



Today's Passage:  
Pastor Chandler will be speaking to us today from  
Colossians 3:22-4:1

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



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 Ponderings

#### The Crowd Choses Barabbas

There have been many occasions that I have read through chapters 27 and 28 in Matthew when I have found myself weeping at the sheer hatred for Christ. As Pilate calls out to the crowd and asks them whom they would choose to have released, a known prisoner named Barabbas, or Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the crowd chooses Barabbas. Don't be fooled or distracted by the sentiment of saying, "Well, that was just the Lord's plan." While the Lord knows all and does have a plan, there can be no denying the fact that one stark truth exists... in John 15:12, Christ said, *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you..."* and later in verse 18 he also said, *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you."*

What is that truth? The truth that is revealed in scripture is that the world hates Christ. It doesn't take much looking to recognize large distractions from what really matters. Over the past few weeks, for example, people across the globe have been tuned in to a lion named Cecil that was killed by a trophy hunter. In fact, there are organizations calling for the hanging of the man who shot the lion...a hanging! Perhaps a young Zimbabwean doctoral student from Wake Forest named Goodwell Nzou, had the best words in his recent article in the New York Times titled *In Zimbabwe, We Don't Cry for Lions* when he wrote, "We Zimbabweans are left shaking our heads, wondering why Americans care more about African animals than about African people."

We are fooling ourselves if we think that Christ isn't shaking his head as well! In Matthew 28: 16-20, Christ's instructions are clear:

*"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

One can't help but think, "If even half of the effort that was put into mourning for a dead lion was put into loving one another as instructed in John 15:12 and making disciples in all nations as instructed in Matthew 28:19, what would the rejoicing sound like in Heaven?" Not to mention, it is the Enemy that rejoices when the value of a lion is placed higher than that of the soul of a man.

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## Visitor Card

We'd like to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out this card then drop it in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

- ☐ First-Time Visitor  
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# Prayer Card

If you are in need of prayer or would like to share a praise report, please share it below then drop this card in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

Please check a box below:

- ☐ This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
- ☐ Share this only with the pastor and elders

Optional:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front of the church immediately following the service.

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## This Week's Calendar:

Aug 11	New Life Softball 7:00 p.m. at Alliance
Aug 12	GriefShare Meeting 12:30-2:00 p.m. at NLCC building
Aug 13	Men's Bible Study The Book of Acts 6:30 a.m. at NLCC building

Sunday Nursery: (Infants - Preschool)  
Aug 9 Faith G, Brittany S, Aisha G  
Aug 16 Baptismal Service at The ARC-no Nursery

*Due to ongoing construction, there is NO meal after today's service. We would like to encourage everyone to fellowship with others from our service outside of church today.*

## Checkout New LifeOnline newlifechristiancommunity.org

Our website is full of information about who we are, what we believe, and up-to-date information about what's going on at New Life. Find Links to:

- Events • Sermons Online • Set Lists • The Table • & More

## August Memory Verse:

Colossians 1:15-16  
"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." (ESV)

## Pastoral Ponderings

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I encourage you, brothers and sisters, as I have been encouraged, to step out of the crowd. Instead of being distracted from the gospel of Jesus Christ, let's focus on the freedom that is abounding in the grace we have been offered through his death on the cross and expose that truth, the only truth that really matters, to the world. In doing so, let's strive to hear our heavenly father welcome us saying, "Well done good and faithful servant."

--Your Brother in Christ, Zack Fugate

## Announcements:



A big welcome to all our guests! In particular, we are excited to have missionaries Scott, Deb and family joining us this Sunday.



If you are unable to make it to the building on a Sunday morning you can still join us LIVE through our website (under the Sermons tab).



over 50 kids attend our 3 day program! Pastor Chandler, do you want to say anything about this? Otherwise please include the thank you in the regular announcements and the bulletin.



Missions Garage Sale! God provided in many ways and it went well! We do still have a few nice pieces of furniture left, if you are in need of a dining room table and chairs, hutch, bed frame or entertainment center please see Mindy Havlish.

## Ministry Directory:

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## Events to take Note of:



COME JOIN US!

New Life's softball team meets every Tuesday this summer at Alliance Church in St. Croix Falls. Come to play (even if you haven't before) or to cheer on your team at 7pm.



BEACH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday evenings at Sand Lake. Everyone is invited. Come any time after 5:30 p.m. and park in Roger and Sandy's driveway (1131 190th Street County Road Y – Dresser).



"Caring and Sharing through Food"

Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck  
Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.



NEW LIFE'S ANNUAL BAPTISMAL

SERVICE AT THE ARC

Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

If you are interested in possibly being baptized, please sign up on the signup sheet on the welcome table.

Directions from New Life building to The ARC:  
Go South on HWY 35. Turn left onto 24th Street (take this about 6 miles). Turn Left onto 30th Ave.

The ARC will be about a half mile on the right. 2372 30th Ave, Osceola, WI Address: 2372 30th Ave, Osceola, WI Phone: 715.294.2877

(Bring camping/lawn/folding chairs or blankets for your family. A Potluck meal will follow the baptism service so if you have a favorite dish to share please bring it along (if you are able). There are fun water activities for the whole family as well, so don't forget a swim suit!)



Busy Bags

Available by the doors