



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

It's All Good...Or Is It?

"...Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen."-2 Corinthians 4:16-18

We live in a world that is perpetually focused on convincing each of us that the concept of things that are considered "good" can be treated as universal and worldly. For example, think of a recent time when you have heard a person utter the words, "It's all good..." or, "Well, to each his own." While they are often clouded with dreary stories, news channels are also peppered with stories of heroism, good deeds, and celebratory moments. It is critical that we do not get caught up in the lie that constantly tickles our eardrums...the lie that good can and does exist apart from the Lord. As followers of Jesus, it is important for us to clearly understand and consider that God is good, and that all good comes from him. James 1, verse 17 states, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." What is truly good is of God and brings him glory.

Perhaps the biggest challenge that we face is wanting to believe that we ourselves are good. As Pastor Tony shared in a recent teaching, we often try to convince ourselves that we can be good and do good things of our own volition. While it might sound harsh, we are not good apart from the Lord, and we are not sufficient. Consider the reply that Jesus gave to the man in Matthew 19:16-17. After the man asked Jesus what good thing he could do to gain eternal life, Jesus answered, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good." Brothers and sisters in Christ, we must find ourselves humbly at the foot of the cross lest we start believing that we can somehow find salvation in our own self-righteous actions. We must turn to Jesus and ask for him to intervene on our behalf; for it is the gift through his great sacrifice that offers us eternal life.

"...For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."-2 Corinthians 4:18

As we seek to continue to work out our own salvation as we are so lovingly instructed to do in Philippians, let us remain focused on those things that are eternal. Let us consider what is truly good in the eyes of the Lord and seek him with every fiber of our being. For he will complete the good work he began in each of us as we partake of his grace.

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welcome

If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months please stop by the Resource Center this morning to pick up a welcome gift we have for you which includes more information about who we are, what we believe, and what Jesus is doing here at New Life!



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: lynnjimnelson@gmail.com or call her cell at 651-373-1426.

Fellowship Tip:

Have you committed yourself to the needs and pursuits of the body here at New Life and want to learn more about what it means to become a partner? Talk to one of the elders or pastors and make that desire known, we would be glad to walk you through the few simple steps.



Announcements & Upcoming Events

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.

Last chance today! If your thinking about going on the Men's Retreat find Pastor Paul ASAP and he will get you registered. The Men's Retreat is set for Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6 @ Oak Forest Retreat Center in Frederick WI. Scholarships are available if needed.

Thursday Morning Women's Study: The Thursday morning women's Bible study will begin a new study on April 11th. It's a nine-week study of 1st Peter, arranged by author and Bible teacher Jen Wilkin, involving both at-home personal study and weekly video segments. The study guide is \$18.00 plus tax. If you'd like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet which you'll find on the Welcome Table this Sunday. Any questions, ask Cory Mattson via email cory79mattson@hotmail.com or call her at 715-417-0945.

Potluck: Don't forget next week is the first Sunday of the month! That means....potluck sunday! Please bring your favorite dish to share.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

- 4.3 Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 am
- 4.3 Immerse @ 6:15 pm
- 4.4 Men's Bible study @ 6:30 am
- 4.4 Women's Bible study @ 9:30 am
- 4.4 Grief Share @ 6:30 pm
- 4.4 Ezekiel Study @ 7:00 pm
(All meet at the building)

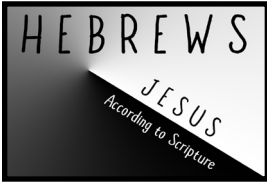
Upcoming Potluck/M meal Teams:

April 7 th	Potluck Team 2
April 14 th	Meal Team 1

March Memory Verse

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8

Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the
Book of Hebrews.
Our passage for today is Hebrews 3: 7-19.

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