

KID'S KORNER

What happened to Moses after he spoke with the Lord?

Exodus 34:29



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THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

The 127 garage sales have come and gone, and we could not have done it without you guys. So, on behalf of Thrive youth, we want to say **thank you** to everyone who donated and volunteered this year. With your donations, we were able to raise over \$1000 for the youth group. In addition to your donations, we also had a lemonade stand, and some of the younger church girls set up shop to sell their handmade crafts and jewelry. Every year we start off with having the youth set up the garage sale on Wednesday night, then we have them organize everything and price things out. Throughout the weekend, the youth that volunteered helped with the lemonade stand, taking cash and giving back change, bagging and carrying items to cars when customers needed an extra hand. During their

free time, they rode round on scooters and played card games. At the end of the weekend, we cleaned up and whatever we had left over we packed up and donated it to Rustic Hope.









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September 2 3:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Thrive Youth Group will be heading to the Lowe's for an "end of the summer" lake day. Please plan on bringing a snack/side to share for supper.



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.



SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 8

Mark your calendars for this annual event full of food, fun, and fellowship! More details coming soon.



Kerry & Diane Kirkwood September 16, 7:00 pm September 17, 10:00 am

Join us for these two aweinspiring 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 friends and family!



CALL CAFÉ Tuesday August 29

This is an opportunity to serve those less fortunate by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Please scan the QR code to sign up to help serve in our community.

We will be setting up at 4:30 pm with supper being served at 5:30 pm.



SERMON RECAP

Pastor Justin

Psalm 25:14, "The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." The fear of the Lord is a truth that rings throughout all of Scripture. As a disciple of Christ, I can say that I want to know the secrets of the Lord. As things continue to unravel in this world, we should desire to have the inside scoop! How can we get the inside scoop? By being in a proper relationship with Jesus! When we hear of a proper relationship, we often equate that to loving God with all our heart. The love of God is essential, but just as equally important is the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2-3 states that the fear of the Lord was the delight of Jesus while on this earth. Also, in Isaiah 33:6, He claims that the fear of the Lord is His treasure. Just think about that for a minute. Jesus is stating that the fear of the Lord is both His treasure and His delight! As a disciple of His, we need to learn to love what he loves and hate what he hates. I believe one reason He delights in the fear of the Lord is what it produces in us. Proverbs 9:10 and Ps 111:10 teaches us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. If we want to walk in the wisdom that is from above, as it says in James 3:17, then we need to first embrace the fear of the Lord. Exodus 20:20, "And Moses said to the people, do not fear, for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin!" When you read this, it seems like Moses is confused. He first tells the people not to be afraid; then he tells them God will test them to see if His fear is in them. Interesting. It's important to distinguish between "fear, being afraid" and the "fear of the Lord." To properly fear the Lord means that you hold God in high esteem, honor, awe, and to recognize He is the Supreme Being who holds all power and authority! I highly encourage you to read Psalms 34 to gain more insight into this revelation! Be blessed.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1, September 3, 5 - 7 pm Discipleship 2: September 10, 8:00 - 9:15 am



DSM TESTIMONY

Sabrina Downing

Before Destiny School of Ministry, I had a little biblical knowledge. In fact, I was saved the year before starting, so I was just starting a relationship with God and building my foundation. DSM helped me jump start my relationship, and what it really means to be in a covenant with God. Through the last two years, I have learned some

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a m a z i n g things and have even b e e n pushed to do things I w o u l d

have never tried on my own, like public speaking. Every time I felt like I was about to give up I always had someone there to support me and remind me that God has me in the right place. All of the classes I have taken have not only helped me get closer to God, they have also helped me in my job, relationships with family/friends, and roles I play at my local church.

Another thing I struggled with was my

purpose in life. I never knew where I would be in the future, because in my mind, I did not have a future or a purpose. But one of the classes I took, M.A.P.S, helped me realize that before I was born, God had a plan for me in His kingdom, and that like everyone else, He has given me the gifts and strength I need to help others.

If you are new to the faith and don't know what it means to

be a Christian, or you know the Lord but may not know your purpose, I would definitely recommend looking into Destiny School of Ministry. Not only do they have great biblical teachings, they also truly care about building your faith up so when you go into this crazy world, you will have a firm foundation to stand on and will be able to teach others (2 Timothy 2:1-2).