



Today's Passage:  
Pastor Tony will be speaking to us today from  
**Joshua 9:1-5**

Sermon Notes:

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

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## Pastoral Pondering

### Ode to Joy: Where does it come from?

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: against such things there is no law."* Galatians 5:22-23

When I was a young boy, I had a great desire to have a close relationship with my father. As a result of his addictions to alcohol and other substances, it was not easy to develop that closeness that I so desired. I remember visiting my father in the treatment center one Sunday and witnessing true brokenness for the first time in someone I love so dearly. My father was sitting on the bed, unable to look us in the eyes, and he was trying to find the words to explain to my sister and I what was happening. Mind you, I was eight, and my sister was ten. Years later, I asked him what caused him to leave his room in the treatment center and to actually get help. He said, "Son, I was sitting on my bed on a perfectly calm day and I asked God to help me. Almost immediately a gust of wind blew through my room and my door swung open. I stood up and responded." It is important to note that my father was not a believer at the time. It wasn't until I was 17-years-old that my father accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior.

So, what does all of this have to do with joy? Well, it does not take much searching to find the many things in the world claiming to offer joy. My father, as a result of his difficult childhood, chased after the promise that drugs and alcohol would bring him joy. That chase offered the exact opposite of joy...it offered pain and suffering in not just his life, but in the lives of those around him as well. As a young boy, I was chasing after the promise that my joy would come from a better relationship with my father, which led to difficulties in my teen years as I resented my father for the hurt and pain that his addictions caused our family. As difficult as it may be, we were making the same mistake that everyone makes...we were assuming that any joy that can be found in the world can be found apart from God. The truth that scripture reveals, that God wants us to know, is that true joy can only be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ and the promise and love that He offers. In fact, the joy that God offers is so pure, that in James 1:2-3 Christians are encouraged to count it as joy when meeting trials because those trials produce steadfastness. In short, we can consider ourselves deceived and/or

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- First-Time Visitor
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Name:

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## Prayer Card

If you are in need of prayer or would like to share a praise report, please share it below then drop this card in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

Please check a box below:

- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
- Share this only with the pastor and elders

Optional:

Name:

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Phone:

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.

Find Links to:

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

Sunday Nursery: (Infants - Preschool)  
Oct 18 Mackenzie & Alex Z, Haley A  
Oct 25 Megan D, Diana A, Lily H

### This Week's Schedule of Events:

Oct 21 **GriefShare Meeting**  
12:30-2:00 p.m. at NLCC building-Grn Rm

Oct 21 **Immerse Family Grp. Studies**  
Groups for Infant to Adult  
6:30-7:45 p.m. at NLCC building

Oct 22 **Men's Bible Study**  
The Book of Acts  
6:30 a.m. at NLCC building

Oct 22 **Women's Bible Study**  
Book of Hebrews  
6:30 a.m. at NLCC building

Oct 22 **GriefShare Evening Meeting**  
6:30 -8:00 p.m. at NLCC building-Grn Rm

Oct. 24 **Train Ride Fund Raiser**  
for FMSC, Osceola @ 11:00

### October Memory Verse:

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (ESV)

### Pastoral Pondering

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arrogant to believe that any good thing can come from something/someone other than our Heavenly Father.

*"As the father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."* John 15: 9-11

Brothers and sisters, we are loved by a great and awesome God! It is in Him that we will find true joy...a joy that can only be revealed by the Spirit. Let us rejoice together and teach others in His name so that His kingdom may grow.

--Your brother in Christ, Zack Fugate

### 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.



We've Added an Additional GriefShare Meeting

Starting this Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, an evening GriefShare meeting will be held at New Life, starting at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Green room. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Connie Bayle at 715-557-1431.



"Caring and Sharing through Food"

Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck  
Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

\$20 cash donation

**IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.**

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### More Events to take Note of:

**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.



The Annual Train Ride will be this Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00! Bring your friends and family and enjoy a 90 minute scenic ride from Osceola to the Marine and back! On board, treat your family to a lunch provided by Polk County Mobile Pack (free-will donation) for taco in a bag, hot dogs, bars, water, hot apple cider and veggies. All proceeds will go to the Polk County Mobile Pack Event. Tickets for Adults are \$15, Children 5-15 years are \$10, and under 5 are free. See Sandy Erickson for tickets.

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING THE HANDS AND FEET FOR JESUS FOR THIS EVENT!**

Our Church has been requested to provide:

- 6 volunteers to be there to help load the train, or unload the train and go along on the ride if they want. You could ride with and help serve the food, or fill in where ever needed.
- Prepare 3 to 4 pans of bars; cut into 3" squares and individually wrapped
- 6 cases of bottled water

There's a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table if you want to donate bars and/or the water.



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.