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THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER BREAK YET?? It's been a cold start to winter this year and I hope everyone is staying bundled up and warm. This time of year is always a reminder of how thankful we should really be. Many of us will be hopping from home to home over the next month gathering together and spending the holiday with family and friends. It is exciting to see people we have not seen in a couple of months or even years. It is a great time to tell stories and catch up on things you might have missed out on. LET'S also not forget it's a time of giving. I mean who doesn't love a good gift! Just remember the best gift is sharing the Word of God, especially to those family members or friends that have not yet surrendered to God, or with those who have fallen away from the Lord (Mark 16:15). I challenge everyone to share the Gospel during your winter break to someone in your family, at Walmart, or in the community. Plant the seed so that when the time comes, it will grow. This will be a gift that will last for eternity!

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We will be printing our annual "Classified Ad" insert page in January. This is a list of church members who have a business or a service they

would like people to know about. We really want to bless those in our own body first if we can. Anyone wanting to advertise will need to submit an **electronic** business card sized ad to Nichole by January 8, 2024, at atmosfice@atmintl.org. If you submitted one for the last ad, please send an email letting her know you wish to place the ad again or if there are any changes to it. Those not responding will be removed from the ad.



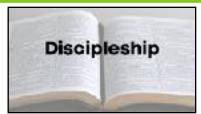
December 23 - January 3

Due to the Holidays, the church office will be closed for these 2 weeks. We will reopen on Monday, January 6, at 9:00 am.

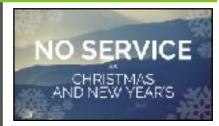


January 5 - 12

The Holy Spirit along with the elders are asking everyone to pray about what God would have you and your family do during this week of fasting and consecration.



D3 will begin on January 12, from 8 am - 9:15 am. Pray about attending this informative class. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center Desk.



There will be no Wednesday evening services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Enjoy time with your families!



All tithes and offerings to be credited to tax year 2024 will need to

be in the church offering no later than Sunday, December 29, 2024. All checks written after this date will be credited towards 2025 since we will be unable to process them due to the Holiday. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



January 18 - 20
Our annual winter camp is coming up soon and will be held at the local Nazarene Lighthouse Retreat Center in St. Marys. The cost is \$180 per student. Please see one of the youth leaders for more information.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

There's a new girl in town! She is an amazing addition to our New Life family. Mary Kreischer has been coming to church since early 2024. She has completed the new members class and is excited to be a part of our local church family. Mary was raised Methodist and was a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Marys up until January 2024. She has worked at Honda for 30 years. Mary has 3 children; Andrew, who works in law enforcement; Alex, who just graduated Toledo College and is now an engineer; and Baylie, a supervisor for *Good Food Restaurants*. Mary grew up in St. Marys and continues to live there. She feels she has the gift of helps because she likes to help people, and

also would like to Another one of Christ through year old golden Charlie. Her hobbies out at her pool, hikes. Mary enjoys some great memories Hawaii (Oahu), Siesta



work with kids. Mary's gifts is serving hospitality. She has a 6 retriever named are gardening, hanging shopping, and going for traveling and has made while traveling to Key, and Arizona. She

reports she still has a very close relationship with 7 friends that she has had since the first grade. Mary says they are always doing things together. When asked what she would do with \$1 million, Mary states she would make a donation to St. Jude's Hospital, buy her kids a home, and invest the rest. A fun fact about Mary is that she raced soap box derby cars when she was younger and won a particular race, traveled to Akron, and got to meet a lot of race car drivers, including Dale Earnhardt, Sr. If you haven't met this wonderful sister in the Lord, be sure to introduce yourself to her at the next service. She is an awesome part of our New Life family!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: December 15, 5:00 - 7:00 pm Discipleship 4: December 15, 8:00 - 9:15 am



CORPORATE FASTING

Pastor Jason

Fasting &

Consecration

January 5 -

January 12

Every January the Elders of New Life feel led to call the church into a time of corporate prayer and fasting. It's a great way to start a new year and we have seen the Lord move in mighty ways during these times of intensified seeking of Him.

<u>When:</u> We will commence come forth and most would the time of Fasting and confess that they hear Him in a

Consecration on Sunday, January 5, and conclude it on Sunday, January 12. This will be an intentional corporate pursuit of God together as a church family.

purpose of hearing Him clearly and getting His direction.

Expectations: Every year it seems that the Lord uses this time to give some clear words to the Church regarding His plans for the days that lie ahead. Many prophetic words come forth and most would confess that they hear Him in a

more precise and clear manner than ever before. You can also expect God to take away desires of the things that constantly distract you (TV, phones, games, social

media, etc.). These things tend to compete for your time that otherwise could be spent in a more profitable manner.

What We Do: We all need to Fast in whatever way the Lord leads you as an individual believer and as a household. We also ask that you engage in some form of consecration by separating yourself from some things that may be an addiction or habit or distraction in your life, and fill it with prayer, Bible reading, worship, etc. If you have children at home, this is a great time to teach them the principles of "separating themselves unto God" for the

PRAY!: Pray and ask the Lord the type of fast that He would have you engage in: total fast, Daniel fast, a meal per day, sugar fast, or other. Also, inquire of the Lord what it is that He would have you lay down for a week in order to stay focused on Him and to hear Him speak clearly. "My sheep know My voice!"