



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

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The darkest day in history. Jesus, the only man to ever walk the earth without sin, was murdered for crimes He did not commit. Jesus, the Author of Life, was killed. Jesus, the Bright and Morning Star, was placed in a dark tomb. Jesus was dead.

In several weeks, on Friday, March 30th at 6:30 pm, we will gather at the New Life building to remember this moment. We will sing songs that remind us of the cross. We will read the Scriptures that narrate the cross. We will devote time to studying the crucifixion. We will mourn the loss of the Savior and put our attention on His death.

Why in the world would we want to do this? Why would we have a funeral service especially when we know the end of the story. Jesus is not dead. He is alive. Praise God! Let's just forget the whole cross thing and celebrate the whole resurrection thing on Sunday, okay?

Nope.

The thinking above might surprise some of you. But for others, you've often wondered, "Why do we have a Good Friday service when we know about Sunday?" Perhaps some of you have even chosen to forgo a Good Friday memorial because you are convicted that we don't need it. We know about Sunday!

There are many reasons why we should commemorate the death of Christ. His death atoned our sins. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians to proclaim His death until He returns. Let me, though, draw your attention to a different reason.

Are you ready?

We gather on Good Friday to remember the crucified Savior because it is how we will know Christ for eternity.

In eternity, Jesus will be remembered, as John proclaims in Revelation, as the *Lamb who was slain*. John writes: *"And they sang a new song, saying:*

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"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped" ~ (Revelation 5:9-14)

Church, for eternity, the song sung in the heavens calls to mind the truth that Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was slain for our sins.

If you think we shouldn't set aside time to remember the cross, then perhaps you are not ready for heaven.

We'll see you on Friday, March 30th, when we join in the heavenly song saying, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"

Proclaiming Christ's death until He comes again,
Pastor Chandler

March Memory Verse

Isaiah 53:5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." (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.

NEW LIFE DIRECTORY

If this is your church home, today is your last opportunity to get your picture taken for the New Life Directory. If you are still unable to get your picture taken, we'd still like to include your information in the directory. Please email Sara Fugate (fugate.sara@gmail.com) your name, phone, email and address.

You might be wrongfully thinking, "I don't know anyone here so maybe I shouldn't be in the directory!" That is all the more reason to jump in and get into the directory! Our goal is to facilitate Christ-centered relationships among the body of Christ here at New Life.

NEW APPROACH TO CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Calling those who like to look for bargains! Even though it finally is starting to feel like Spring, we are approaching Christmas Shoe boxes differently this year as a church body. We are looking for new, quality items we would give our children. Having almost a whole year of shopping gives us time to find these items we hope to collect. Of special interest, is a WOW gift, age appropriate, i.e.: soccer balls with ball pump and needles; small stuffed animals that fit into boxes; baby dolls or small dolls, women's bracelets or earrings, hats/ mitts...If interested, please contact Lorraine Milner or Barb Manship.

MEAL TRAIN

We are still looking for people who would love to help someone in a time of need with a meal. The meal relief program (we call Meal train) is always looking for people to fill the calendar of someone who is home bound and needs help getting meals. You could make an extra portion of what you are making for your family and drop it off to the person in need. Even a take-out meal from your favorite spot can work! Please contact Diane McMahon for details.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Mar 21 Immerse (all ages)
6:15 - 7:30 pm at NLCC

Mar 22 Men's Bible Study
6:30 am at NLCC

Mar 22 Women's Bible Study
9:30 am at NLCC

Mar 22 GriefShare Evening Meeting
6:30 pm NLCC Lg Classroom

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Team:

Mar 25 Meal Team #4

Apr 1 Potluck Team #2

Apr 8 Meal Team #5

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

JUDGES

Our Desperate Need for the King

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the Old Testament book,
[Judges 3:12-31](#)

Sermon Notes:



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