

In what city did the elders  
ask Samuel to appoint a  
King??  
1 Samuel 8:4



newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

This year has been jam packed with camps, lake days, Wednesday nights, fundraisers, and so much more. Sadly, this year is coming to an end, but there is so much to look forward to in the new year. It's been a blast and a blessing to see the youth grow in the relationship this year, not only with each other and the leaders, but especially with the Lord. Some topics we have focused on this past year have included how to be a friend to God, commitment, fear of the Lord, tithing, and Disc. This is just a few things we have gone over with them, either at camps or Wednesday night youth services. As we finish out this year, it'll be a great time to ask the youth some of the highlights they have had this past year and what they are excited for next year.

We have Winter Camp coming up, January 12th - 15th! The cost for camp is \$170. Kingdom camp is July 15th through the 19th! The cost will be \$300. Both will be at the St Mary's Lighthouse Retreat Center. The kids can start saving up and participating in fundraisers to earn money off the cost of camp. A fundraiser we have going on now and throughout the year is *Raise Right*. For more information, see a youth leader. In February, we will be having our youth fundraiser lunch immediately following the service. Come join us and eat some delicious food while taking the time to get to know our youth members.

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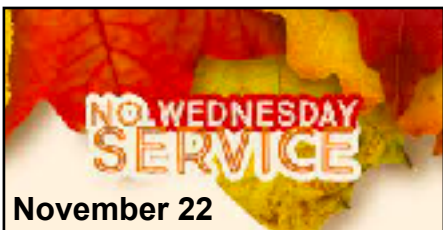
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**November 19**  
 Sunday we will be having our annual Thanksgiving lunch immediately after the service. This is a great time of fellowship with one another, and of giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness! Please bring one of your favorite dishes for this Thanksgiving meal!



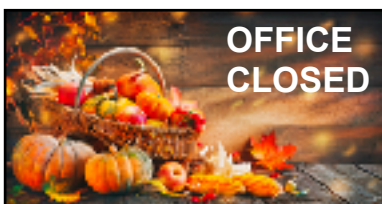
**November 22**  
 Enjoy time with your family and give thanks to the Lord together for His many blessings. We will not be having service on this evening.



Due to the upcoming Holidays and offices being closed, our last newsletter for the year will be on December 13. Please be sure to read your bulletins or our Facebook page to keep up with events, announcements, and upcoming news. After December 13, our next newsletter will come out on January 10, 2024.



**December 2**  
 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 All ladies are welcome to come to our annual Christmas party! Join us for coffee, quiche, cinnamon rolls, and JESUS! There will be a small \$10 gift exchange for those wanting to participate. Please sign up at the Welcome Center Desk. See Joan McPheron for more information.



**November 22 - 26**  
 The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 27, at 9:00 am.



**CALL CAFÉ**  
 Once again, we have the opportunity to serve our community providing a meal at the Celina Fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers to help supply food, set up and tear down, and to help serve. Watch for the signup genius coming soon on NLCC Facebook group!

## HALL OF FAME HONORS

Pastor Jason

Every once in a while it is a good thing to share life accomplishments of the members of our church. On October 13, Larry Gruber was inducted into the St. Marys Memorial High School Alumni Foundation "Hall of Fame." Coach Gruber began teaching at Saint Marys in 1970. In 1971, he helped organize and create the wrestling program. Since then he has been a part of all 52 seasons of the Roughrider wrestling program. I had the honor of coaching on staff with him for 11 of those years. "Grube" was and still remains a great friend and mentor after all these years, even though we now get to coach against one another as we have done for the past decade!

Over all those years Grube has claimed 5 league titles (including the past 4 years), and has coached 25 different wrestlers at the State Tournament. On top of that, he taught various science classes at Memorial High School for over four decades before retiring as a teacher.

If you want to see Coach Gruber in action, we actually go head-to-head the first meet of the season on December 7 in St. Marys. You might actually hear him yell, "Get your head off the mat!" to one of his wrestlers! It's a real treat :-)  
 Congrats, my friend! An honor well deserved!



## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**Discipleship 2: November 19, 26, 8:00 - 9:15 am**  
**Discipleship 3: November 19, 26, 8:00 - 9:15 am**



## HONORS REWARD

Pastor Justin

**1 Samuel 2:30** "For those who honor Me I will honor and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." God takes the issue of honor very serious. Throughout Scripture, we see example after example of people who lived by this principle, and it either became a blessing to them or a curse to them. Here are a few examples.

Noah and his 3 sons in which Ham dishonored his father. **Gen 9:25** "Cursed be Canaan (Ham's Father), a servant of servants, and he shall be to his brethren." He was cursed because of dishonor. In **2 Samuel 21**, we

*"Esteem others more important than yourself"*

find the story of King David crying out to God for an answer to why there is a famine in the land. God replies with, "it is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house because he killed the Gibeonites." Think about that! A famine occurred because King Saul dishonored his relationship with the Gibeonites and murdered them. King David speaks with the Gibeonites to ask them what

can be done for this dishonor that has been done to them. They requested the lives of 7 descendants of King Saul! King Saul's actions of dishonor led to the loss of 7 of his family members! The choices we make today DO impact our tomorrow. They do affect more than just our own lives as well. God is calling us to live a life of

honor. In doing so, we can reverse the curse and bring a blessing upon our household. In **Acts 10**, we see by the actions of one man, an entire household was saved. Cornelius was a man of honor, and it got

the attention of God. The invisible realm became visible because this man knew what it meant to honor. Make it a point today to start living a life of honor; to esteem others more important than yourself. Don't merely look out for your own interests, but also for those around you. In doing so, you will fulfill all the law as you love your neighbor as yourself!