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Recently at youth group we have been using our Wednesday night lessons to recap and review our Sunday sermons with the youth. Our February topic has been using the imagination to honor God and to fulfill what He has called each one of us to. The purpose of reviewing the Sunday sermons is to help ensure that the youth are understanding what is shared and to encourage them to take notes during the Sunday services. We have also set aside the last Wednesday of the month to separate the guys and the girls to address topics specific to each gender. Youth, today, face many challenges, but they also have many opportunities to overcome and be a light in times of darkness. So many young people and adults are looking for answers, purpose, love, and acceptance. What is taught during our weekly youth meetings is just a small part in equipping the youth to answer these questions and to rise above the challenges they face in a post-Christian society. Discipleship is a lifestyle of hearing from the Lord and absorbing His word - not just attending a meeting or taking a class. The greatest days for the church are ahead of us - don't forget your role as parents, grandparents, family, and friends in discipling the next generation.







# The Connection

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Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD Saturday night, March 11, so you will not be late for church!

March 22, 7:00 pm

**Roger Pugh** Roger will be ministering at this Wednesday evening service and giving an introduction for the Dreams & Visions seminar!

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

March 26, 10:00 am Chris Romano

President of Vision Christian Bible College, Chris Romano, will be

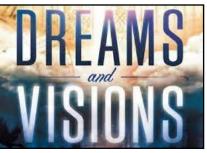




God is doing!

Just a reminder that during the winter months you may want to bring a sweater or jacket to wear in the sanctuary before we begin our service.

We purposely do not heat the room up to a comfortably warm temperature because once worship begins it warms up quickly and if we heated it before the church fover. See Dave hand we would have to run the AC in the winter! Thank you for taking this into consideration!



March 23 - 25

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this outstanding 3 day conference with Roger Pugh. Tickets are priced at \$75 for individuals with reduced rates for youth or groups of 10. Sign up at: https://www. brownpapertickets.com/event/ 5705519



## **Band of Brothers** Fishing Event

We will be chartering the Irish Drifter in Port Clinton on Saturday, May 20. We are planning to leave Celina at 4:30 am. The cost per person will be \$75 - \$80, plus van rental and gas. This is a private charter and capacity is limited to 20 people. You must have your fishing license before leaving town. There will be a sign up sheet in Thompson for any questions.

# **POWER TO ENDURE**

Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought, and never fails to bear fruit."

What hardships, what trials are you going through today? The Lord says He is the spring of living water. He speaks of Israel, His people saying, "They have forsaken Me, the spring (fountain) of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." Jesus is the living water, and when we drink from Him, we thirst for nothing else.

The Lord is our sustainer, our help, and He has given us the power to endure to the end. May we be "filled with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding the Spirit gives, that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, and being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience while giving joyful thanks to the Father ... " (Col.1:9-14). I don't know about you, but I think of power as doing the works that Jesus did, of seeing mighty signs and wonders, but Paul writes that we can be strengthened with all power to endure anything that comes our way. When we allow our roots to go down deep, when we are planted by the water, we do not fear when difficult times come, we do not worry in a year of drought, and we never fail to bear fruit because we are nourished and refreshed by the spring of living water.

May you be strengthened with all power according to His glorious might by putting your confidence in Him, and remembering to give joyful thanks to the Father for making you into the image of His Son Jesus!

#### **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

Discipleship 1: March 19, 5 - 7 pm Discipleship 3: March 12, 19, 8:00 - 9:15 am



#### **DEVELOPING PEOPLE LITERACY** Jerilyn Lowe

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Many members of NLCC are familiar with the DiSC Behavioral Assessment, a tool that helps to determine the behavioral style of an individual for the purpose of helping them develop awareness of their personal strengths and weaknesses and how they can adapt their behavior in different environments to increase positive outcomes and reduce friction between people. This awareness is vitally important in many I am what I am...." Discovering

environments, including work, relationships, parenting, and ministry. Developing People Literacy involves taking the knowledge of the different behavioral styles of the DiSC Profile and using it to develop the ability to understand those

around you and how you interact with them in different environments.

This ability to be "self aware" and "others aware" is also known as Emotional Intelligence. Just like a person's intelligence is described as their IQ, Emotional Intelligence can be understood as a person's EQ. While a person's IQ is generally fixed and doesn't change over their lifetime, EQ is a changeable attribute. With awareness and intention, a person can develop greater Emotional Intelligence. This is great news because the Stanford Research Institute has found that a person's earning potential and success is based only 12.5% on

knowledge, and 87.5% on people skills. By increasing your EQ, you can become more successful in all areas of your life. But even better than that, you can become a more effective communicator of the gospel and the culture of the Kingdom of God when you know how to relate to people according to their readable characteristics. In 1 Corinthians 15:10, the Apostle Paul declares, "By the grace of God

vour identity - who you truly are by the grace of God - can be a powerful key to discovering your purpose. Learning to God, I am discover and appreciate the grace of God in others helps us to work alongside them to accomplish God's purposes without the misunderstandings that

can result from our blind spots. Learning to use People Literacy skills in conjunction with the Holy Spirit's guidance will give us an advantage in every situation. Destiny School of Ministry will be working in the near future to bring more opportunities for our church members and members of our community to grow in their knowledge and understanding of People Literacy. We believe these skills are both liberating and life changing, and can increase our value as Kingdom citizens, as we bring the Good News and the presence of God with us wherever we go.