



This exciting mother/son event is held at *Hero Day* in the Lima Mall. Ages 3 - 6th grade may participate). Please RSVP to Ashley Driggs by April 26.

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newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Hello church family! Thrive Youth would like to thank all the parents and members who participated in our fundraiser. With all of the donations that we raise, Thrive can help make our time at youth, events, and camps more enjoyable and affordable. In total we raised around \$1200 for our Thrive Youth. In our recent meetings we have been finishing up our lessons on the 7 C's of the Bible. As we close on the Cross, explaining its meaning and what it accomplished, we are moving into Consummation. We've had an amazing time with the 7 C's and are excited to decide our new theme for the coming months. We are also looking forward to camp and the awesome experiences it will bring! Again, Thrive Youth thanks the church and all the support our teens have received.

With the summer in our sights, we would like to encourage all our youth to see this as a time for transformation, not just relaxation. It's all too easy to coast through the summer when there's no requirements to complete homework or study for tests, but we all need to keep our spiritual hygiene as a priority throughout this time. The devil is never on summer vacation, and he'll do anything he can to derail us in a season of comfort. So in light of Romans 12:2, may we allow the Lord to transform us from the inside out as we are diligent in pursuing Him and be ready to advance His kingdom in the upcoming school year!

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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.



### Dennis Cramer May 16, 7 pm May 18, 10 am

Please mark your calendars now so you will be sure not to miss these prophetic services.



### April 29

Setup begins at 4 pm with the meal being served starting at 5 pm.

We have the opportunity to serve our community through CALL Café. Please bring all donations to the church kitchen by Sunday, April 27. Sign up to serve or help bring food/paper items on the Signup Genius on New Life Christian Center Facebook group.



### Pastor Daren Mehl Friday, May 9, 7 pm

*"Understanding the Journey Out of Homosexuality"*

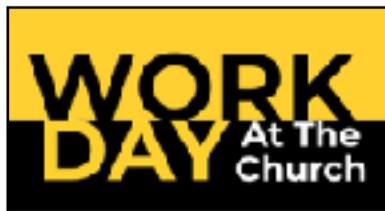
### Saturday, May 10, 9 am

*"Ministering Truth to Those Who Identify as LGBTQ"*

### Saturday, May 10, 7 pm

*"Come Let Us Reason Together"*

All sessions are open to the public.



### 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

There is still time to register for this Holy Spirit led conference. 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.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

I would like to introduce you to a beautiful young lady named Teyler Ginter. She was born in Lima and grew up in St. Marys where she presently lives with her parents. Teyler has two siblings, an older sister and a younger brother. She has one dog named Don. Her favorite vacations are when the family travels to Tennessee. Teyler was not raised in church, but started coming to New Life approximately three years ago. She enjoys participating in Thrive Youth other church When asked where she would like to serve in the body reports she likes to children's church, is learning how to recording services.



When asked about her strengths, Teyler said she is compassionate and caring, and has a desire to make people's lives better and easier. She states she has always had a gift to notice little things that most people cannot. Teyler's dream job is to have a career in cosmetology. She also would like to do tattooing, hair and nails, and maybe even seek a degree in architecture. Teyler is an impressive asset to our New Life family. She displays a teachable spirit and has an amazing personality. If you have not introduced yourself to her yet, make sure you do so soon.

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**NO Discipleship classes on Easter Morning**

**Discipleship 3: April 27, 8:00 - 9:15 am**

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## DAREN MEHL

How do Christians love and reach the LGBTQ with the Gospel message today? By now almost everyone knows someone close to them who has struggled with their sexual orientation and identity.

On **May 9 & 10**, the local Pastors Action Committee (the PAC) is hosting Daren Mehl, who for 20 years identified as a "gay Christian." His testimony is that he was trapped in a false identity until God emancipated him, and brought him into the joy of Christ.

Daren has been married to his wife, Rhoda, for 19 years and they have two children. Together they founded *Made Free Ministries* to equip the church to love, in spirit and truth, those identifying as LGBTQ and to help them come out of darkness and into the glorious light of Jesus Christ. This event will be held in three different sessions.

**Friday, May 9, 7 PM:** Daren will be sharing the topic, *"Understanding the Journey Out of Homosexuality,"* which will be geared towards Christians to give them an understanding of his journey and what changed his heart to come back to Christ.

**Saturday, May 10, 9 AM:** During this meeting, Daren will be sharing on the topic, *"Ministering Truth to Those Who Identify as LGBTQ,"* and it will be geared towards Christians once again.



**Saturday, May 10, 7 PM:** *"Come, Let Us Reason Together"* is an open invitation to all Christians and the LGBTQ+ community to come hear Daren and respectfully dialogue with him, and to hear the love that God has for them through his testimony.