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# Extreme Teens EVENT!!

FOOD

Come and bring a friend!!  
Thursday May 9th @ 6:30pm

Extreme Youth Night  
At Christian Life Church  
900 7th st. Trafford, PA 15085



**SPECIAL GUEST : JESSICA WELCH  
SHARES HER MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS!!**



## Mother/Daughter Tea!!

May 11th @ CLC from 10-1pm!

Brunch style food and tea what could be better

Cost is 5.00/per adult & 1.00/per kid.

Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and ministry with you favorite female role model, whether mother, grandmother, or special guardian!!

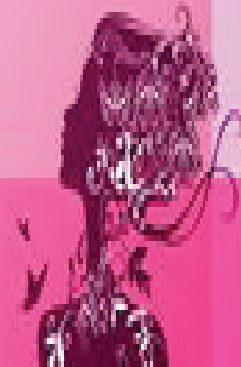
# CLC Women's Retreat!

## FRIDAY MAY 17, FROM 6-9:30PM

The cost is \$15. The Rev. Mary Ann Milne is our speaker. She is a retired Pastor, with 45 years of experience in ministry. Her love for the Lord, and for His people enables her to share. The evening will include dinner, worship, message, breakout sessions, prayer ministry and whatever the Holy Spirit wants to happen. If you or a friend are looking to be renewed or refreshed, mark your calendar for May 17th! The forms, with your money, need to be in the office by May 10th so that we can have our final count to order the food. If you need a ride, please call the office, and we will help you. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

We hope you will be able to join us!

God Bless!



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John 19:27, Then He said to the disciple, **"Behold your mother!"** And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. (NIV)

# CLC NEWSLETTER May 2019



# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GARY SIMPSON

## “Anger and Righteousness”

Do you ever wonder if the contention and arguing will ever stop? Republicans spar with Democrats, Liberals fight with Conservatives, Millennials have their issues with Baby boomers and vice versa. The topics are numerous: immigration, abortion, homosexuality, women’s rights, war, the economy, and religious freedom. In his book “Christians in the Age of Outrage”, Ed Stetzer points out that we talk “past” each other instead of “To” each other. He also warns about getting stuck in “Echo Chambers.” We watch one news channel or read one newspaper (the one we agree with) and shut out all other voices. When this happens, we can end up being conditioned by these news outlets and our beliefs and opinions become unassailable whether they are right or wrong.

The other problem is Social Media. It used to be that a few neighbors, relatives, or coworkers would get into a discussion that would devolve into a disagreement. Four or five people, at the most, would be involved. Now you can go on Facebook, Instagram, or

Twitter and get into a verbal boxing match with literally thousands of people at once. In the past I have fallen for this myself and here’s the problem: once you push “comment” or “send” your words go out to all the world and there is no way to retrieve them.

So, the question we have to answer is: “How should a Christian behave in a volatile environment?” There is no doubt that the Bible addresses all of the issues I mentioned earlier. Because we live by the Bible, we have not only strong opinions, but strong beliefs and we are compelled to express them to others. How do we do that without getting sucked into the angry, contentious web of social and political outrage. 1Corinthians 13 defines Christian love and it says, “Love is patient, love is kind....it is not rude.... it is not easily angered.” Can you discuss hot button issues with people and still express this Biblical love? Do you see the person you are talking to as an enemy to be defeated or as a soul for whom Christ died? Is your goal to show them up or to show them God’s goodness? To win a debate or to win a soul?

The apostle James spoke clearly and firmly about this in James 1:19 & 20: “My dear brothers, take not of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.” Doesn’t that say it all? I find myself doing the exact opposite: I’m slow to listen, much too quick to speak and even quicker to become angry. But I’m finally learning the irrefutable truth of verse 20; my anger NEVER brings about the righteous life that God desires.

