



### Mindset Matters

*What we think about  
most, we become*

By Danielle Smallwood

Our thoughts are powerful, and the things we choose to dwell on shape our attitudes and actions. When we focus on fear, worry, or negativity, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. But when we choose to think on what is good, true, and honoring to God, our hearts are lifted and our outlook changes. Positive thinking doesn't ignore hard things, it chooses to trust God in the middle of them. Scripture reminds us, "Finally... whatever is true, whatever is honorable... whatever is praiseworthy, dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8). As our minds are renewed by God's truth, we are transformed (Romans 12:2).

Negative thoughts will still come, but we don't have to keep them. We can take them captive and replace them with God's promises (2 Corinthians 10:5).

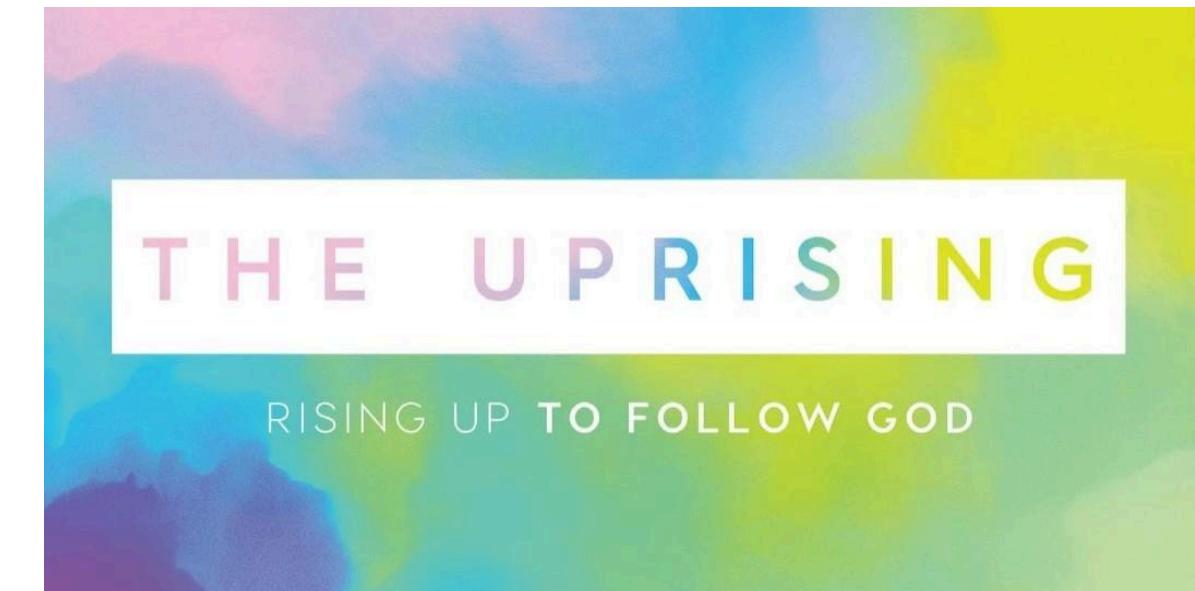
### Picture Day

February 4th - Senior Photos ONLY

February 18th - Elementary Student Picture Day

February 25th - High School Lunch Picture Day

Makeup Day - TBD



### Disciple Now

*Join us*

By Brooklyn Simmons

Want plans from January 16th-18th? Join us at Disciple Now at Christ Fellowship Church, Mansfield. DNOW is filled with fun, friends, worship, and games! We spend the nights of the 16th and 17th at host homes. We go home to our families after church on Sunday. If you can't or don't want to spend the night at host homes, your parents can come and get you.

This is an opportunity to build friendships and deepen your relationship with Jesus. It is for grades 7th-12th. Sign-ups end January 10th. The cost is \$50 a person, and that covers all meals and a place to stay, but guess what...? FRIENDS COME FREE! It is such a blast, hope to see you there!

If you would like to sign up, type in the website below

<https://cfcmansfield.org/>

Group Photos at the beginning of 5th period. Individual Photos 4th, 5th and 6th period. Cap & Gown!

### SENIOR CAP & GOWN PORTRAITS FEBURARY 4TH



Entertainment Section By Ruby Johnson

### SPORT OF THE MONTH

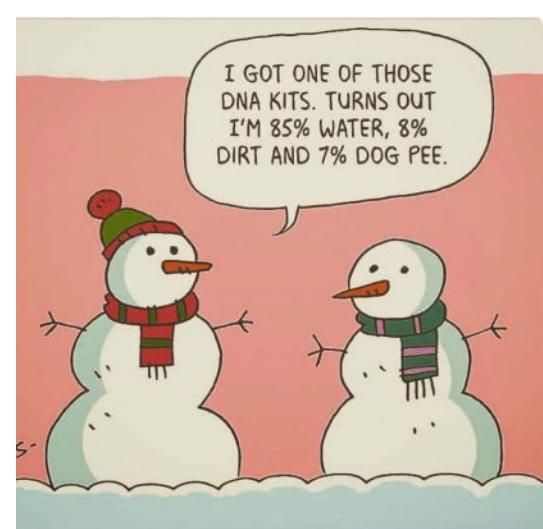


FOOTBALL

### CHEAR WORDLE



See if you can get it  
before your friends!



By Ava Mena

## Create & Capture with Mrs. Danielle

*A peek into her photography world*

Did you know what photography was invented in the 19th century? It was invented by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. Also, the first camera invented was in 1816 by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. And, the first ever picture taken was the *View from the Window at Le Gras*. Mrs. Danielle started taking photos when she was 5, but started pursuing photography in 2015.

Mrs. Danielle started teaching photography because her good friend encouraged her to do it. The co-op her friend was working with needed a photography teacher, and she thought Mrs. Danielle would be a great fit. Mrs. Danielle agreed to interview for the position, was hired, and that's how her teaching journey began.

One of her students Brooklyn gave her perspective on the class saying "I wanted to grow my skill with structure." That is why Brooklyn joined photography. One thing that Brooklyn didn't expect in photography is the different styles.

Something that Brooklyn is inspired by is God's creations and being in nature to capture that. Brooklyn's photography style is street style and nature because of its beauty, and street style because of the story behind it.

Mrs. Danielle's mom kept a lot of photo albums for as long as she can remember, since then she understood the value of memories captured in photographs. Before Mrs. Danielle became a photographer, she worked as a graphic designer. Many of her clients asked if she knew anyone to take their photos, and one day she decided to be that person.

Mrs. Danielle stays motivated by seeing the excitement in her students' eyes when they understand something new. Their growth inspires her to keep improving, because she wants to be better for them every year. Watching her students grow is what keeps her smiling and loving what she does.



Photo by Brooklyn Simmons

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### CHEAR NEED TO KNOW:



By Ruby Johnson

## Celebrate Squirrel Appreciation Day

*Squirrels are paw-some*

Do you like squirrels? I know I do! January 21 is Squirrel Appreciation Day, and other than chewing on wires, these rodents do many great things. Squirrels act as natural seed planters, called seed dispersers. Also, they eat pests like grubs, beetles, and grasshoppers. Another fun fact about squirrels is that they can leap 10 times their body length and jump vertically several feet. Clair Johnson said squirrels are necessary to the entire planet, because they help plant millions of trees globally. Also, Abby Johnson says "Life's too short, stop and pet the squirrels." We need squirrels. If we didn't, we would probably go nuts!



*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things."*

-Philippians 4:8