





THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

School is fast approaching! Whenever August hits, we know it is "GO TIME!" As for Thrive, not much will be changing for regular meetings. We will also be having our special Lowe's Lake Day on September 2. Our last summer lake day scheduled with them had unfavorable weather, so we moved it to the youth center.

As Celina school starts on August 22, KHM will be continuing as normal in the high school, and an exciting update is that we will be starting Kindergarten through Second grade in February! We encourage you to have your children take advantage of every opportunity to learn about the Kingdom!

Please keep in prayer all the students, teachers, and administration that are meeting again soon. Pray the Lord

enlightens them all and that Glory is brought to God in all situations. Let the 2023-2024 school year be filled with the Presence of the Lord Jesus!









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### **Band of Brothers Event**

We have reserved an open air concourse suite at Parkview Field in Fort Wayne for a night of food, fun, and fellowship. The cost is \$30 per person which includes your ticket, traditional ballpark food, soft drinks, popcorn, and peanuts. There is a maximum reservation of 30 people, so please sign up soon on the sign up sheet in the fover. Those 18 years old and older are invited to

this event. We will be leaving from Celina Chief at 5:00 pm. The game between the Dayton Dragons and the TinCaps will start at 6:35 pm. Contact Jeff Monfort for more information.



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In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 4. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, at 9:00 am.





Matt Kutz August 20, 10:00 am Matt serves on the Pastoral team at Foundation Stone Church in Toledo, and is an ATM Director. Be sure to attend this meeting and invite a friend!



Kerry & Diane Kirkwood September 16, 7:00 pm September 17, 10:00 am Join us for these two meetings on Saturday and Sunday! Kerry and Diane have been a tremendous blessing to us through the years. Be expecting a timely Word from the Lord. Invite a friend.

# **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

I am excited to introduce you to a young couple who has made New Life Christian Center part of their extended family. Tyler and Kaitlynn McMurray will have been married one year in December. They have 2 little girls, Charlee (2 yrs.) and Hadlee (10 mo.). Tyler grew up in St. Marys, and previously attended Calvary Christian Fellowship before making New Life his home church. Kaitlynn was raised in Celina, and attended Mt. Tabor with her family. They met while hanging out with mutual friends. Tyler is a supervisor at

Pratt Industries, part time at and also stays girls. This couple garden this their free time, how to make it also enjoys golfing time. When asked strengths, they hospitality is their

and Kaitlynn works Mercer In-Sight, home with the planted their first summer, and in both are learning successful. Tyler when he has the about their gifts/ both agree that strong point. They

do not have any pets, but do enjoy going on short trips, such as to the zoo, or to see family with the girls. Kaitlynn and Tyler have not taken any long vacations yet as a family. Kaitlynn shared that if they won a large sum of money, they would "probably save some of it, and invest some for their children." When I asked them to share something we don't know about them, they informed me they are expecting their third baby in February. If you have not met this couple and their precious girls, be sure and introduce yourself to them soon. We are honored to have them as part of our New Life family!

#### **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

Discipleship 1, August 13, 20, 5 - 7 pm Discipleship 2: September 10, 8:00 - 9:15 am



#### DSM TESTIMONY Olivia Page

How has Destiny School of Ministry shaped my life? I'd like to start with a profession of faith: Jesus Christ has become my Lord and Savior, through a series of seemingly unrelated events that turned out to be more serendipitous than I could ever have imagined. My journey with Christ led me to this haven of transformation, called Destiny School of Ministry. My life prior to knowing Christ was one filled with desperate searching and

biggest issues, like what is my purpose? What are my gifts? Who am I, besides flesh and

blood? DSM has helped me find the answers to these questions and so many more. I am in the process of walking out the call of God on my life, and developing the gifts that God placed within, ones that had laid dormant until His appointed time. DSM has helped to awaken those gifts and shed light upon them. Classes like "Identity" and "Kingdom" have expanded my awareness like nothing else ever could, and have helped me to understand my eternal destiny and who I am in Christ. The mentorship that I have been blessed with through my first year of ministry school has been fulfilling in every sense

of the word. I have been blessed with the friends and family through school that I have always dreamt of. My understanding of biblical truth and knowledge has increased in such a way, that the people around me are questioning their own beliefs and being drawn to Christ, which is always the goal. As stated in Hebrews 4:12, the word of God is alive and active. Being immersed in scripture 3 days a week, has renewed my mind and allowed me to have a seeking. Questions to life's strong foundation on which to

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build my life. Hebrews 4:12 also declares that the word o f God separates even

to the division of soul and spirit, and I have experienced this firsthand. My education via DSM has been the Lord's chosen tool to perform much of His healing and sanctification within my heart; it has enabled me to take a real and raw look at my behavioral patterns, my coping mechanisms, and my relationships to see how the Holy Spirit can transform me to look more like Christ. DSM has been the launching pad for my faith walk, and anyone who enrolls will not leave the same. but transformed with their inner fire ignited for the King of Kings and His soon-coming Kingdom.