



THRIVE Fundraiser Lunch March 30

Immediately following the service, THRIVE youth will be providing a delicious meal for all. All proceeds will help with camp costs, activities, etc. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun day of enjoying spiritual and natural food!



Oratory Contest

The Mercer County Right to Life is hosting a contest for junior and senior high school students on March 9, 2025. They are requiring contestants to research and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia. Video entries are to be submitted by February 21, and finalists will be announced on February 28. There will be prizes for all entries. For more information, please contact Julie Link at (419) 852-8122.

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.



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

We are excited to have Kerry and Diane with us again in a few weeks. Kerry is an author, pastor, prophetic teacher, and overseer of churches nationally and internationally. Come expecting to hear a NOW Word from the Lord!



New Life Roller Skate February 23, 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm Grand Lake Skate USA St. Marys Road, St. Marys



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Join me in getting to know the Schott's, Derrick and Jessica. They have 3 girls; Ella, who is 9 years old, Nora, 7 years old, and Eden, who will be 2 in March. They live in Celina where Derrick grew up. Jessica, or Jess (as she prefers to be called), was originally from Columbus. Derrick grew up in the Catholic faith and Jessica attended a Baptist church while growing up. Shortly after they started dating, they began attending a Spirit-filled church in Columbus, and according to Jessica, it completely changed their spiritual lives. Jess and Derrick met in college while serving at the same Olive Garden, soon got married, bought a home in Columbus and lived there for 3 more years. In 2018, they felt God was directing them to move to Celina. They have been attending New Life since 2020 and are excited to be a part of the family. Derrick has a strong desire to see a problem that need that he can rest until he takes some capacity, speaking or delights in blessing others with thoughtful gifts that are unique to each person. Jess also likes collecting old books, reading, writing, and cooking/baking just about anything. Derrick has a rare coin collection as one of his hobbies, along with enjoying woodworking and golfing. Derrick works at Tingley's Tax Preparation while Jess works from home for a children's book company while homeschooling the kids. They verbalize the desire to flip houses if they had the time and resources. The Schott family is a treasured addition to our New Life family. Make sure you introduce yourself to them if you haven't already!



DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 3: February 23, March 9, 8:00 - 9:15 am
Discipleship 4: February 23, March 2, 8:00 - 9:15 am



THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Pastor Doyle

Is it any wonder that in the Hebrew Bible there are so many names for God. What words could one find in any language to describe a Holy Sovereign God who created everything? There are not enough parts of speech to do God justice in proclaiming who He is. We are totally inadequate to honor the Creator of all things. Thankfully, He Himself knows our frame and that we are but dust. We may often perceive that "fearing God" has a negative connotation, but it certainly doesn't. Here are many Scriptural examples of reverencing the Judge of all the earth. If you sow "the fear of the LORD" to the Eternal Perfect One, you will reap benefits in this life and eternally.

Ps. 25:14; The LORD confides in those who fear Him, and reveals His covenant to them.
Ps. 37:4; The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him and rescues them.
Ps. 34:9; Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.
Job 28:28; The fear of the LORD, that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.
Prov. 10:27; The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Ps. 115:13; He will bless those who fear the LORD, the small together with the great.
Prov. 22:4; The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, honor and life.
Prov. 19:23; The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.
Ps. 85:9; Surely GOD's salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.
Ps. 147:11; The LORD favors those who fear Him, those who wait for His lovingkindness.
Malachi 4:2; But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

Benefits of fearing the Lord

The Words of the Living God are always beneficial to meditate on. The one thief crucified with Jesus, in his dying moments, received salvation because of his "fear of God". He recognized his sinfulness and Jesus' sinlessness. The best he hoped for was to be remembered by Jesus when He came into His Kingdom. For 2000 years now the words of Jesus spoken to that sinner have reverberated around the world, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." May God cause you to live, move, and have your being in the "fear of the Lord."