



KID'S KORNER

Jesus prayed for His

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Find the letters to fill in the blanks.
Write the letter that's missing from the second word of the pair.

- 1) DESERT - TREES ____
- 2) FRUIT - TURF ____
- 3) SMILE - LIME ____
- 4) CAMEL - LAME ____
- 5) RATIO - ROAD ____
- 6) SPIDER - RIDES ____
- 7) LEARN - NEAR ____
- 8) ELBOW - BOWL ____
- 9) PEAS - APE ____



THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

We have to say praise God for this awesome year so far and we know there is way more to come! Our youth has been steadily growing and our leaders have been blessed with opportunities to get to know all the new AND old youth a lot better. As the year has moved toward the end, Thrive has had a lot of good developments. The youth band has been doing amazing and it's truly a blessing to see each one of them operating in their musical gifts. Of course, it's with help from our NLCC worship leaders, especially Chris and Nichole! They have truly been a blessing to the youth with their time and stepped up when we needed their talents. We have also been having some amazing messages from the leaders as we are diligently working to bring a fresh word to Thrive each time we teach. This whole year has been a crazy one with the leadership class and youth camp but, we were able to keep our footing moving into our new theme! This month we will be following along with DSM's class and teaching on "How to Hear God's Voice." This will be a great opportunity to bring a college level curriculum to the youth and help them to grow a fruitful and dynamic relationship with God. Too many times we go to God in prayer or in our devotion time and only talk TO Him and assume He isn't speaking to us. But with this class we are hoping to fix that mindset and teach that we need to talk WITH God, not just do all the talking ourselves. We hope that this month will bring tremendous breakthrough in our youth's relationships and spiritual life by helping bring forth the voice of God. We pray that wisdom, understanding, humility, and discerning can all be guiding factors in this open dialogue we seek to bring forth in not only our lives, but the church's life! DSM classes are open to all members to audit or take for credit through our DSM website. If more information is needed ask any of the Thrive youth leaders, DSM teachers, or Elders and we will be sure to guide you in the right direction. We hope you have an awesome September and that it brings forth many blessings, Amen!

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Kerry Kirkwood
September 20, 7 PM
September 21, 10 AM

Join us for these 2 prophetic services with Kerry. He has been a blessing to this house for many years. As well as being the founding pastor of Trinity Fellowship in Tyler, Texas. Kerry oversees churches nationally and internationally bringing a wealth of wisdom and experience. Plan to come and hear what the Lord is saying to His church. Invite your family and friends.



OCTOBER 12

Mark your calendars now to join in on the fun for this annual event for the whole family. After service, there will be lots of food and fellowship, with bouncy houses and games for all. Reminder, this is a “dress down” Sunday! More information coming soon. You won’t want to miss this exciting day!

Discipleship Classes

D2 class will be starting on October 5. If you have completed D1, we highly recommend you take this class. D3, Part 2, will begin on November 2. These classes will be on Sunday mornings from 8:00 - 9:15 am.



Book of ACTS / Marriage Class Refresher
October 1, 7 PM

The first Wednesday evening of October, we will be doing a refresher course on the marriage class and continuing our study in the Book of Acts.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Kirkman and Paula Layne have been a part of New Life for about 18 months. Paula lived in Fostoria, Ohio, until 2004 when she moved to Celina. She was introduced to the Lord by her friend, Barbara Hall, and was saved later that year at New Life. Kirkman and Paula first met up town Celina in 2008, but waited until August of 2023 to get married. Kirkman grew up in the Lutheran Church, then was born again at Beulah Beach Youth Camp at the age of 13, while he was attending Faith Alliance Church in New Bremen with his family. Currently, Kirkman has been diving into discipleship classes taught by Pastor Doyle, who was also his high school classmate. Paula has 3 sons who are in the Armed Forces, in Arizona, Colorado, and the UK. She has 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Kirkman has 1 daughter who has been missing for over a grandson who passed 2024, and has 1 Kirkman also has 1 great granddaughter. St. Marys his home after Texas, Dayton, New Fryburg, Celina, and Kirkman do not did enjoy their honeymoon to Arizona and Oklahoma. They have 1 pet, a Chi-wee-wee named Paco. Paula enjoys sewing, cooking, nature shows, painting, arts and crafts, and swimming. She is a certified Servsafe in the state of Ohio. Paula is the produce manager at Chiefs in Celina. Kirkman is retired, but has worked as a tool and die machinist, truck driver, carpenter, driver for the Amish, and many other positions. He is a Michigan Wolverine fan while Paula roots for Notre Dame. Kirkman likes music, motorcycles, reading, singing, firearms, and attending church. He would love to play drums for Jesus, and has played in bands for 40 years. Kirkman rededicated his life to Christ in February 2024 and loves learning about the Bible. This is a great couple to get to know. Please introduce yourself to them if you haven’t already.



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 2 Class for Men - September 24, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Discipleship 2: October 5, 8:00 - 9:15 AM



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Pastor Doyle

We have an abundance of opportunities to serve here at New Life. We appreciate all the ways so many of you serve in many, many different ways. Colossians 3:23-24 says, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” There are beneficial ways you can “lay up treasures” in heaven as you daily seek His Kingdom in praying, giving financially, and serving with your time and talents. You can’t be involved in everything, but you could be involved with some things. There are many teams that serve our New Life family. Children’s Church Team, Hospitality Team, and the Service Team, just to name a few.

We have many outreach ministries from New Life that reach into the Grand Lake area, including Kingdom Harvest Ministries, CALL Café and Food Pantry, and Destiny School of Ministry. One arena in which is very down to earth, and get your hands dirty kinds of jobs, involves the upkeep and maintaining of our Worship Center and Offices/ Youth Center. Anytime anyone is willing to “work heartily” and “serve cheerful”, we have golden opportunities. By serving in some of these small practical areas, you

serve the Lord and the Elders and Deacons of NLCC.

Building maintenance and grounds upkeep is a continual need. At the Youth Center, we could use good painters, deep cleaners, and organizers, a laundry room that needs a total “face lift”, and other smaller projects that show our concern for good stewardship in what God has provided for us. At the Worship Center, there is a need for some outside cleanup along the fence row on the north of our property and along the ditch to the west of the parking lot. There is also a Team working on plans for a shelter house in the area north of the present storage shed. We will be sharing more about that in the future.

JC Alzamora shared a Message this summer called, “Made to Multiply.” We encourage teamwork on all levels in our vision for embracing the Kingdom of God. We envision individuals working together, multigenerational, and not going alone on some of these “get your hands dirty” occasions. Some of these projects involve a short time commitment and others longer opportunities. We will joyfully work with you. Should you want to assist us in any of these areas, please contact Deacon Tom Sanford or Pastor Doyle if you want more information.

Work heartily and serve cheerfully