

Birth of ISAAC



Read Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7. Find and circle the words below.

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- PROMISE
- KING OF MANRE
- INTERCE
- MIRACLE
- ABRAHAM
- BLESSING
- LAUGHTER
- SARAH
- TENT
- GARC
- KIT
- ENTH

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Spring is a time of New Life. God has shown us in nature how He can bring old things into new creations and we are grateful for how beautiful God has made this Earth. It is important to remember that God has made us to all be New Creations, such as in 2 Corinthians 5:17. He has placed in us His incorruptible seed and we have a new nature. In Romans 6-8, we also see a war between the flesh and the spirit, similar to our struggles to feed the old man or the new man. Let us remember always that the new birth, new creation, needs stewarded and fed to keep spiritual growth progressing. In keeping progression of feeding our new creation, summer camp is a time to escape the distractions of our world and enter into the Presence of our God more easily. We would LOVE for every Thrive Member to attend, AND BRING FRIENDS! Our early bird discount ended on April 30th, but if you mention this newsletter article you can extend that discounted price until Wednesday, May 7. There are also new ATM waiver forms to fill out and some youth have already received them. Make sure to get those in ASAP please. Let's keep pressing on to maturity, bearing fruit that remains! Thrive Youth Group is favored by The Lord and we are all blessed to share in His Kingdom!

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WORK DAY At The Church

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).



Workshop and Assessment



BEHAVIORAL ADAPTABILITY

May 21, 28, 7:00 pm

The goal of this workshop is to increase our level of People Literacy through Behavioral Adaptability. In this class, we will learn how to improve our AQ (Adaptability Quotient).



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, 4 - 6 pm

There will be a special Meet & Greet with Daren at the Lion's Club Shelter House, corner of Ash Street and Lake Shore Drive, Celina. All are welcome!

Saturday, May 10, 7 pm

"Come Let Us Reason Together"

All services will be held at Aletheia Christian Church, 7216 Fleetfoot Rd., Celina. All are invited to attend.



Dennis Cramer

May 16, 7 pm
May 18, 10 am

Please mark your calendars now for these powerful prophetic services. Invite your friends!

LEAD WELL

Pastor Justin

Leadership is all about influence and impact. Leaders are individuals who can influence those around them to embrace the vision of the company or church. At New Life, our vision is to equip and educate the body of Christ for the work of service. Each of us has a unique calling and gifts bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father. It is essential that we become faithful stewards of these callings and gifts.

To be found faithful, a key component is being intentional with your time and a leader, prioritize growth. Focus on what the Lord wants you to learn and share with others. Avoid getting distracted by numerous pursuits. Instead, concentrate on what you need to learn in this season so that you can effectively share it in the next.



Life has its rhythms, and if you can align with the flow of the Holy Spirit, you will experience tremendous spiritual growth! Be intentional. Be focused. Prioritize the Father's business, and you will see the impact you make will have an eternal difference.

I've heard it said, "Growth is optional, change is not." If you want to grow, it's up to you. Accept responsibility for your life and the decisions you make. That's one of the first steps in becoming the leader God has called you to be.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Holy Spirit Baptism Class: May 4, 11, 8:00 - 9:15 am



PARENTING IS A HOLY VOCATION

Pastor Doyle

After years of being separated, Jacob and Esau finally met up again. When Esau saw all the women and children, he asked (Gen. 33:5), "Who are these with you?" Jacob replied, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Jacob had a highly dysfunctional family as recorded in Scripture. But Jacob's new name, Israel, which means, "God prevails", gives us all faith and hope in the greatness of the Lord God. God uses families and gives children as a gift to a husband and wife. They are never "another mouth to feed", but precious gifts to be stewarded for the Kingdom of God (K of G).

Children are a gift from God

Luke 3:8 says that the Creator can take stones and raise up children for Himself. (Not the parents. Selah). Has anyone yet seen that? God's plan has always been that children would be the product of the two becoming one in a holy covenant relationship. All the gifts (children) that God gives are to be received with gratitude.

To say that parenting is easy would be a lie. Parenting is hard work if you are going to do it God's way.

Grand-parenting is a little easier. The vocation of parenthood is physical, dirty, messy, exhausting, stressful, and time consuming. God's plan is to use the nuclear family as a tool to mature and refine us so that we might be useful servants in the K of G. What we often see as obstacles, God pre-plans that such trials would be opportunities for growth. God is for you, your marriage, and your family.

Luther said that changing a baby's diaper is holy work. That it is holier than what all the monks in all the monasteries do. It is the fulfilling of a holy vocation. How could that be possible? By

meeting the needs of babies, the parent is loving and serving the child that they have received as a precious gift from God. The parent is fulfilling their holy vocation before God as they love and serve their children. Col. 3:23, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men." We are very thankful for all the precious children in our New Life family and the parents that nurture and love them.