

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR GOD



CAN (INSERT NAME) COME TO VBS WITH US?

It was February of 2001. I was 17 and decided to give my life to Jesus. After being baptized, our congregation held hands in a circle and sang "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." Unfortunately, I didn't listen closely enough to the next lyrics in that song, (no turning back.) Between 17 and age 33, a lot had changed. High school graduation, college, choosing several wrong paths, making lots of bad decisions, an unplanned pregnancy, a 10-year marriage that ultimately ended in divorce, the list goes on and on...

It was quite clear to anyone, including myself that I had steered from God. I was completely different than I was on that cold February day in 2001. Simply put, I was broken. I had hit rock bottom...but all that changed when one family asked me if my son could go to VBS with them. I thought sure, why not. It would be good for him to be in church since I clearly was not taking him.

The next year not only did my son return to VBS, but my daughters did as well. I remember the first night I picked them up. I left the church, just a mile from my house and thought... wow, those are some of the nicest people I've ever met. Did that pastor just say he loved us when we left? To some that might seem unsettling, but to me it felt like reassurance.

And so, as a single mother of three, we started attending Zions Refuge. It was at age 33, that I gave my life back to Jesus at that altar on Wigton Road. I still remember the feeling of my heart literally beating out of my chest during the altar call, I remember the outfit I wore that day, the people that prayed with me at the altar. I remember everything.

I am forever indebted to that family that invited my son to VBS, and I am forever praising God for putting the right people in our lives at exactly the right time.

Whether it's VBS, Sunday morning service, the upcoming 21st church birthday celebration, etc... make it your mission to invite someone.

You never know how one simple invite might just change someone's life.

WELCOME!

April 28, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM
WORSHIP 11AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AGES 3-7
NURSERY 2 & YOUNGER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

PRIMARY CLASS 3-6
JUNIOR CLASS 7-12
TEEN CLASS 13-17
7 PM

IMPORTANT!

WE ARE PREPARING A PRESENTATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE.

PLEASE SEND ONE PICTURE TO:
419-512-0075

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, MAY 4
3PM - 5PM



Let's Celebrate

21 YEARS

CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 19
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE

ZIONS REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH
1400 LUCAS ROAD PO BOX 3934
MANSFIELD, OH 44903

SENIOR PASTOR DAVID PARSONS
YOUTH PASTOR TIM PARSONS
419-525-0617

WWW.ZIONSREFUGECHURCH.COM

THE CORNERSTONE SERIES - WEEK 4

WHAT IS SOLIDITY?

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SOLIDITY?

HOW MUST THE CHURCH DISPLAY SOLIDITY?

HOW DOES GOD SOLIDIFY JESUS AS HIS SON?

NOTES

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The Kingdom of God will stand forever
and have no end.

Family of the Week MEET THE BLANDS

BEN & CHRISTINA HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF ZIONS REFUGE SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING! THIS IS THEIR HOME. BEN IS ON HIS 19TH YEAR AT PENTAIR IN ASHLAND AND CHRISTINA IS A 1:1 SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE AT MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL. IN HER SPARE TIME, SHE LOVES SPENDING TIME AT HOME, SIMPLY TAKING CARE OF HER FAMILY. BEN ALSO HAS HIS OWN POWER WASHING & LANDSCAPING BUSINESS ON THE SIDE.

BEN & CHRISTINA HAVE TWO BOYS, ELIJAH AND ISAIAH. THEY BOTH ATTEND MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

ELIJAH IS LOOKING FORWARD TO GRADUATION THIS YEAR. HE IS GETTING HIS FEET WET IN THE WORKING WORLD BY LEARNING USEFUL SKILLS AT MCDONALDS AND KFC! HE IS ALSO A CANCER SURVIVOR, PRAISE GOD! ELIJAH IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON OBTAINING HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

ISAIAH IS A JUNIOR THIS YEAR. HE IS EXTREMELY ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE. HE IS CONSIDERING A CAREER IN THE ART FIELD AFTER HE GRADUATES IN 2025. IN HIS SPARE TIME, YOU CAN FIND ISAIAH DOING LANDSCAPING WORK IN THE SUMMER. HE TOO, HAS DABBLED IN THE WORKING WORLD AT MCDONALDS.

WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND ZIONS REFUGE?

BEN & CHRISTINA WERE ONLY 19 WHEN THEY BECAME TWO OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS WHEN THE PARSONS FAMILY STARTED ZIONS AT THE OLD CHURCH ON PAVONIA ROAD. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HOME TO THEIR FAMILY.

IN CHRISTINA'S OWN WORDS, "I COULDN'T SEE MYSELF ANYWHERE ELSE."



BLESSED
ASSURANCE,
JESUS IS MINE!

OH, WHAT A
FORETASTE OF
GLORY DIVINE!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
SUNDAYS 9:15
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS 7:00PM

PASTOR DAVE'S OFFICE HOURS
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
APPOINTMENT ONLY

MISSIONARY SUNDAY
LAST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH



Buzz.... On in....
.....For A BUZZIN' GOOD TIME

Mother's Day Banquet

(bring your daughters and sons)

Saturday, May 4, 2024

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Catered Meal

13 years – Adult = \$10.00

12 years & under = free

Short Message by Janet

Raffle Prizes

