



The Jesus Connection

Reach. Equip. Grow.



It Starts Here

Change starts right here, Church

"But church if we want to see a change in the world out there / It's got to start right here / It's got to start right now / Lord, I'm starting right here / Lord, I'm starting right now." - "Start Right Here," Casting Crowns

I'm not sure about you, but the first time I heard this song, the lyrics cut through me like a sword as if it was yielded by Jesus Himself.

So many people are lost right now and they're looking in all the wrong places. But this isn't the world I'm referring to, it's the Church.

As God's people, we need to rip our gaze from our pride and the pleasures of our flesh. We need to focus on Jesus and the work we as His servants have walked away from.

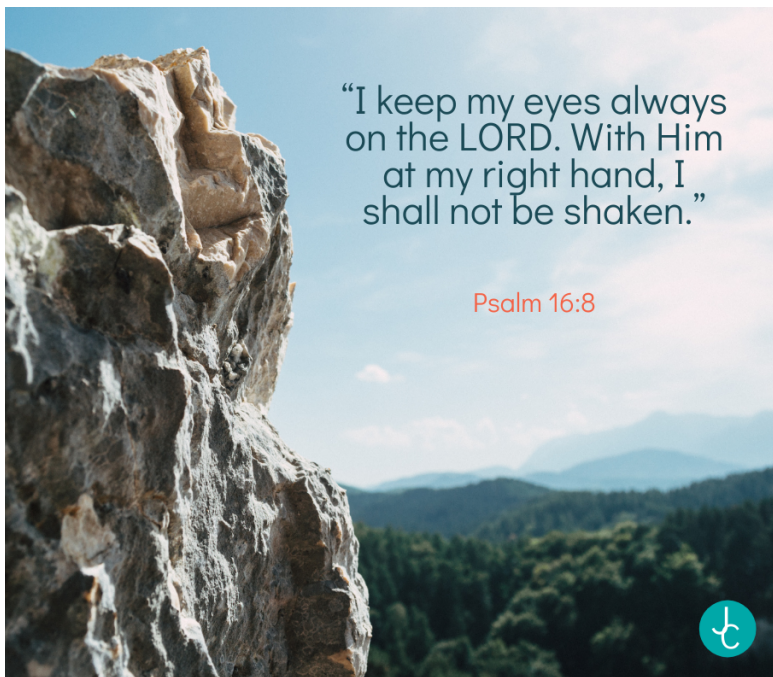
The Gospel is for us, but it's not about us. It's about Jesus. Period. So when will we stop standing still and start falling to our knees? It starts right here, Church.

PRAISES

- Though a small group, the Sept. prayer was a solid time of fellowship and repentance.
- Joe Gloyd from The Depot in Bradford is letting us use the space for the Nov. prayer and plans to invite others to participate.
- A member of Living Waters Ministries in Versailles is helping promote the Oct. Community Prayer.
- A few people are interested in TJC and supporting its mission.
- God has provided outreach opportunities and an income through substitute teaching at Greenville Schools.
- A local church is interested in me leading the Wellness Revelation Bible study as part of their Women's Ministry.
- The Ohio Secretary of State approved TJC as a nonprofit org.

UPDATES

- Consulted with Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. for help with 501(c)(3) application, tax requirements, etc.
- Applied for federal 501(c)(3) status.
- Purchased website domain: thejesusconnection.info
- Talked with potential supporters, including those involved with Revive Ohio :: Darke County.
- Sent survey to current church partners for them to distribute to 20 somethings to learn about their interests and needs.
- Ordered business cards, hope to have them before the November Community Prayer.
- Still no responses from the churches I contacted about partnering with TJC, but hopefully I will hear from them soon and the mission to reach young adults can move forward.
- Attended an outreach team meeting at a local church, as well as Youth for Christ International's MORE Conference and a personal fundraising webinar through Mission Increase Foundation.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- God's guidance on what He wants to do next through me and TJC.
- Young adults to connect with TJC so activities/relationships can start/form.
- Upcoming prayer events.
- God's will be done with 501(c)(3) app.
- Opportunities to share the Gospel with Greenville students and that the other teachers/staff will be positive influences to the children.
- Trust God to provide financially and not fret over fees required to file for 501(c)(3) status, tax consultations, etc.

Our mission is to equip 20 somethings to be lifelong disciples of Jesus and shepherd a lost generation. Our vision is to invigorate the body of Christ in the Darke County community.