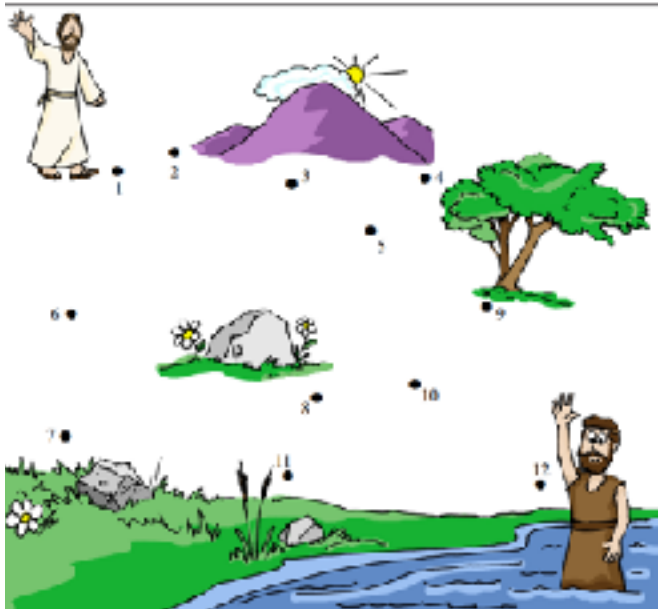


Jesus went to John to be baptized.

Make a path for Jesus to follow. Connect the dots.



newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Community and Discipleship

Over the past couple years, Thrive youth has had the blessing of growing. Each year we get more and more teens stopping to visit the youth center and stay for games, worship, and the message. We have had the privilege to minister, not just to New Life youth, but teens from other churches and other towns. When teens attend youth we want to be able to help them build a meaningful relationship with everyone so that they have a sense of community. We also encourage them to put what they are learning into action. We have to keep in mind that today's youth will be the future of the Church. They will be the next generation of pastors, ministers, and evangelists who will carry the Gospel message to the world and bring the Church forward. Discipleship is not just about teaching, but a one on one mentorship where faith, obedience, and authority can be modeled for them. One recognizes that you are growing into spiritual maturity when one day you are the disciple and the next you are discipling the future generations.

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APRIL 20, 8:30 AM

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We will begin eating promptly at 8:30 am. We ask that everyone please bring a large breakfast food item to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. NO discipleship classes on this morning.



Pastor Daren Mehl
Friday, May 9, 7 pm
at Cornerstone Chapel
Saturday, May 10, 9 am
at Market Hall
Saturday, May 10, 7 pm
at Market Hall

All sessions are open to the public. Pastor Mehl will be sharing on "Understanding the Journey Out of Homosexuality"



May 14, 6:00 PM

It's that time of year again for our New Life work day! Meet at the Worship Center at 6 pm. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. All abilities and skill levels are encouraged to come; there is plenty of work to be done! (Rain date - May 21).

ATM Conference

This conference is for anyone seeking a move of the Holy Spirit. The event will be held at Foundation Stone Church in Toledo. General admission is \$20. Check out the QR code to the left for more information. All are welcome to attend.

PRACTICALLY PRAYING

Pastor Jason

Recently, I have been preaching about how to practically pray. Many have prayed the Lord's prayer throughout their life not knowing truly what the purpose of it is. Reciting it over and over does nothing for the believer, and in fact, Jesus discourages that in Matthew 6 prior to teaching his disciples. It is an approach to our heavenly Father, that we take an order to attain the goal... His presence! The prayer itself is not the goal. An amount of time and prayer is not the goal. Covering every topic on your mind is not the goal. True prayer is nothing more than loving God and communicating with that we are the Temple Spirit. He abides within us, then us. Wherever we go, carriers of His very mind, God stuff should we go! Since God is the carriers of love in Him. The Bible says (house) of the Holy within us. And if He His nature abide within we take Him with us as presence. With that in be happening wherever love, then we should be this world. We know that in the last days, the love of many will wax cold, but let that not be said of true believers. We should embody the definition of which is LOVE!

*Carriers
of His
Presence*

So come to God and approach Him daily with hearts full of thanksgiving and praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name (Psalm 100). Remember that God has by His divine power given unto us all things that pertains to life and godliness. We have been fully furnished, and we superabound in the things that he has placed within us. We truly can transform our communities and our nation by the power of prayer and by having surrendered lives.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 3: April 13, 8:00 - 9:15 am
Discipleship 4: April 6, 13, 8:00 - 9:15 am



UKRAINE

Joan McPherson

The current war in Ukraine started in February 2022. We were in Columbus visiting family when my phone pinged with a message from a pastor friend in Ukraine. "The enemy has come to our borders. We are at war." Chilling words.

It is now March 2025, and my phones pings again this week telling of two deaths in the gypsy camp in Mukachevo, Ukraine, where we have visited many times. Two young men drafted into the army died on the front lines. As I look at the photos from the funeral, I see familiar faces of those we



have ministered with over the years. There is an ocean and miles between us but these are our brothers and sisters in Christ and our hearts break as the fighting continues.

It's hard to get an accurate count of how many have lost their lives in this war, but both Russia and Ukraine have suffered loss of lives. It doesn't matter your political opinion or persuasion. People ask me, how are the people in Ukraine doing during this war? I can only say what they tell me in answer, "We are learning to live with war."

Csabi Szakaly, Hungarian friend, translator, and fellow kingdom worker, says, "We are the hands and feet of Christ." He has put this in practice delivering humanitarian aid (sometimes with air raid sirens going off) to war-affected areas mostly in Eastern Ukraine. He has been to Kherson, Kyiv, and most recently to Kharkive Province. In his words, "I was able to see first-hand the horrors of war and meet people who even in this hell are serving the body of Christ." He sends photos of an America aid worker from Kentucky in Kherson who

is serving alongside him and Ukrainian nationals. They were distributing aid out of an abandoned shopping mall that they had converted into a relief center, but then that was bombed. Much of the lands are dangerous and have been mined by the Russians. Yet there are daily needs and fellow Christians are using their hands and feet to meet those needs. They need our help.

Thank you to New Life for supporting spiritual boots on the ground in Ukraine. Please pray and don't forget those suffering in this war.