

What creature does God want us to learn wisdom from?
Proverbs 6:6



newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! Thrive youth had an awesome start of the year in January. During our Wednesday night meetings, we have started a quarterly theme discussing our thought life, where our thoughts come from, and our ability to take thoughts captive. We also had our 2024 ATM winter retreat where we discussed what it means to be steadfast for the Lord in the life of a teenager. This year's winter retreat was our highest attended retreat, so far, with almost 70 people!

Looking at the month of February, we have a few events planned including our youth Super Bowl party. This will be hosted at the Youth Center on Sunday, February 11, at 5:30 pm. We ask that students bring \$5 for pizza, and a side or snack to share. We will also be hosting our yearly youth lunch fundraiser. This will be at the Worship Center on February 25, right after the church service. This is a free meal for all who attend, and we would welcome any donation to help fund future youth events. Thank you and God bless!

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP February 8, 22

New Life will be starting a grief support group the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Worship Center. See Amy Beougher, Steve or Sharon Long for more information.



Immediately after the service, Thrive Youth will be providing us with a freshly prepared meal featuring slow cooked shredded chicken, baked potatoes, coleslaw, and brownies & cookies for dessert. Lemonade and bottled water will also be provided.

Gluten free options

All donations are welcome and appreciated! Proceeds will go toward future camps, activities, etc.



This fun event is held at "The Hero Day" in the Lima Mall. The cost is \$10 per person. Please see Ashley Driggs for more information. All girls ages 3 to 6th grade along with their dads are invited to come!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

We are blessed to have José and Michele Perez as part of our New Life family. They have been coming to NLCC since June of 2023, and have jumped right into discipleship classes and DSM, eager to learn and draw closer to the Lord. José and Michele have been married for almost 7 years. José grew up in Tenosique, Tabasco, Mexico and came to the US in 2005. He is one of 12 children. Michele is the youngest of 13 children, grew up in Lima, then moved to Wapakoneta when she was 13 years old. They live in St. Marys now. Michele and José met while working at the TA Travel Center in Wapakoneta. Michele has 3 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. When asking them about their hobbies, Jose says he loves anything electronic, loves to work on them, and figure things out. He enjoys hanging out with his friends. Michele loves to read, exercise, ride her bike, and study God's Word. They both enjoy spending time with family and his strengths/gifts are being kind-hearted, even hearted, encouraging, and patient. He wants to learn to play the keyboard and maybe some day be on the worship team. Michele says her strengths are being compassionate, giving, merciful, and helpful. She would like to do mission work. Their favorite vacations have been to the mountains of Tennessee. When asked what they would do with \$1 million, Michele and José state they would give God His tithe, help their families, help the homeless, especially women and children. Then they would buy a home for themselves! They have 2 boxers as pets to complete their family. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to them if you haven't already. New Life is extremely blessed to have José and Michele as part of our church family, and an essential part of the local body of Christ!



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DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

- Discipleship 1: February 18, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Discipleship 2: February 11, February 18, 8:00 - 9:15 am
- Discipleship 3: February 11, February 18, 8:00 - 9:15 am



DISAPPOINTMENT

Pastor Justin

At the hearing of the news of the loss of his son, scripture records that David did the following:

2 Samuel 12:20, "Then David got up from the floor, washed himself, put lotions on, and changed his clothes. Then he went into the Lord's house to worship. After that, he went home and asked for something to eat."

The first thing David did was **he got up and got moving.** Disappointment has a way of paralyzing us and causing us to get indifferent to life. One of the first ways of overcoming this **is just to get up and keep moving forward.**

In these early stages, the next thing we do is **wash ourselves** with the water of the Word of God. We need to remind ourselves of the goodness and faithfulness of God **"throughout" our entire life.** Often, the moment's pain can keep us from remembering how faithful God has been to us. Next, we need to **anoint ourselves.** We do that by abiding in Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to have full access to our life. David

proceeds to then **change his clothes.** **Romans 13:14** tells us to **"put on" Christ.** We can't let our pain keep us in the past. Putting on Christ is what enables us to walk in newness of life. David then goes to the house of the Lord to worship! Praising the Lord in the midst of the trial is one of the most powerful ways of overcoming your disappointment.

Following these steps helps us regain clarity and focus. We can now process the pain of disappointment through a new lens of re-ordered expectations. These new, re-ordered expectations, can give us a clearer picture of our future with the Lord. It helps us remember that **life is always worth living,** and that all pain endures but for a moment. By the **grace of God,** we can and will be able to continue with the life He has given us.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

*Get up
and
praise the
Lord*