



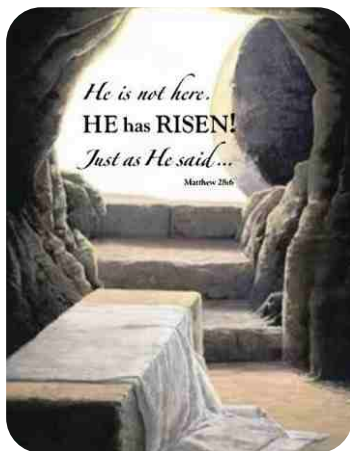
LIVING OUT OUR MISSION:

To put **CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES** into practice through **PROGRAMS** that build **HEALTHY SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY FOR ALL**



First Quarter - 2025

GUIDING GRACE



Easter Devotion:
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55

Life on this earth is not without dark times. We can identify periods in history when evil and darkness seemed to be in control. We can look back on our own lives and recall times

of grief, hurt, loneliness, or despair. Or maybe those times are happening right now, and life seems empty of meaning or purpose. Maybe all of life seems like a dark, empty space.

Jesus knows what that's like—and even more. On the cross he suffered the agony of complete separation from God (descending into hell) so that we wouldn't have to—and his body was placed in a tomb till he rose to life again on the third day. Jesus' work of salvation for us would not have been complete if he did not suffer the full punishment of "unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul" on the cross to pay the price for all our sins... And on Easter he rose in victory over death so that we might share in the power of his resurrection and enjoy new life with God. (See also Luke 23:42-46.)

Our journey into new life in Christ may take us through times of darkness. Yet, as hard as those times may be, we can be assured that death, loneliness, and despair do not have the final victory; Jesus conquered them. As you walk through valleys of shadow in your life, lean on Jesus, the Savior—who knows you and is walking with you into new life.

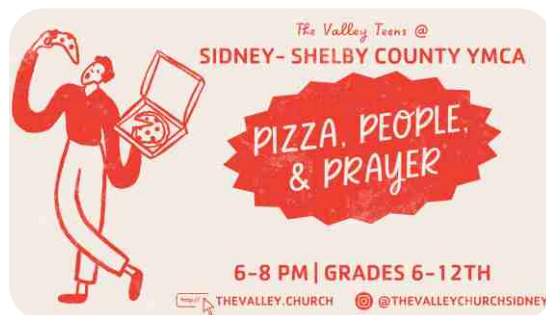
God of new life, assure us of your presence, especially when darkness and despair seem all around. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



New Y Child Development Center Expansion is now open!

Prayer Walk throughout the Y - Come join members of our Christian Mission Committee on Thursday, April 10th as we take a prayer walk throughout the Y. We will pray for the people within the Y, the programs offered, and also for our community. Meet in the Prayer Corner in the Lobby at 11:30am.



Teen Connect: - Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to this FREE monthly program at the Y, hosted by The Valley Church. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm, come enjoy pizza, people, and prayer and get connected while having a TON of fun! Two more meetings left for this school year: April 16th and May 21st!

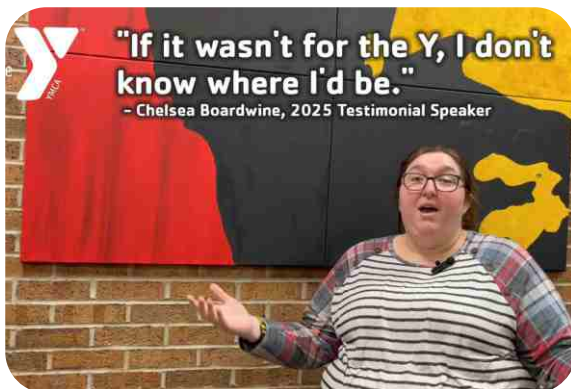
WHAT'S HAPPENING? (continued)



Men's Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation – meets Monday through Thursday at 7:30am in the Y Lobby. All men of any denomination are welcome. Y membership is not required. Come enjoy some free coffee and faith-filled fellowship!

Looking for a church home? Did you know that TWO churches meet at the Y on Sundays? If you don't have a church home, consider checking out The Valley Church at 9:15AM and 11AM or New Covenant Church at 10:30AM. All are welcome!

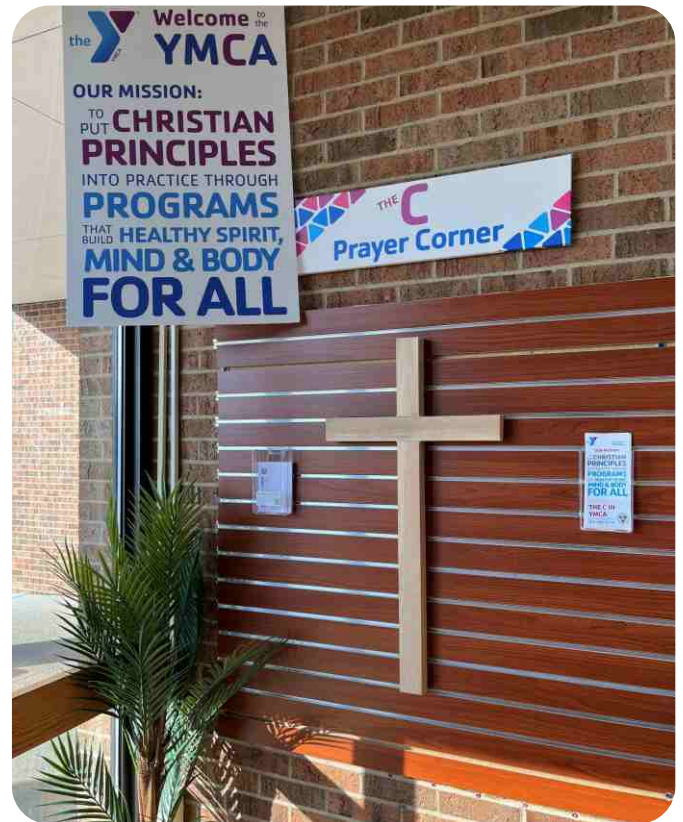
YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION



In March the Y kicked off their annual Community Partners Campaign fundraiser. This event featured a heartfelt testimonial from Chelsea Boardwine, a local mother who shared how the Y's Child Development Center made a profound impact on her family. Stories like hers demonstrate how donor support transforms lives, helping families access childcare, youth sports, wellness programs, and more. (If you would like to view her story, visit www.sidney-ymca.org/give)

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

We believe in the power of prayer and are here to support you in whatever you may be facing. Share your prayer needs on our digital prayer wall, fill out a prayer card in the prayer corner, or meet with someone in person for prayer support. Let us walk with you in faith. Learn more at <https://sidney-ymca.org/christian-mission>



HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Feel free to contact any of the pastors from our Christian Mission Committee at the email addresses below:

- Pastor Mark Kaufman (mkaufman@connectionpt.org)
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