



# New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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## Pastoral Pondering

### MY HOME IS IN HEAVEN

"My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world." ~ *Billy Graham*.

*"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." ~ Philippians 3: 20-21*

You have probably heard it said that nothing is certain in this world except death and taxes. I will come right out with it. I am turning 60 years old this year and I must admit that I have mixed emotions about it. Turning 50 didn't bother me but turning 60 feels different. The average American male lives to 78.74 years of age. That means on average I have 18.74 years left on this planet. Up to this point, I've never really contemplated my own mortality which may seem a little strange being a physician who is faced with life-and-death issues on a daily basis. I struggle with the thought of leaving my loved ones and the things I love, like fishing and friends, but yet believing by faith that Heaven is infinitely better.

I came to Osceola to work as a Family physician at the age of 35. I was the youngest physician there, often hearing I was just a kid. Now 25 years later I find myself the oldest family physician at Osceola. The babies I delivered over the years are going off to college and are now even having babies of their own. I have lost many people I considered good friends to heart disease, dementia, strokes and cancer. I had one elderly female look at me and tell me "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes!" I'm left hoping that God gave me the extra-large roll since I have a lot of things I still want to accomplish, such as seeing my grandsons grow to be Godly men and seeing my children get married.

Last week I woke up to the headlines that Billy Graham had passed away at age 99. I told Cory that they had it all wrong. He isn't dead but has just gone home to be with Jesus. Welcome home good and faithful servant! Pastor Graham remained focused on bringing the Gospel to the world his entire life. God used

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him to touch many people's lives. He wasn't focused on this world but understood that his home was in Heaven. He also understood the truth that hell is a real place that will be a home for many. He spent his entire life preaching the good news of eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ hoping that all would be saved.

In the end I know age is relative. I have heard it said that 60 is the new 40 but I don't see many 40-year old's rushing towards hip and knee replacements, nor do I see 40-year old's spending much time thinking about their own mortality. Many of you reading this are younger than me and many are older, but we are all on this road of life together. Our lives are not our own. Every breath and heart beat come from God himself. I am thankful that I am not in control of my life nor do I know the hours that I have left on this earth. But I rest assured that my citizenship is in heaven and there is no wall that prevents my entrance since Jesus took care of that. And that is something I will cling to with every advancing year.

"May all my days bring glory to your name"

In Christ, Greg Mattson

## April Memory Verse

*Psalm 24:1-4*

*"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully." (ESV)*

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### VIDEO MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

This is an opportunity to serve those who are unable to join us in person to worship Jesus Christ and to study God's Word on Sunday morning. New Life video ministry is looking for camera operators. You can sit with one of the camera operators to see what is involved, talk to anyone on the team about the ministry, or contact Jim Mabee @ 651-470-4172. We'd love to have you on the team.

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### HELP FOR THE LINZMEIER'S

Moving is hard - let's try to lighten the load! We would like to gather gift cards to area businesses to have for Pastor Paul and his family when they move here on April 18th. If you're interested in being part of this please pick up a gift card to a place like Walmart, BP gas station, the Pizzeria (or your favorite local establishment) - any dollar amount - and bring it to church by next **Sunday, April 15th!** Please drop off gift cards with Chandler and Kimmi or Brady and Danielle Rupard. If you have any questions, please call Danielle at 701-367-8558.

There will be other opportunities as well to help the Linzmeier's as they move in and get situated! Keep your eyes open for more information on New Life Connect!

### TEACHER ENRICHMENT TRAINING FOR CEF

**CEF** of the Greater St. Croix Valley invites you to a FREE quarterly training **Saturday, April 21, 9am to Noon** at Faith Fellowship Church, 2497 WI-35, Luck, WI 54853. Classes include:

- **Managing your classroom** (Dynamics of Discipline)
- **Life Changing Evangelical Bible Lessons** (Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation)
- **A Living Sacrifice** (Teaching Consecration - My Life Set Apart for God)

Please register by **April 17<sup>th</sup>** so we can have materials available for you. Call our office (715) 263-4344, send us an e-mail [stcroixvalley@cefwi.org](mailto:stcroixvalley@cefwi.org) or register online at [www.cefstcroixvalley.com](http://www.cefstcroixvalley.com) This is a FREE event. Refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken.

### MISSIONS MINISTRY UPDATE

Tony and Scott have made their way safely to their final destination in Chad, with a few road bumps and an unfriendly welcome of sorts from the armed guards, but safely nonetheless. They are well underway with their language workshops. Thank you all for your prayers. Thank you also, for your support of the kids and me while Tony is away. We have felt cared for in a deep way. His love is shining bright through your actions. All glory to God!

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#### This Week's Schedule of Events:

- Apr 8 **Forge** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:00 pm at NLCC
- Apr 11 **Immerse** (all ages)  
6:15 - 7:30 pm at NLCC
- Apr 12 **Men's Bible Study**  
6:30 am at NLCC
- Apr 12 **Women's Bible Study**  
9:30 am at NLCC
- Apr 12 **GriefShare Evening Meeting**  
**NO GRIEFSHARE**

#### Upcoming Potluck/Meal Team:

Apr 15 Meal Team #6

Apr 22 Meal Team #7

Apr 29 Meal Team #1

**A meal and fellowship follow our service today. Please stay and join us!**



Today's Passage:

Pastor Chandler's message is from the New Testament book,  
[Philippians 3:12-16](#)

Sermon Notes:



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