



It's Graduation Time! This time of year is always so much fun. The weather is warming up, kids are about out of school, and seniors are looking at a brand new phase of their lives! At Thrive Youth, we look to our seniors as role models for their younger peers. They have received hundreds of hours in worship and sermons if attending regularly. We are proud of our graduating seniors and encourage them to further their walk with the Lord by entering Destiny School of Ministry. It is really great when young adults stay close to home. (Right, Parents?) Even if you plan to become a doctor, a great choice would still be to enjoy adulthood for a year locally while loading yourself up with Biblical Knowledge. (Right, Students?) Then commit to your career that the Lord has called you to. Just because it is "normal" for kids to attend a far away college, doesn't mean it is mandatory. Nor do we want "Normal" in this world. Normal is moral bankruptcy. We want to be rich in the Spirit. God Bless you seniors, and to God Be the Glory!

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May 5, 7-9 pm
Mercer County Fairgrounds
1001 W. Market Street

This gathering is an ADULT/PARENT ONLY event (NO children will be permitted in this meeting). Scott Frank will be giving a relevant presentation on the inherent dangers of our digital world. He will provide techniques, strategies, and tools to help parents empower their children to make safe and healthy choices online. This is a FREE, impactful, and compelling community event.



SAVE the DATE for this Wednesday night community service located at Grace Missionary Church, 510 Portland St., in Celina. Pastor Chad Holland, from Israel, will be sharing on current events in the Middle East. All families and youth are invited to attend this service.



May 5 10:00 am

NEW LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

Scott Frank, internet safety expert and empowerment speaker, will be sharing the dangers of the internet and social media in our technological world. Scott also will provide a wealth of information, techniques, and tools to help parents ensure their children are making good digital decisions. Parents and teens alike will not want to miss this presentation during our Sunday service.



It's that time of year again for our annual church work day. Meet at the Worship Center at 6:00 PM for our New Life work day. We will have hotdogs and hamburgers ready for you! All abilities and skill levels are encouraged to come; there is plenty of work to be done!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Rose Mary Wilson is an “on fire” Christian who is passionate about the things of the Lord. She grew up in Montezuma and lived there her whole life. Rose Mary started dating her husband, David Michael, in junior high and they have been married for 36 years. Together they have 2 boys and a girl. Rose Mary and David Michael have 11 grandchildren, none of which are spoiled, of course 😊. Completing their family is a German Shepherd named Skye, who is a 3-year-old trained service dog. Some of Rose Mary’s favorite hobbies are learning about Jesus, her grandkids, her grandkids, homemade Renaissance fairs and dressing up in Rose Mary’s favorite she visited Scotland.



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US Army, has worked at Walmart, Buckeye Apparel, the Post Office, Whirlpool, and cleaned professionally. Rose Mary also sold Mary Kay, Tupperware, and Melaleuca. Before coming to New Life in July 2023, she attended Montezuma United Methodist Church and Grand Lake UMC. Rose Mary believes the Lord has gifted her with a heart of compassion and a passion for intercessory prayer. If she won a million dollars, Rose Mary said she would give half to the church, then help her kids and herself get financially free. If you have not met this wonderful lady, please introduce yourself at the next service.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: May 19, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Discipleship 2: May 5, 12, 8:00 - 9:15 am



UP THE ANTE!

Pastor Jason

The phrase “up the ante” is obviously used in the text of a card game. It implies that you are required to have “more skin in the game” to continue to battle it out. Recently, I felt like the Lord was wanting me to write about this. The phrase kept coming back to me. So, I asked the Lord what He specifically meant by this “up the ante” phrase and what He wanted me to convey to others in writing this newsletter article. What I believe God is saying to us is that NOW is the time to “go all in.” NOW is the time to raise the bar. NOW is the time to raise the stakes.

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NOW is the time to get involved and dedicate yourself to the work of the Kingdom! This is not a time to sit on our laurels, but rather, a time to actively engage in the battle in every way possible. There is a connotation with this phrase that implies that one is to “increase what is at stake, especially in the midst of a conflict or dispute.” WOW! Can you see that we are already

in the midst of such battles and disputes? We are engaged in a great warfare every single day...whether we like to acknowledge it or not. The Devil NEVER takes a single day off from attacking us, even though we may get lackadaisical for days on end ourselves.

So I want to encourage every believer in our church family to get MORE involved in any way that you can. We have plenty of opportunities for everyone to engage in active church life. We have multiple discipleship classes, Bible college courses, evening classes, Sunday AND Wednesday night

services, Youth, Children’s ministry, worship team, special meetings, dance team, service team, etc. We have some real needs in many of these areas even now!

There are so many open doors at New Life. Maybe now is the time that God would have you explore some of these options. At least pray about it and ask God if He would like you to serve.