

How can the young avoid faults?

Psalm 119:9



newLife **THRIVE YOUTH CORNER**

School and sports are in full swing now, and fall is coming with some fun youth events on the schedule. The bake sale, the corn maze, our paintball trip, plus the holidays are just around the corner. What a fun and busy time of year! Sometimes it is easy to get so busy that we forget to get in our Bible or stop to spend a moment with the Lord. When we start adding more and more to our calendar, it becomes easier to reschedule our alone times with the Lord so we can get more done or check other things off our to-do list. This is your reminder to slow down and spend time renewing your relationship with God. In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus is sharing with Martha the importance of spending time with God.

Below are some easy tips to help keep our eyes on God when life is busy:

1. Prayer: Pray, pray, pray. ...
2. Schedule your time with God. This might not work for everyone, but schedule your time, literally, on when to talk to God....
3. God blessed you with busy days; don't forget Him. You are busy because God allowed you to be. ...
4. Sacrifice....
5. NO EXCUSES!!

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SHAKEOUT SUNDAYS



We are continuing to collect funds to help provide for short term mission trips from our local assembly.

Shake out Sundays are when we empty our pockets and globe banks (if you have them) and give to the Lord. Remember to bring your change (or dollars too) to drop off in the bucket in the foyer to donate to this very worthy cause!!



**October 13
10:00 am**

Mark your calendars now to join in on the fun for this annual event for the whole family. Pastor Caleb King, from Westside Community, will be our guest speaker for the morning service. After service, there will be lots of food and fellowship, with bouncy houses and games for all. Reminder, this is a dress-down Sunday! You won't want to miss this exciting day.



Coming in October!

Discipleship 3 & 4 will start in October on Sunday mornings before service. Be praying about what the Lord would have for you to do. There are signup sheets at the Welcome Center Desk. This is a great way to deepen your relationship with the Lord while being in the company of like-minded believers.



Kerry Kirkwood
September 21, 7 pm
September 22, 10 am

Pastor Kerry, along with his wife, Diane, are founding pastors' of Trinity Fellowship Church in Tyler, Texas. Kerry will be joining us again this September weekend, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Kerry is known for his prophetic anointing and exposé of the scriptures. Come expecting to be blessed!



OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE
October 4, Ohio Statehouse

Those interested in attending the Ohio March for Life will be leaving Romer's Catering in Celina, at 7:30 am, October 4, and tentatively returning around 4:00 pm. The cost to reserve a seat is \$40 per adult / \$10 per student. Please provide your own drinks, snacks, and lunch as they will not be stopping. Bring a lawn chair if you want to sit during the rally. Please contact Kari Dameron at (419) 790-8596 for more information.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Let me introduce you to a beautiful young couple from St. Marys, Jared and Alex Schick. At the end of this month, they will be celebrating 5 years of marriage. They are believing the Lord to add children to their home in His perfect timing. They met while employed at McDonalds, then became more serious while working out together at the YMCA in Wapakoneta. Jared grew up in church while Alex did not. Only recently have they begun to understand the importance of "church" and attending together. They both want to serve in the body of Christ by helping with discipleship, and continuing to lead people into a deeper relationship with the Lord. Jared has a mechanical engineering and HVAC certification, and enjoys finding solutions to

and is a "jack of all tinkering around the new hobbies/sports. Manager at her local pleasure in discipling leadership role. She décor, and makeup. 8 year old German Annabelle. When



favorite vacation spot, "anywhere with each other." They do enjoy staying at a cabin in the woods. Jared believes he is gifted in finding solutions and is convinced God has given him wisdom in this area. Alex believes she is gifted with understanding people and discernment. If they were awarded \$1 million, they would pay off debt, donate, and put the rest in a trust fund for their future children. And maybe go on some resort vacations. They believe they are in St. Marys, not by their decision, but because God led them to their home. Literally. But that's a whole other story for another day (: Make sure you greet this awesome couple at the next service if you haven't met them yet. They are sure a blessing to our local assembly!

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Their only pet is an Shepherd named

asked about their they both replied,

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: September 22, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Discipleship 3 & 4 coming in October



WISDOM FOR SPIRITUAL BATTLES

Pastor Doyle

Jesus's account of the rich man and Lazarus gives us insight into the eternal state of both saint and sinner. Abraham lived before the Law was given and was justified by living out a lifestyle that was pleasing to God. God gave the Law to Moses and the Prophets, who spoke that which the children of Israel needed to hear from God.

They sought to give direction and admonition to the chosen nation of Israel. Jesus fulfilled all the Law and that which the Prophets prophesied concerning the coming Messiah (Luke 24:25-27).

In Deuteronomy 20, Moses, by the inspiration of God, gives us some spiritual insights that we can benefit from today. God declares that He is with us, assuming we are living a life that is aligning with Him. When we are walking in the Light, then we do not have to be fainthearted or afraid of our enemies. Yes, we will have enemies! We are NEVER to panic or tremble before them because our confidence and faith is in God. I encourage you to read the whole chapter of Deuteronomy 20; it is only 20 verses long. God gives

the children of Israel very specific instructions concerning how they are to deal with nations that are very far from them. Concerning the nations that God is giving specifically to Israel, the command is very clear, "you shall utterly destroy them." They were so evil, corrupt, and irredeemable that nothing breathing was to be left alive. Satan and his kingdom is the arch

rival of God.

I find the last two verses of the chapter to be quite interesting as it gives us a glimpse into the heart and wisdom of God. Again, God gives specific instructions. He tells them what trees

they can cut down and what trees are not to be cut down. If God cares this much about trees, how much more does He care about you and me! O, the wisdom of God. God knew that some of the battles they were going to encounter would last a long time, even months or years. Spare the trees that will provide food for you as you engage in a long war, as you lay siege to a city you will eventually conquer. May God grant us His wisdom in the spiritual battles we are engaged in, in the here and now.

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