

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

Sun, October 1, 2017

Vol. 10, Issue 52

Ministry Highlight-Resource Center

There's this book. It's called "12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You". A man by the name of Tony Reinke did some research and heavy thinking and compiled some compelling information and food for thought about the general state of our society in terms of its use and abuse of the ever-so-popular smartphone. I'm here to convince you to read it.

Now, before you quit reading because you don't have a smartphone or you smirk and toot your own horn because you know you are a responsible smartphone user or tune out because you just don't care about your bad smartphone-use habits, please give me a chance. Let's chat for a moment. It takes, what, 2 minutes to read this entire persuasive essay? (I know how long it takes because I used the timer on my smartphone to time myself.) You have 2 minutes, don't you?

I was a skeptic. Could something roughly 5.5" x 2.6" x 0.3 in" weighing roughly 5 ounces really be changing me? 12 ways? I wasn't convinced. I was convinced, however, it was changing a few people around me. So, I *had* to read the book to help *them* see *their* bad habits. Wouldn't you know it, and I'm sure you were expecting me to write this, it didn't take long for me to see that, in fact, Reinke, having never met *me*, was correct. My. Phone. Is. Changing. Me...and not for good.

The Holy Spirit is a gentle teacher. Chapter after chapter, He used Reinke's words to open my eyes to the devastating reality of my heart and mind. "Our joy in God is at stake." Pause for a moment and ponder that thought. Could that be true? Am I at risk of idolizing my smartphone and all the things it can do for me? That's precisely what the enemy strives to do: de-throne God; make Him appear dull, small, cruel, and powerless; replace our love for Him with a love for smartphones (or anything, really). Lord, help us to find our joy in You! Let us not be led astray by the latest technologies, websites, social medias, podcasts, news articles and apps. They all pale in comparison to You!

Continued --->

Ministry Directory

Building & Grounds Ministry:

Jim Nelson, 651.283.2132
lynnjimnelson@gmail.com

Children's Church Ministry:

Pastor Chandler Wiley,
815-575-6122
pastorwiley.nlcc@gmail.com

Children's Nursery Ministry:

Sara Fugate, 715.379.8799
fugate.sara@gmail.com

Grief Share Ministry:

Connie Bayle, 715.557.1431
conniesue1989@gmail.com

Meal Relief Ministry:

Diane McMahon,
715.453.8123
dedewiz@gmail.com

Missions Outreach:

Lorraine Milner,
715.557.0661

Newsletter Administration:

Dawn Holm, 715.472.8453
djhalm@lakeland.ws

Sunday Meal Services:

Barb Manship,
612.804.9793 or
715.755.3330
bmanship55@hotmail.com

Transportation Services:

Art Behr, 715.220.6882
behrden1@charter.net

Treasurer:

Pete Manship,
715.755.3330
pete@pbmpkmanship.com

Video Ministry

Jim Mabee, 651.470.4172
jmabee@centurytel.net

Youth Group Ministry:

Pastor Chandler Wiley,
815-575-6122
pastorwiley.nlcc@gmail.com

Ministry Highlight cont.

I think it's fair to share a tiny spoiler here that Reinke does not try to convince Christians that smartphones are evil and we need to burn them. Chapter after chapter, however, you are prompted to consider what your smartphone is doing to you. How is it affecting your relationship with Jesus? How is it affecting you? How is it affecting the people around you? You might think, "Yes, yes, I know. It can cause me to be distracted at times." But there's more depth to that statement than you probably have considered. And, the distraction factor is just one way your phone is changing you. Eleven other ways are still to be considered.

Take a short walk to the Resource Center in the front lobby. We have "12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You" in stock. When we sell out, we'll get more. The \$1/chapter you'll spend on the book and the time you'll spend considering the ugly facts and checking the desires and condition of your heart, will be worth it. Let us not grow weary in running the race marked out for us. Let us look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let us make wise use of the tools He has given us. Let us be a people who delight in the Lord.

Julie Minell

Upcoming Events

CEF Verse-A-Thon

You are invited to participate with CEF in their 5th annual Verse-A-Thon on Saturday, November 11th, 2017! The Verse-A-Thon is a great way to hide God's Word in your heart while helping CEF of the Greater St. Croix Valley raise funds to continue their ministry in this area. The idea behind Verse-A-Thon is that each participant will find people to sponsor them by the verse. Upon registering, you will receive a sponsor sheet along with the official Verse-A-Thon Bible memorization sheet, from which to begin memorizing verses. The sponsor will pay by the verse quoted accurately at the Verse-A-Thon. Contact Erika Rice for more info.

Help Wanted!

Music Ministry

The New Life Music Ministry is looking for capable musicians and vocalist to join the team (especially percussionists and pianist)? Talk to Pastor Chandler if you'd like to consider auditioning.

Backpack Program

It's time for the Backpack Program to get up and running again. This program is run by the Osceola Open Cupboard and provides backpacks of easy to fix food for children and their families for over the weekends when they don't have access to school meals. This ministry is vital to our communities and the children that receive these bags. This year New Life is collecting pouches of sides--think rice, pasta, muffin mix and brownies. Please consider helping collect these inexpensive items, and remember, it should be pouches so it fits in the backpacks easier. Also, the easier it is to make, the better (the "just add water" are perfect). Many times it's children preparing this food on the weekends. Thank you!!

Upcoming Events



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is underway again by Samaritan's Purse. Think of collecting applicable gift items. I will have a posting of pertinent items if you are unfamiliar with shoeboxes. We will be boxing items together this year at a date to be announced before November 11th, when boxes are collected. Stay tuned for further notices. Thank you for sharing your gifts and the gospel with these children around the world.

Oct. Memory Verse

Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
Isaiah 40:9

Check out New Life Online

newlifechristiancommunity.org

Find Links to:

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

Secretary: Cory Mattson

info@newlifechristiancommunity.org

715-417-0945

Finance Administration

financeministry@newlifechristiancommunity.org

Treasurer: Pete Manship,

715.755.3330

Finance Secretary:

Erika Rice, 715-928-0835

Pastor Tony:

galatiansii20@yahoo.com

Pastor Chandler:

pastorwiley.nlcc@gmail.com

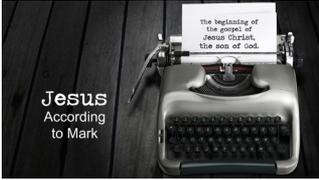
Pastoral Eldership Team:

Pastor Tony Minell	715-417-1982
AP, Chandler Wiley	815-575-6122
Zachary Fugate	715-379-2918
Paul Gilbertson	715-755-3517
Dale Mattson	715-566-2302
Greg Mattson	715-417-2444
Rene Milner	715-557-0185
Jim Nelson	651-283-2132

meal [teams]

Oct. 8 th	Meal Team 7
Oct. 15 th	Meal Team 1
Oct. 2 nd	Meal Team 2

Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the Book of Mark.
Our passage for today is Mark 14:22-25.

Sermon Notes

New Life now has an Instagram account! Follow us @newlifechristiancommunity

Sign up in the entry way to be added to New Life Connect

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

