



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony will be speaking to us today from
Joshua 10:7-15

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



"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

One Body

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all the parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

With the election season upon us already, I have listened to many debates and have heard candidates use the term "I am the only one up here who has ____". In the spirit of the election season, I can say jokingly I am the only elder who was here from the beginning of New Life's birth. Cory and I were blessed to be involved with a group of people who were looking for more out of church than just meeting for an hour on Sundays and then going our merry ways until we met again the next Sunday. When New Life first started we were contacted by a pastor who told us that most church starts fail and was wondering if we would be willing to join his church? But God did not lead us there. We started meeting in a small building on Saturday nights for worship, using videos series for our teaching. Since we met Saturday nights, we had a meal following our service because we hadn't had time to eat prior to the service and the meals after church have continued since. We called a pastor without a budget, without money and without a business plan which goes against all common sense. Surprisingly, he accepted and we were able to pay him. God continued to grow New Life and we became too large to meet at the small rural church. We moved to Dresser elementary school on Sundays and were eventually blessed to have Pastor Tony join us. We moved to our current location after God miraculously financed our move in 2012, where He also added Pastor Chandler to our family. I have skipped a lot of details but wanted to give an overview of the history of New Life because the story is one that only God would write. Who would have ever believed that a bar would be turned into a place of worship? I continue to sit and marvel at what God is doing through the people of New Life.

That leads me to the above passage. Since I have had the vantage point of being here from the beginning and witnessing God's work first hand, I have been able to see my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ using their gifts to advance His Kingdom. New Life is a body, one unit as Paul writes, that is made up of many parts with Christ as the Head. Paul goes on to state that no part is more valuable than another part. God has brought us together, people with different talents and gifts, and united us with Jesus through the Spirit. Paul makes it clear that we are ALL baptized by the Spirit into one body. We are

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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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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.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Nov 11 GriefShare Meeting
12:30-2:00 p.m. at NLCC building-Grn Rm

Nov 11 Immerse Family Grp. Studies
Groups for Infant to Adult
6:30-7:45 p.m. at NLCC building

Nov 12 Men's Bible Study
The Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC building

Nov 12 Women's Bible Study
Book of Hebrews
9:30 a.m. at NLCC building

Nov 12 GriefShare Evening Meeting
6:30 -8:00 p.m. at NLCC building-Grn Rm

November Memory Verse:

Romans 5:10-11

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." (ESV)

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grafted into the vine of Life because of Jesus and the work He did on the cross on behalf of us.

Lastly, I want to point out again that Paul refers to the church as a body with many parts. We all have a function and as you read this I would like you to ponder "what is your function as part of the body called New Life?" It may be a prayer warrior, teacher, musician, organizer, encourager, video operator, driver for those needing a lift, financial advisor, counselor, provider of meals, computer specialist, servant, etc. If you are thinking that you have no gifts to use, you are so wrong! Let us each use our gifts willingly and joyfully to advance His Kingdom!

In closing, as I reflect on the 10 years that New Life has been in existence, I sit in awe and wonder at what God is doing with a group of common folk who are meeting in a former bar. What a crazy story, one that only our Creator and Savior could pen. As elders and pastors we are thankful for your hard work and the use of your gifts. Know this that we pray regularly for the body of New Life and please keep us and our families in your prayers as well.

To God be the glory, Greg Mattson

Announcements:



GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Do you know someone that needs encouragement, support, or celebration? Please remember that New Life has a ministry just for that! Contact Lynn with your request via email: lynnjimmnelson@gmail.com or call her cell at 651-373-1426.

SPECIAL DAY OF FELLOWSHIP ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It can be a holiday that if full of family and friends, a large meal and a lot of conversation.

It can also be a day that is lonely and yes perhaps even sadness because you do not have family to share a meal with. Pam and Phil Stratmoen will be hosting a meal for anyone that would like to be a part of it. The meal will be served at 1:00 p.m. here at New Life on Thanksgiving Day. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entry. If you would like to be a part of this please sign up, so that the correct amount of food can be planned. If you would like to bring some food or share in the cooking, please indicate that also.

Ministry Directory:

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Events to take Note of:

IMMERSE FAMILY GROUP STUDIES

Come and join us Wednesday evenings at the building starting at 6:30 p.m. We have studies to fit every age group, nursery through adult. We conclude at approximately 7:45 p.m. so that adults can pick up their children before 8:00 p.m. The first Wednesday of each month is dedicated to Worship.

Blessings in a Backpack OSCEOLA FOOD SHELF

The Backpack Program through Osceola Food Shelf is in full swing. The items that New Life is assigned to bring are packets of muffins and pancake mix, (no boxes please since they do take up space.) Please bring your donations to the collection container at the front entrance of New Life.



"Caring and Sharing through Food"
Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck
Tuesday, November 17th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.
Please consider collecting food for someone else in need.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Christmas collection is this month! Please see the front table for information on packing a shoebox. The deadline for bringing your shoebox gifts to church is November 22nd. Thank you for sharing your love for Christ in this very special way!



Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.

Please stay and join us!

Families, we ask that you help your young ones who cannot see or reach over the countertop.