

GOSPEL MIX UP

Unscramble the letters to write the 4 gospels correctly.

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newLife **THRIVE YOUTH CORNER**

And just like that, we are entering the “Holy Day” season! This year seems to have gone so fast! And through it all, Thrive seems to be, **THRIVING!** We Thank God for the many blessings throughout the year and for the growth that has occurred. Our students have been going through the 7 C’s of History, with *creation* and *corruption* finished prior, and we just closed out *catastrophe*. Students learned to apply the Biblical account of worldwide catastrophe to their lives. God had always seemed to use catastrophe for the purpose of redemption. When “catastrophe” strikes in our lives, it typically is in the form of “losing something.” That typically is meant to cleanse us, such as in the flood. A hard concept to grasp in the Bible is how God asked the Israelites to go to war. This appears to have been for a cleansing. For Israel to be healthy, the evil needs cut out when it gets too bad. Our Thrive students through this have learned that when hard times come, God can be giving us the cleansing that we need but are unwilling to choose. Catastrophe has always in our hearts meant a negative connotation, but let’s look at what God brings out of it to truly see our situation from His Vantage point.

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We are now collecting items for this worthy cause. You can help by bringing in NEW gift items for the children to pack boxes with, pack your own box as a family, OR both! There is a basket in the foyer for your donations. **Please have all items/boxes turned in by Wednesday, November 20.**



JUNE 7 - 14

An ATM mission trip to Guatemala is being planned for next summer geared toward high school students. The cost will be between \$1400 - \$1700 depending on airfare costs. There are a limited number of spots available so it will be on a first come, first serve basis. Most preparatory meetings will be held in Toledo, but will be recorded and posted on YouTube. See Levi Dahlke for more information.



**NEW LIFE Ladies Outing
November 22, 6 - 8 pm**

All NLCC women are invited to *Do Good Restaurant* in Osgood for a relaxing dinner, great fellowship, and a time of encouraging one another. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center Desk, so sign up soon to ensure your reservation. See Joan McPheron for more information.



**Thanksgiving Meal
November 24**

Plan to join us immediately following the service for a great time of fellowship and giving the Lord praise for all He has done! There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center Desk to sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving entrée, side, or dessert.



**Church Office Closed
November 27-29
We will reopen
Monday, December 2, at 9:00 am**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

I would like to introduce you to an amazing family from Spencerville. Michael and Krista Seibert have 3 children and one on the way, due in March. They met at a professional development conference for agriculture and career tech instructors. They have been married for 11 years. Michael grew up on his family farm outside of Spencerville, was active in 4H, FFA, musical theater, band/choir, and was raised Methodist. Krista grew up on her family farm outside of Edgerton, Ohio, and was active in sports, FFA, and was raised Catholic. Harmon is their oldest child who is a 9 year old athlete, participating in soccer and swimming. He is in the third grade and enjoys puzzles and Legos. Hollyn is 7 years old and in the first grade. She enjoys dancing, sports, spending time with crafts. Havilyn likes Paw Patrol. She is 4 complete the family dog named Luke, named Snowy, Cat. Michael works the family farm. *Worship Anyway*, is enjoys flying his a stay-at-home resigning from when their second child was born. She is an avid writer with her first collaborative book set to publish by the end of the year. Krista enjoys painting and exploring new places in God's creation. Over the years, Michael and Krista have gone to several churches in the area, but started attending New Life a year ago. They appreciate the atmosphere at New Life due to its worship in spirit and truth. They also are blessed that the Word of God is preached in a way that provokes growth and transformation, and that discipleship is an integral part of the church's mission. If you haven't met this precious family, please introduce yourself to them at the next service. They are a great asset to our church family!



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: November 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Discipleship 4: November 17, 24, 8:00 - 9:15 am



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Levi Dahlke

We as believers are in the midst of a warfare with many of the soldiers paralyzed and incapacitated. This can allow the enemy to run unchecked in their minds, control their emotions, and derail their circumstances. If we want to fight this battle well, we have to know the tactics of our adversary. We see in Matthew 4, when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, that he challenged Jesus on His identity, and tried to shortcut Him on fulfilling His destiny.

Rick Joyner has said, "A believer has more power in their pinky finger than all the armies of the earth." Imagine if all believers lived life believing this reality! We recognize that it's not our strength that makes us mighty, but the Creator of the



universe living inside of us. I believe another one of the devil's tactics has been to make Christians believe spiritual warfare is too difficult to understand, thereby leaving us ill equipped to combat him. Psalm 144:1 tells us that the Lord "trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle." We must recognize that all believers are part of the army of God and therefore, must learn how to operate in spiritual warfare!

Recently, Pastor Gary talked extensively on engaging the spiritual realm. We should not

and cannot be passive because the devil will not be passive towards us. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 and Ephesians 6:10-12 reminds us what kind of battle we are facing. We are in a spiritual battle and the weapons we have been given to use are spiritual as well. I believe that some of the most under-used weapons we have as believers deal with the power of the tongue, specifically our sacrifice of praise/thanksgiving, and praying in the Spirit.

Throughout the Bible we see the believers crying out and praising the Lord in times of trial and tribulation. This is giving a sacrifice of praise. In 2 Samuel 12:20, we see David worshipping the Lord after losing the child he had with

Bathsheba. In Job 1:20-22, we see Job lose all his children and livestock, then worship the Lord. Their response was to praise and worship in the face of a great emotional trial. I believe as we activate our faith when we least feel like it, we invite the Lord's presence to change us, our spirit man matures, and the enemy is driven away.

We must use these weapons if we want to be successful in defeating the enemy! Like Gideon, the Lord is calling us mighty warriors and victory is ours!