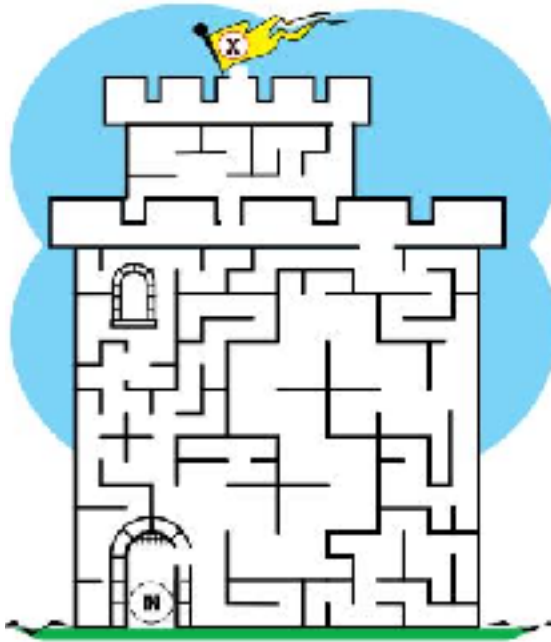


Walls of Jericho Maze

Find your way through the maze from Jerusalem to Jericho, the top or bottom.



Hello church family! Here at Thrive youth we are so excited to see what God is going to do in 2025. Some of our major events we will be hosting this year is our winter and summer camps! The theme we will be covering this year is how we as believers should operate in spiritual warfare, regardless of our age.

At winter camp, we covered the practicality and importance of the Armor of God. Throughout the weekend we had several breakout sessions to go through each piece of the armor and how teenagers can practically use them in their daily lives. We also had Pastor Caleb King as our guest speaker who further exhorted our students that regardless of their age or spiritual maturity, we are at war with the kingdom of darkness and we have to know how to use the tools we have been given to conquer it in our lives!

As we look towards summer camp, the dates will be June 28th to July 2nd. We will be continuing our discussion on spiritual warfare. We are excited to have Prophet J.C. Alzamora joining us as our guest speaker. We will focus on the call that is on all believers to be soldiers in the Army of God. We will discuss in depth tools and strategies on how we take dominion in the physical world around us and conquer the war that often happens within our minds.

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THRIVE Youth Super Bowl Party February 9, 6:00 PM

All youth, join us at the Cross Oak Camp and Retreat Center in St. Marys gymnasium at 6 pm with kickoff starting at 6:30 pm. Please bring \$5 for pizza and a side to share. NOTICE, this is a **different location** than previous years.



Oratory Contest

The Mercer County Right to Life is hosting this contest for junior and senior high school students on March 9, 2025. They are requiring contestants to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia. The presentation must be between 5 - 7 minutes long. Video entries are to be submitted by February 21, and finalists will be announced on February 28. There will be prizes for all entries with \$1000 cash for 1st place. For more information, please contact Julie Link at (419) 852-8122.



Kerry & Diane Kirkwood Friday, March 14, 7:00 pm Sunday, March 16, 10:00 am

Mark your calendars now to ensure you don't miss these powerful services!

ESSEX & ASSOCIATES

Dr. Wayne Essex founded a faith-based tax preparation firm in 2004 called Essex & Associates. As part of his ministry, he provides free tax services to widows and single mothers. If you are interested, you may contact Wayne at (937) 432-1040, or check out his website at essextax.com.



Just a reminder that during the colder months you may want to bring a sweater or jacket to wear in the sanctuary. We purposely do not heat the room up to a comfortably warm temperature because once worship begins, it warms up quickly. If we heated it before hand we would have to run the AC in the winter! Thank you for taking this into consideration!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Autumn Klosterman recently went through the new membership class and is excited to be a part of the New Life family. She was saved during the 8th grade while going to Alethia Church with a friend. Two years ago, Autumn started attending Thrive Youth Group in the summer, and soon after began attending full time. She also attends Kingdom Harvest Ministries during her high school lunch period and enjoys participating in the discussions. Autumn lives with her parents in Celina and has 3 step siblings.

Included in her family unit is 1 Huskey, 1 mini Australian Shephard, 1 cat, 8 chickens, and 1 guinea pig. Her favorite places to vacation are

Michigan. Autumn Menards for about a year and says she loves it! Some of her hobbies are lifting weights, running, her dogs, fishing, volunteering at CALL



Autumn about her strengths, she says she is determined and previous church, she helped organize a bible drive and thoroughly enjoyed it. Autumn reports she would love to do that again and is glad when people donate bibles / bible resources and are able to give to those in need. When asked what she would do with \$1 million, Autumn reports she would give 20% back to the church, buy a cool car, and save the rest. One thing we don't know about her is that she loves kombucha! Please reach out and introduce yourself to this young lady if you have not done so already. We as a church family are blessed to do life with her!

Florida and has worked at Café. When asking she says passionate. At her helped organize a

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

- Discipleship 1: February 2, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Discipleship 3: January 26, February 2, 8:00 - 9:15 am
- Discipleship 4: January 26, February 2, 8:00 - 9:15 am



THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Pastor Doyle

One of the foundational principles found in God's Word again and again is the importance of "the fear of the Lord." Proverbs 1:8, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Fear as it is used in God's Word involves terror, fearing, respect, reverence, and piety. Abraham made a bad choice when he went into the land of King Abimelech. He lied and said that Sarah was his sister, because he feared for his life and thought that they would kill him and take her. Genesis 20:11 reveals Abraham's wrong thinking; "Because I thought, surely the fear of God is NOT in this place;

husband. Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Abimelech saw the hand of God in all that had taken place and recognized the hand of God was upon Abraham and Sarah. The King gave them servants, livestock, and much silver. Abraham interceded for the house of Abimelech and God blessed them with children, because God had brought barrenness to the house of Abimelech. Even when Abraham and Sarah were unfaithful, God remained faithful to His Word and His plans for them. In Genesis 21, after Abraham prayed for Abimelech's household, Sarah, at the age of 90, conceives and Isaac is born. King Abimelech had enough spiritual discernment that he and those in his kingdom continued to relate to Abraham in a way that was pleasing to God. He entered into a covenant with Abraham and was faithful in working out their relationship in the reverence of the Lord. A holy reverence toward God can provide motivation for us to make godly choices. Proverbs 16:6, "By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord, one keeps away from evil."

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and they will slay me for my wife's sake." Because of her beauty, Abimelech took Sarah into his harem in the integrity and innocence of his own heart. God, in His faithfulness to His promises made to Abraham, intervened in the situation. God came to Abimelech in a dream in the night and said, "Behold, thou art a dead man for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife." Abimelech feared the consequences of disobedience (immediate death), dialogued with God in the dream, and then early the next morning, began the process of restoring Sarah to her

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