



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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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Youth Ministry and New Life

I want to thank you for the encouraging response that we've had regarding the "youth ministry" shift at New Life (if you are reading this and wondering "What shift?" let me summarize - New Life has hired you - not a hip new "Youth Pastor" - to shepherd our youth. We all are being called to minister to the youth (and every age group for that matter!). We are far from done with this shift, however. Immerse started a few weeks ago. There are new Bible studies being planned. A few of you have even signed up to become mentors and prayer partners. As we continue to transition, please prayerfully consider what you can be doing to be a part of what God is doing in our midst.

We may be tempted to believe that the only demographic affected by this shift is the high school age (which is what I shall call "the young adults" from here on out). However, there is another group that *must* be affected as dramatically as our young adults! That demographic is everyone who is no longer a "young adult." This includes parents, grandparents and singles of an older generation (likely - that means *you*, the reader).

The reason this *must* affect you - is that you are now being called to step forward as examples for our young adults. If you simply ignore this (and the following) plea - we will be doing a great disservice to our young adults (though I should note - if just two adults take this seriously, we will be doubling the potential impact of one youth pastor's reach).

Some of you are being called (by the Spirit) to invest your time in discipling an individual or a small group of young adults. We need older women and older men to step forward to disciple and mentor these young adults.

This is the way the body of Christ ought to function. We are not called to be a cool "place" to hang out (since the church isn't a place - it's a people!). Moreover, we are not even called to make sure that young adults feel comfortable. We are called to make disciples. Indeed, Jesus' disciples were rarely comfortable throughout his 3-year ministry. Interestingly, it is likely that some of Jesus' disciples were actually "young adults." There are clues throughout the gospels that indicate Jesus' disciples were from a wide spread of ages - including some who were married and others who still lived with their mom and dad. Mark, an eye witness follower, could have been as young as 8 or 9 years old during Jesus' ministry!

But, Jesus was not a youth pastor. He was a shepherd - to all age groups. His bride was called to minister to all people. That means you and me. As one of our elders says often, "Let's stop paying someone else to pray for us." Let's stop paying someone else to reach into the lives of the young men and women around us. Start taking note of

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those around you and pursue them.

Personally, I (and Pastor Paul) am making plans to reach out to a few people (young and old) to disciple and pour into their lives. Pastor Bennett is planning on starting things like a doctrine class. Perhaps concepts like the "Second Saturday" would be something that he'd like to introduce to this community too (if you don't know what that is - it was a discussion group that gathered to discuss important doctrinal issues over a cup of coffee). These are all things that are in the works.

We, the pastors, are not the answer, however. Jesus is the answer - only Jesus. The answer is not a class during Immerse. Neither is the solution a catchy game night. We need Christ. And if you call yourself part of Christ - a.k.a., part of the body of Christ, then you are part of the answer for this ministry shift.

What can you be doing?

We are looking for people to invite groups of young adults over for dinner (this is in addition to the normal inviting that *should* be taking place to all age groups!). Perhaps you are interested in starting a Bible Study - please do so! Don't limit the study to the demographic that you are "comfortable" with. Extend the invitation to our young adults or even, dare I say, old adults! We each bring a valuable perspective to our study of the Word.

Moreover, if you are a young adult, stop sitting on the sidelines. Step forward and seek out a mentor. Step forward and start a Bible Study with some of your peers.

One of the most helpful things you can be doing is - pray. Pray about this shift.

New Life is such a gracious group of believers. It is an honor to serve the Lord here. We have been blessed by an outpouring of people who are excited about these changes. Thank you for you letting us know. One sister broke down in thanks - feeling that finally, after decades of knowing the Lord, she has, for the first time, felt like she has permission to freely invest in the young adults in our midst. Wow!

In all of this, let's move forward looking to Jesus to unite His bride in the manner He prayed for in John 17. It is hard to imagine that a segregated youth ministry is the answer to the language that Jesus uses in John 17. In His prayer Jesus prayed for His church - that we may "become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. Father, I desired that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because you loved Me..."

Indeed, we are loved by a great and awesome God.

Blessings,

Pastor Tony

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (ESV)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NEW ENTRANCE SIGNS

Have you noticed the new signs in the entrance?? As you walk in to the building you will notice an "Only Jesus" sign reminding us that we gather as a family because of Jesus and we proclaim only Jesus. The other sign you will see as you leave the building is "You are now entering His mission field" reminding us that God's mission field is everywhere and we, His church, ought to be on mission everywhere including right here in our communities.

VIDEO MINISTRY

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Reminder that Saturday, **October 20th at 1:00 pm**, has been the date chosen to gather together, in love, to prepare our hearts and these boxes for the children receiving them in other countries.

CEF'S ANNUAL VERSE-A-THON

It's time to register for CEF's annual Verse-A-Thon! Verse-A-Thon takes place **Saturday, November 10 from 2-4 pm** at the New Life building. Participants find sponsors who pledge money per verse recited, memorize predetermined Scripture verses, and recite them to official listeners at the event. If you are unsure about your own ability to memorize, please come on November 10th and listen to others and be blessed and challenged to hide God's Word in your heart. Families can register as a family and tag team verses to participate together and encourage each other through the process. Register by calling CEF at 714-263-4344, pick up a form from the Welcome table and mail in, or return to Erika Rice.

***Fellowship Tip:** Share something you just learned from the book of Judges with someone today.*

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Teams:

Oct 21 Meal Team #3
Oct 28 Meal Team #4

Please join us for fellowship and a meal following our Scripture today!

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Oct 17	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm at NLCC
Oct 17	Immerse Family Studies 6:15-7:30 pm at NLCC
Oct 18	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am at NLCC
Oct 18	Women's Bible Study 9:30 am at NLCC
Oct 18	Adult & Youth GriefShare (meet separately) 6:30-8:30 pm at NLCC
Oct 18	Ezekiel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm at NLCC

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JUDGES

Our Desperate Need for the King

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the Old Testament book,
Judges 16:4-22

Sermon Notes:

Address: 201 State Road 35 N, Dresser, WI ~ Email: info@newlifechristiancommunity.org
Sunday service starts at 9:30 am