

THE UKRAINE

Pastor Bruce

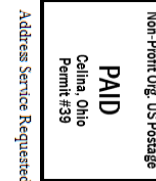
In the midst of all the brokenness and chaos in Ukraine, the grand narrative of the Bible assures us there is a sovereign God who is working all things out according to His eternal plan. God is not shaken by the onslaught of war. This is a constant theme throughout the book of Psalms. “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire against the Lord and His anointed One,” the Psalmist writes, before revealing the response of God. The Lord says, “The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord ridicules them” (Psalm 2:1-2, 4, CSB). Men like Vladimir Putin are scary adversaries in this life, but from the vantage point of our sovereign God they are but pawns in His grand plan of redemption. They will not have the last word. And God is using even these tragic circumstances to draw people to Himself and to grow His Kingdom. Continue to pray!!!

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Parents: Do you have some Summertime jobs that you may need help with? Landscaping, cleaning, or moving items? Our youth would love to help out over the Summer and potentially raise funds for future camps! Keep in mind those jobs that could be made easier by half a dozen teenagers. Our Thrive Youth Group has swung into action in the past mulching, moving rocks & dirt, and even painting! Many hands make the work light. You can contact any of the youth leaders and we can organize a crew typically in a timely fashion. Thanks for your consideration!



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May 30

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. We will be reopening on Tuesday, May 31, at 9:00 am.



Vacation Bible School
June 26-30
6:00 - 8:30 pm

It's time to sign up for our New Life Vacation Bible School! Every year the kids have so much fun and the Lord always is faithful to teach them great lessons! You may register at <https://vbspro.events/p/nlcckids> for kids ages 3 - entering 7th grade. You may purchase a T-Shirt (optional) and the cost will be approximately \$10.



Tickets for this amazing concert at the Mercer County Fair can be bought at the church office. Grandstand tickets are \$30 and Track seats are \$40.



ATM Youth Summer Camp
June 20 - 24

Talk to a youth leader today about this amazing camp you can attend this year! We will be heading to Camp Michindoh. You can still take advantage of the Early Bird Discount due by May 20!

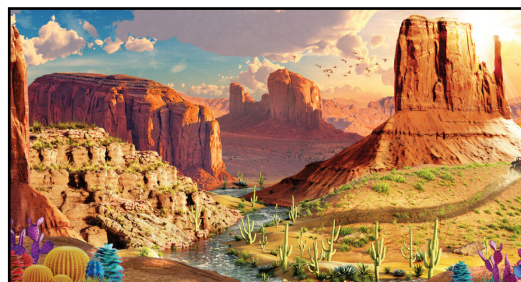


Destiny School of Ministry has finished up for this 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to have 6 students complete a degree. We would love for you to explore the option of attending DSM in the Fall according to your own schedule! Classes are very affordable and small class sizes benefit students by more personalized assignments and discussion. You can find more information on our website at destinyschoolofministry.org!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ashley Driggs

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. At Monumental, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day — making it easy to apply long after VBS is over. Each day at Monumental VBS, kids trek through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. One of the best parts about Monumental VBS is having praiseworthy music! Fun songs your kids will want to listen to repeatedly and sure to become a new family fave! We will trek through the adventures of Joseph's family feuds, imprisonment, new responsibilities, and reuniting with his family. And you certainly do not want to miss day 4 when we go on the quest of Jesus' death and resurrection. Join us for a memorable, Monumental time at VBS Sunday, June 26, through Thursday, June 30, from 6-8:30PM. Sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/nlcckids> by May 28. Shirts are optional for \$10 to Ashley Driggs in a marked envelope, and is due by May 22. Don't miss out on this voyage, spaces are limited!



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: June 5, 5 - 7 pm
Discipleship 3: May 22, 29, 8:00 - 9:15 am



TESTIMONY

Greg Schoen

On August 5 2021, I injured my left shoulder at work and was not sure what would come of it. I had an MRI and discovered that I had a tear in my labrum. Uncertain of the severity of the tear, my surgeon suggested surgery to repair the tear. After it was best to get the tear surgically repaired.

The surgery went very well. When it was

God to heal me and that I would be back to work in exactly 4.5 months.

My surgery was November 13, and I was back to work at Crown by March 24, 2022. My God doesn't believe in dates, His healing isn't bound by man's words, but He is the

great physician. My surgeon even stated "you're one of the fastest recoveries I have ever seen for this type of labrum repair, and I know how much work I had to do in there!"

My shoulder is 100% functional and I recently received a promotion to a higher paying department. God may put us through trials, but it is to strengthen us and build up our faith. Be encouraged to continue to press on through trials and "consider it all joy..." [James 1:2](#).

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