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I can't believe we are already into the 3rd month of the new year. So far we are averaging about 30 students each week! With their two favorite games being spike ball and volleyball, which both are normally going on at the same time in the main room, it is a miracle that one doesn't get hit with the ball when walking through. With so many new teens joining our group, we have been looking for new ways for the youth to meet up outside of Wednesday night. We want them to fellowship with one another and grow in the Lord on a deeper level. One way we have done this is by starting both a boy's and girl's study group that will be meeting once a month. We will also be having more game nights and additional events over the spring and summer. With Thrive Youth continuing to grow, and by adding different activities, we cannot wait to see what the rest of the year will bring!

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THRIVE YOUTH

BAKE SALE

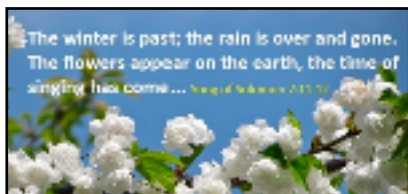
March 24

The Youth Group will again be having their silent auction fundraiser with bidding from 9:00 - 9:50 am. Enjoy a variety of baked goods that will help offset summer camp costs. This is an excellent way to support our Youth, plus you get to take home some delicious baked goods. Please have your items at the church before 9:00 am if you would like to help out.



SPECIAL GUEST
Chuck Porta
Friday, April 19,
7:00 pm
Sunday, April 21,
10:00 am

Chuck brings a powerful prophetic message calling God's people to a deeper level of intimacy with the Lord. He also has a passion to see the move of God come to the body of Christ, releasing them into fruitful lives for the Kingdom of God. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss these services.



Easter Breakfast

March 31, 8:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will begin eating promptly at 8:30 am. All are welcome to attend. We ask that everyone please bring a large breakfast food item to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.



Chris Romano

April 24
7:00 pm

The President of VCBCS will be ministering on this Wednesday night and updating us on what God is doing through Vision Bible College and Seminary. Mark your calendars to join us.



Kingdom Harvest Ministries, a Released Time Bible Education, is growing rapidly in our area. Currently, we are needing volunteers for Celina 1st and 2nd graders. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up at kingdomharvestministries.org and click on the volunteer tab. See Levi Dahlke for more information.

KHM UPDATE

Levi Dahlke

We are excited to share all that has been going on in Kingdom Harvest Ministries since the beginning of the year. The Lord continues to be faithful to open more and more doors for us to walk through, and be able to impact our local schools with the Word of God. Just this year, we started our Celina KHM 1st and 2nd grade class as well as starting the process of having a Wapakoneta KHM location!

We officially started our 1st and 2nd grade KHM class on March 5th. We are blessed to be able to use Building 7:12 to host the class right after our high school KHM class is over. This first class was taught by Tom Sanford who taught the students that it doesn't have to be hard to read and learn the Word of God as they all memorized John 11:35, "Jesus wept". They also got to learn more about each other as they played a hot potato name game. We had a total of 18 1st and 2nd graders come the first week and we know the Lord will continue to draw more to come.



In Wapakoneta, the process of allowing students to leave school to receive a Bible education has officially started. At the beginning of next school year, they will be ready to have grades 5-7 go to the designated off site location and hear the Word of God! And we believe that as their program gets started, it will only continue to grow to all the other schools and grades.

We would like to thank all those who joined us at our Kingdom Harvest Ministries "Thank You Banquet" this past February. We appreciate all the prayer and gifts you've given to help drive this ministry to be where it is today. As we look into the future, we ask that you continue to partner with us in prayer that KHM will leave a Kingdom imprint on our communities.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: April 7, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Discipleship 2: March 24, 8:00 - 9:15 am

Discipleship 3: March 24, 8:00 - 9:15 am



MARRIAGE CLASS RECAP

Pastor Jason

In our last couple of marriage classes we shared that God gave us marriage and the home as a laboratory to endure all of the strains, trials, and pressures of life under one roof. That's not to say that marriage is only stressful or full of pain, because that is certainly NOT the case... it's to say that God has ordained marriage for the purpose of decentralizing the man of self and teaching us agape love. The root of all conflict in the home is not mental, but rather spiritual. *It is a spiritual problem!* A spiritual problem always has a spiritual cause and requires a spiritual solution! God

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wants to teach us all the cost and value of "sacrificial love." Last week we discussed seven different "hotspots" in our marriages, the task at hand for each of those hotspots, and the advice to fix these issues. The first one, Unplugging from Distractions, is certainly relevant now more than any other time in history. We are so overly connected to the Internet and electronic devices. These things distract us from what is truly important... Family and relationships. The Task: maintain

connection and intimacy. The average couple engages in only 35 minutes of conversation per week. Each family or couple needs to establish rules of etiquette and respect those rules. You have heard my own example of NOT bringing my phone to the dinner table anymore. I also have made a habit of NOT answering my phone or looking at it much on my day of rest, Thursdays. We encourage you to watch the recording of any of the marriage classes that you may have missed. They are on the public Facebook page. Particularly, review the seven hotspots that we

covered last Wednesday night and review the Tasks and Solutions to each. This should give each couple plenty to talk about and work on in the meantime. Cherish Your Married Life!

On April 3, Matt and Angie Kutz will be speaking at our Wednesday night Marriage class. This will be a special treat as they have conducted many marriage conferences over the past 20 years! You won't want to miss this!!