



Due to the times we are living in, we at New Life are instigating a new plan to ensure we can worship in Spirit and in truth with the freedom God has given us. We will begin locking the entrance doors shortly after the service begins, so be sure to be on time. We are not trying to keep you out, but want to ensure your safety while you are here. We have cameras so our safety team will see you at the door. Please knock loudly and we will let you in! This can also be a great motivator to be at church on time! No condemnation!

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Apologetics means “defending the faith.” 1 Peter 3:15 encourages Christians to have a posture of “always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you.” The world is full of questions that need answered. And on top of that, there are a lot of bad actors that are trying to steer our youth away from Christ. How do we protect our children? We arm them. Not with carnal weapons, but with the truth! The serpent said in the garden, “Did God really say?” That was enough to cause Eve to rebel; just the questioning process. We desire for Thrive Youth to be fully equipped to answer questions such as “Did God really create the earth?”, “How could the earth be 6,000 years old (young earth)?”, “How do you know Jesus was resurrected?”, “Is the God of the Old Testament ruthless and the God of the New Testament totally different?”, and “Why do you follow an ancient set of laws that don’t matter?” Our students are BOMBARDED with cultural nuances and peer pressure daily. We need to not only lift them up in prayer, but also equip them with Spiritual Weapons to defend the faith and ALSO to take back ground stolen by the enemy! God’s Army is on the move!

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EASTER BREAKFAST

April 5, 8:30 am

We will continue our annual tradition of having a delicious breakfast and a time of fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that everyone please bring a large breakfast food item to share (more casseroles/meats and less pastries). Drinks and tableware will be provided.



Dennis & Diane Cramer

SAVE the DATE for these exciting prophetic services coming in May.

- Friday, May 15, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, May 17, 10:00 am

Mark your calendars now and be sure to invite your friends and family.

Vacation Bible School



Registration is now open for volunteers and for you to register your kids for our annual VBS. The theme is "Emerald Crossing, an Irish Adventure through Psalm 23." This is for ages 3 through in-coming 7th graders. Register by using the QR code above or go to:

<https://nlcckids.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing/register>



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Let me introduce you to an awesome couple who recently made New Life their church family. They are Matt and Mindy (Helmlinger) Taylor. They started dating in 1987, after meeting at the Carousel in Celina, but didn't get married until 2014. They have 3 kids; Kami, Aaron, and Joshua, and 7 grandkids. They have 6 grandsons; Kaeden, Kolby, Emmett, Jackson, James, and Matthew, and a favorite granddaughter, Kylee. They recently were blessed with a great grandson, Colter. Matt grew up in St Marys with his parents and 8 siblings. Mindy moved from Ft. Loramie to St. Marys with her parents and 5 siblings when she was in the 4th grade. Neither Matt nor Mindy grew up with a church family, nor raised their children in church. Mindy's mother started attending Calvary Chapel Church in Minster shortly after she moved out. Occasionally, Matt and Mindy would attend with her, but not often enough. Thankfully, kids and all of the and a seed was planted Matt are both retired truck drivers for Freshway Foods produce all over the driving a truck in 2016 heart problems. Mindy Marys Trucking. In 2022,



owned, bought a camper and hit the road; volunteering at private and state parks between Tennessee and Florida. Shortly after they started volunteering, they rescued their dog Cosby from a state park in Tennessee. In August of 2025, due to Matt's heart issues, they came back to Ohio and he is now on the transplant list waiting for a new heart. Their favorite vacations have been going to the Smoky Mountains with the kids while they were growing up. Our hobbies include camping (of course), fishing, thrift store shopping, and going to the races. Matt's gifts include being very handy and mechanically inclined. He doesn't know a stranger and likes social interactions. Mindy loves crafts and enjoys spending time with children. When asked what capacity they felt God leading them in, they both affirmed serving in the body of Christ is definitely a goal they both desire, and they want to be open to however the Lord feels fit to use them. Please greet them at the next service if you have not yet met them. Matt and Mindy, both, are a great asset to our church family!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 2: March 29, April 12, 8:00 - 9:15 AM

Discipleship 3: March 29, April 12, 8:00 - 9:15 AM



PROBABILITY OF LIGHTS

Joan McPherson

I looked for the Northern Lights again last night. Living in Ohio, we don't get this opportunity very often, but there's this app that you can put on your phone that tells you the percentage probability, and last night there was a "high probability of viewing lights."

So I looked early, as soon as it got dark. Then again just before I went to bed. There seemed to be a slight glow over in the North, but too faint to tell. I checked again when I woke up in the night. I even walked out on the frosty lawn and took a photo with my cell phone using the time lapse feature because sometimes that is the only way you can see them.

Only the faintest glow in the North...maybe not even...but if...maybe...I squint peering deeply, hoping, but only a darkened sky and a light from a far-off farm. Not like the raging swirling sky we saw in October when the sky showed purple and red and green. When we ran out on our country road and stood in the yard snapping photos reveling in the colors all around us. Just when we thought the colors were at their peak we would be hit with another level of intensity. The sky seemed to be pulsating with color.

And not just in the North. We got dizzy as we turned around and around shouting, "Look, it's over here, too!"

That experience made me hunger for more, hoping to catch that experience again. That's why tonight when there is a "high probability of viewing", I'm out and peering intently into the sky searching for even the slightest hint of color.

It reminds me that God has great things in store for us. We hunger and thirst and search. We



catch a glimpse of Him and He seems far off, but we're drawn in, intrigued. So we keep searching. Then we see a bit more of

light, a tiny glow in the distant North. That's a harbinger of things to come. We look again and again hoping to catch another glimpse. Then one day we're swept up into the intensity of His love for us and just like the colors of the Northern Lights, when we think we've seen the best of them, there's more, more colors, more delight, more love, and on into infinity more than any human mind can comprehend. As 1 Corinthians 2:9 says: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined the things God has prepared for those that love Him."