and loves to be outdoors. Living in Philothea, Alexa works at Midmark in Versailles, where she has been for 15 years, making medical equipment on the line. Fitness trainer, stay at home mom, and cafeteria worker are some of her previous titles. She's done a

lot and traveled a lot Urbana and then Paris, Alexa had 4 stayed home while and her dad worked trucks. He may whole lot of hours ladies in the home!



in her life! Born in growing up in St. sisters. Her mom they were young at Navistar building have worked a because of all the The First Baptist

Church in St. Paris was her home church until she and her husband married and went to a few different churches until coming to New Life. Alexa met Dave at the supermarket she worked at and they were married for 30 years before he unexpectedly passed away last year. They have 3 children, Aaron (35), Jessica (30), and Eric (28), along with 4 grandchildren. Their granddaughter Briley's dedication is when they first came to New Life and they both knew right away that this was their church. As for a spiritual gifting, Alexa feels the Lord has plans for her in the areas of hospitality and women's ministry. She enjoys working out at the gym and anything outdoors! Make sure you stop to talk to Alexa because she is a great lady to get to know!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: October 3, 5 - 7 pm Discipleship 3: September 26, 8:00 - 9:15 am



THE JOURNEY

Pastor Bruce

Well brothers and sisters, I have been on quite the journey since July 7th when we were in Wisconsin for my mothers funeral. Having some symptoms that weren't right, I went to the hospital and was diagnosed with a small tumor in my brain. Certainly didn't see that one coming. I was scheduled for August 4, in Cleveland with the Neurosurgeon, and the day before, came down with covid and ended up in Upper Valley in

Troy and am recovering at home still on some oxygen. So right now Cleveland is on hold until I h a v e sufficiently

recovered. So that's the long and short of current events. I don't pretend to understand all the delays, but I have completely rested in God's sovereignty. When I am able, I am going to tell my story on a Sunday morning and many of the things that God has been doing and showing me through this trial. I will say that from the beginning until now, I have refused to give the devil one inch of ground, knowing that he wanted to take me out, but I am determined to finish my course. God determines our days, not the father of lies. Mind you, I am not boasting in myself, but in the Lord of Glory. We must remember that the devil has **ABSOLUTELY NO POWER OVER US.** The only power that he has is what we surrender to him when we give into fear and unbelief. It's at that point that we hand over the reigns to him.

Psalm 118:7 says "The Lord is among those who help me". I love that the Lord includes you among them. Thank you all for your faith, support, prayers, and

all the kind things you have done for us. As we continue in these days of to tal uncertainty, we must lay hold of the King of

Kings. Expend your faith on dwelling in the secret place, not filling your minds with all the garbage that is being spewed at us everyday. Jesus said we are more than conquerers through Him who loved us. If we believe God's report, there is no reason to fear any reports from the evil one of the so-called news of the day. Whose report will you believe? Yes there's a fight ahead just like the Israelites, had to face but remember that Joshua 5:1 says the hearts of the kings of the Canaanites melted and there was no spirit in them any longer!!