So, here’s the challenge: the next time you get into a debate or disagreement force yourself to listen to the other person’s opinion even if you can tell you’re not going to agree. Put yourself in their shoes and try to understand why they feel the way they do. Think long and hard before you speak and remember that as a believer you represent Christ. How would He react and respond in this situation? If you find yourself getting angry back off until you can cool down and respond rationally. If you do these things you may or may not win the argument, but more importantly you just might live the righteous life that God desires.

## Sunday Mornings

9:30am Adult & Extreme Teen Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service & Kids Church  
Nursery & Pre-K available during service

## Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm Men’s & Women’s Growth Groups  
Kids Pre-k - 6th grade

## Thursday Nights

6:30pm Youth (7th-12th)

## Contact Information

900 7th Street Ext, Trafford, PA 15085  
412-856-4420 office hours Tues.- Fri. 9:00am -5:00pm  
email:clc@christianlife.net website:christianlife.net

## Need Prayer? Email prayer@christianlife.net

Lead Pastor Rev. Gary Simpson  
Children’s Directors Mike & Jeanne Robinson

Extreme Teen Leader Dave Helmstadter

To find your Growth Group, stop by the Welcome Desk, email info@christianlife.net, or call the office between Tuesday and Friday @ 412-856-4420 for more information. Thank you.

We are collecting canned tuna and meats for our local food bank. Please feel free to drop them off in our lobby. Thank you for giving so generously! Many Blessings!!!

### Keep us in your prayers...

Pastor Gary  
Renee Simpson  
Angie Traficante  
Joanne Mayak  
Cindy Taylor  
Reva Holby  
Shirley Johnston  
Colleen Wilson  
Carol Castellano  
Walker Family  
Elaine McVicker  
Mark Rothrauff  
Emma Chichilla  
Mary Miner  
Melissa Zierski  
Tereasa Baughman  
Terri Houston  
Chuck Bolena  
Rose Vinsick  
Mike Asquino  
Patty Tierno  
Gary Renner  
Kim Coyne  
Derrick Williams  
Dee Sutton  
Kimberly Lewis  
Lindsey Learn  
Julia Torockio

## Upcoming Events



**Vacation Bible School** will be June 24th - 27th.  
Contact Mike or Jeanne Robinson for more information.



### BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Dave Lersch  
4th - Larry George  
Maggie Fisk  
5th - Ray Hersick  
13th - Emily Depalma  
27th - Pam George  
30th - Andrew Koloshinsky  
31st - Jenn Schubert

### ANNIVERSARIES

1st - Larry & Pam George  
10th - Poodie & Shelby Carson  
20th - Dave & Diane Lersch  
22nd - Chuck & Cheri Caputo  
24th - Mike & Jeanne Robinson



## Announcements

**Hooked on Helping**, Crocheting group that will be meeting in the apartment on the 1st Thursday of the month. Any individual that is interested in learning and/or knows how to crochet is welcome! Learn a skill or help mentor others. Have a relaxing time of fellowship, charity, and encouragement!

**Extending Hands**, Check weekly bulleting for more dates and times. For more information or to volunteer please see Dawn Ward or Yvonne Krepinevich.

**First Friday Worship & Prayer, May 3rd @ 7pm.**  
Everyone is welcome to come and join in worship and prayer!

**Pack and Pray**, Check weekly bulletin for dates and times.

**Young Adults 4 Christ**, Check weekly bulletin for dates and times.

## CLC Growth Groups

**Wednesday Night** - New Bible Study “Abundant Life” starting April 3rd, taught by Mike Krepinevich meets every Wednesday night in the sanctuary @ 7pm.

**New Creation Recovery Group** - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 2 @ 7pm. Information for the group is in the CLC lobby.

Sympathy/Greeting cards can be mailed to Bob Walker @ his new address 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd. Apt 367 Ardenhills, Minnesota 55112.



All men are welcome to come to CLC for food and fellowship on Saturday, May 4th @ 9am. Sign up is in the CLC lobby!

