

#### **KID'S KORNER**

#### **BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

#### WORD SCRAMBLE

are scrambled. Can you figure out which books are named? (Hint: Thirteen are from the

1. SVRBPROE
2. ERVLEAONIT
3. SMTLETANAONI
4. OMRNAS
5. GNSISIE
6. BWSERHE
7. EOUXSD
8. HAEOS
9. SNAALTAGI
10. OJNHA
11. EUDTERMOOYN
12. RCAHAHEZI
13. NBUESMR
14. NSPPAILIPH
15. SEIEPHANS
16. OIEPLMNH
17. EIHEMJRA
18. EUGJDS
19. HOBAAID
20. HRTSEE

# NEW CLE THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Last month at Thrive, the youth learned about the rise of secularism in our culture and how it has affected us individually, as well as our nation as a whole. Our country, which was founded on the truth of the Bible, has now largely embraced a more secular view that rejects truth and the moral order of Scripture. Too many of today's teens are falling into this ideological trap because they lack a solid foundation. Like Jesus' parable in Matthew 7 of the wise man who built his house on the rock, our goal for our youth is that they will be equipped with a foundation of truth to build upon and won't be swept away by the chaos of secularism.

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### May 19, 7:00 pm, May 21, 10:00 am

Be praying and fasting for these upcoming inspiring and prophetic meetings with Dennis and Diane. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear what the Lord has for our New Life family and community!

#### ONE BY ONE (Becky Murray) May 31, 7:00 pm



Join us for this evening service to hear what God is doing across the world through One By One Ministries. Pray about how you can partner with the Lord in this ministry.



#### June 25 - 29 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

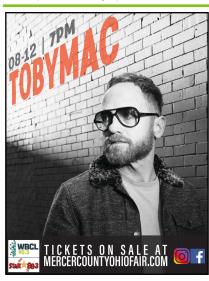


Kids ages 3 - to entering 7th grade will launch on a cosmic quest blasting Jesus' light to the world. This will be an out-of-

this-world adventure with light years of faith-building fun!! Shirts are optional for \$15 each. Spaces are limited so sign up today at: vbspro.events/p/nlcckids1 or use the QR code.



We will be chartering the *Irish Drifter* in Port Clinton on Saturday, May 20, and planning to leave Celina at 4:30 am. The cost will be \$75 - \$80 per person, plus van rental and gas. See Dave Thompson for any questions.



New Life has purchased a block of tickets for the Mercer County Fair Christian Concert with TobyMac this year. Track tickets are \$40 and Grandstand tickets are \$30 per person. Call the church office to reserve your seat.



June 12 - 16 Mark your calendars!!!

## TESTIMONY Kim Hefner

I'm currently attending classes being offered by Destiny School of Ministry. One of the classes we're taking right now is based off a book called *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. While in class, Jesus turned my world upside down and I would like to share that experience with you all!

This class focuses on two-way journaling, meaning I ask the Lord a question, He answers, and I write it all down. The book explains that hearing the voice of God is as "easy" as:

- 1.) Quieting yourself down
- 2.) Fixing your eyes on Jesus
- 3.) Tune to spontaneous flow (thoughts)
- 4.) Journal (write your prayers and God's answers).

During each class, we took time to practice this. And well, one day, it finally happened for me!! I had a CONVERSATION with JESUS!! I've talked to Him many, many times...but I've never experienced Him responding to me. My life is forever changed. I felt His love in a way I never had before, and am continuing to gain a deeper, richer understanding of just how much He loves. My desire to seek Him, His face, His words, His love...it has reached a whole new level after experiencing that moment with Him. I want to encourage others who struggle with knowing whether or not they're hearing the voice of God to read this book. The book explains it in a way that is very easy to understand and is incredibly thorough.



A few days later, the Lord dropped a sweet song into my heart; a song that I haven't heard since I was a little girl. The hymn is, "In the Garden." I have listened to it approximately 5,782 times since then!

Advice for the day: Buy the book. Read the book. Listen to "In the Garden."

#### **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

Discipleship 1: May 7, 14, 5 - 7 pm Truth Project: May 7, 14, 8:00 - 9:15 am



#### SEE THEM!

Pastor Jason

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The past couple of weeks, it was great to be able to share with you, my journey through this season of sabbatical that I was in. Nothing went according to plan...at least not according to <u>my</u> plan, but God showed himself to be gracious and merciful through it all. I appreciate the prayers, and from a standpoint of really

needing support from my family, church, leaders, and church family... I have a new perspective on body ministry and seeing others around me.

One of the key lessons that I needed to be reminded of during this season

was to see the needs and suffering of those around me... to really "see them!" Our redeemer is a God of relationship. He is using your story in my story to impact relationships in our lives. For all that we go through we need to know that there is **purpose** in the pain. No one likes going through the valley of pain and suffering, but there is purpose and purification through the

process. We can choose to cooperate with God or "kick against the goads."

Hebrews 11:24-26 says of Moses, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God then to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than that of Egypt, for

he looked forward to the reward." In other words, Moses made the choice to allow God to redefine his identity from that of a prince of Egypt, to a shepherd of an shepherd of an

entire nation of God's chosen people. He chose to suffer for the sake of Christ, and deny himself the temporal pleasures of this world, in order to look to the great <u>eternal</u> reward instead. God wants us to see everyone around us and be used in our gifts and callings to bring them to their own full potential in Jesus Christ. What a wonderful destiny He has for each of us!