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THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Thrive Youth has just finished a series on proper relationships and purity! Last month, we separated the guys and girls for our discussions and really dove into how to first properly relate to the Lord and second, properly relate to others. We encourage all the parents to check in with their youth about what they have learned. Both groups were able to ask lots of questions and much encouragement was given. Our main priority is to seek the Lord and we are to avoid potential distractions as much as possible. The goal is purity, which means "without mixture." At Thrive Youth, we encourage all to put their focus on Him and let all other relationships fall into place! We enjoy all of our time with the Youth and value your prayers and input.

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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. Sign up on sign up sheet in the church foyer.

THRIVE Bake Sale April 23

The Youth Group will be having their annual silent auction fundraiser with bidding from 9:00 - 9:50 am. These funds will help offset summer camp costs. If you want to provide baked goods, sign up in the foyer.



Starting April 16 8:00 am - 9:15 am

Join us weekly on Sunday mornings for 13 weeks as we dive into this series with Dr. Del Tackett. This is a great series that will give you a more Biblical worldview





Join us for this 4 week course to learn more about how our church believes. RSVP to office by April 10.

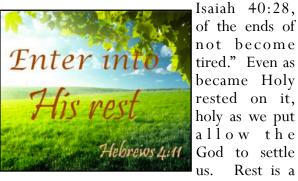


Everyone is invited to a breakfast at New Life celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We ask that you please bring a large breakfast food item to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. We will begin eating promptly at 8:30 am!

A PLACE FOR HIM TO REST

Isaiah 66:1 says, "Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. Where then is the house you can build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?" God is not seeking for our professional doing, or things we think will impress Him. He doesn't want what we have; He simply seeks a heart for Himself, a place where He can rest. The Jews kept the Sabbath Day, but they never entered God's rest. "There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9-11). The Sabbath was not a source of rest for God, but He is the Source of rest for the Sabbath. As it is

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prevailing quality of His completeness. God is seeking for a relationship where He comes and rests in our hearts, where He can completely permeate every dimension of our lives, and where He can tabernacle, remain, and be quiet upon us. So many work themselves to near exhaustion seeking to serve God. May we hear Jesus' cry, "Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). God is asking us to become passengers in the vehicle of His will, surrendering all to Him in rest.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: April 16, 5 - 7 pm Truth Project: April 16, 8:00 - 9:15 am



DREAM ON!

Pastor Justin

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Job 33:15-17, "In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction." Wow! Who knew? God wants to speak to us even while we are asleep! Have you ever had a dream and knew that it was God talking to you?

Or did you dismiss it as "it was the pizza?" It might have been the pizza, but it could have been God! In the Bible, is there precedent for God speaking to us in dreams? Yes. Many of the most significant

place in dreams. Here are just a few examples. Genesis 15:13, "... Abraham fell into a deep sleep, and then God spoke." Genesis 37:5-10, "... Joseph dreamed a dream." Genesis 28:11-12, "...Jacob laid his head down and dreamed." Matthew 1:20-2:21, "An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream." At least three times, God

spoke to Joseph in a dream about what to do with the life of Jesus Christ. Even the wise men were warned in a dream to depart home a different way (Matt 2:12). Are dreams just for the Old Testament? No! Acts 2:17, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on

> all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." God wants to bring us to a place of maturity in the Spirit. We need

events of the Bible took to raise our expectations of God and what He wants to say to us. Matthew 7:7 tells us to "ask, and it will be given." We need to start asking God to increase our dreams and visions and to provide us with the interpretation of our dreams! Starting today, record your dreams in a journal and ask God to give you an understanding of them!