



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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"a Seasons of Life"

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:"

In my personal studies, I am in 1 Kings going through the story of Elijah, one of my favorites. I like this story because it reminds me that we will have highs and lows even when we know God is right beside us. The seasons in Elijah's life are constantly changing just like ours. Elijah goes from a high in seeing God's great work in defeating the prophets of Baal, to a low after his human nature gets in the way after Jezebel threatens to take his life. God comes along side Elijah and comforts him at his weakest hour.

As we all can see and feel the seasons are changing. Some of them are beautiful and some are not, depending on what you like and what you like to do. When traveling around the country at different times of the year, I am always glad to come back home to whatever season it is and to be back home with my family. Living somewhere where the seasons are the same would be unbearable for me.

As nature has its seasons so does our lives. Some are very enjoyable and pleasant, and some are very hard and painful. What we experience in nature is very much like what we experience in our own lives. There are seasons for growth and for relaxation and there are seasons for renewal that we all have experienced. Looking back on my own life I can see the different seasons I went through. During seasons that were pleasant, I felt like I was on top of the world, and the hard ones seemed to never end. During both seasons but especially the difficult ones, what kept me going was the knowledge of Jesus and his sacrifice for me. I have had some pretty down times in my life only to have the comfort of Jesus there when I did not know if I could go on.

I can look back at the hard times and be assured that Jesus was at my side at all times, otherwise, I am not sure if I would have made it out. I can also look back at the good seasons and I am blessed to know that I was walking with Jesus by my side then as well. To know that Jesus is alive within me is the greatest joy there is. We are so blessed that each week at New Life our Pastors remind us of the

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sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and we can count on that as joy knowing that someday we will be in a place where all the seasons are joyful. Just as God stood beside Elijah in a time he needed Him the most, God is beside us if we desire Him to be there. He sends fellow brothers and sisters to be by our side. May God bless you in whatever season you are in right now.

Blessings, Paul Gilbertson

October Memory Verse

Isaiah 40:9

"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!'" (ESV)

Announcements

HAND-MADE HATS

On the entryway table we are excited to share a wonderful collection of hand-made stocking hats. These are beautifully made and prayed over by Roberta Behr. She would like to make them available to the body - for anyone who has a need. Don't hesitate to grab one. They are there to be worn. Feel free to grab one for you or someone else.

Opportunities to Serve

VIDEO MINISTRY

New Life video ministry is looking for camera operators *and* no prior experience is required. 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 for more information. This is an opportunity to serve those who are unable to join us physically to worship Jesus Christ and to study God's Word on Sunday morning.

November's Book Highlight



If you haven't already after reading the Ministry Highlight a couple weeks back, take a short walk to the Resource Center in the front lobby to check out, **12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You** by Tony Reinke. To share a tiny spoiler here, 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 and those you care about. 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.

Upcoming Events



As we welcome this time of year with its many colors, Operation Christmas Child is a time of year, **we too**, are able to share as a community the love of Christ! I hope you all are collecting your Wow items and other hygiene, school supply, toy or other items that can be shipped in shoe size boxes to other countries through Samaritan's Purse. Remember, *no war type toys, toothpaste, or candy allowed this year.* The small size shoe box is recommended or the cardboard boxes supplied at the church. This ensures boxes are uniform in size and fit into the crates. It also is fair to each child. More children can have a small gift verses some a gift and others not. Get sale items but not reused items. Think what you would want to give your child. Feel free to join everyone who would like to mass produce boxes **Saturday, November 4th** at the church. Time TBD. Bring your saved items to church that day or drop off items for the day (boxes are at the entryway table). Come all, we will join in a potluck following. Those who are working on your own, please have your boxes dropped off at the church by the deadline, **Sunday, November 12th.**



You are invited to participate with CEF in their 5th annual Verse-A-Thon on **Saturday, November 11th**. 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.

WOMEN'S HARVEST TEA

Ladies, please save the date of **Saturday, November 18**, for our Women's Harvest Tea. This is an event to which we will invite friends and women from the community. The time is 1:00pm and will include tea and refreshments, music, a speaker, and fellowship. If you are interested in hosting a table (supplying dishes, decorations with harvest theme, etc), please let either Lorraine Milner, Sara Fugate or myself know. More details will come later!

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Oct 15 **Forge Ministry** (9th-12th Grade)
 6:30 - 8:00 pm at NLCC

Oct 18 **Immerse** (all ages)
 6:15 - 7:30 pm at NLCC

Oct 19 **Men's Bible Study**
 6:30 am at NLCC

Oct 19 **Women's Bible Study**
 9:30 am at NLCC

Oct 19 **GriefShare Evening Meeting**
 6:30 pm NLCC Lg Classroom

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Team:

Oct 22 Meal Team #2

Oct 29 Meal Team #3

Nov 5 Potluck Team #1

Join us for Fellowship and a
 Meal after our service today!



Today's Passage:

Pastor Chandler's message is from the New Testament book,
Philippians 3:1-3

Sermon Notes:

