



New Life Christian Community

Join Us As We
Celebrate Only Jesus

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"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

Ministry Highlight

NEW LIFE RESOURCE CENTER

Have you ever noticed that when you enter a bookstore or library, you nearly always move toward a section of books that you've visited many times before? We tend to enjoy browsing subjects familiar to us, hoping to find something not yet read. Just think of the vast number of different subjects we walk right past! Recently, while updating the inventory list for New Life's Resource Center and checking off books one by one, I became fascinated by the great variety of titles on subjects that I've never before considered reading. Books such as *"Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices,"* *"21 Servants of Sovereign Joy,"* *"Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners,"* *"Death by Living,"* *"A Practical Guide to Culture,"* *"The Problem of Pain,"* and *"What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality"* are some examples, among many more. And there are many small books written by great Puritan authors, small enough to read in one sitting. Small books are a good, easy way to check out a new author.

Besides books and CD's we have for purchasing, we can also help you find or order study books for a Bible study that you may want to share with others in our fellowship. The Resource Center exists as a ministry to bring glory to God by helping you grow in your relationship with Him. There is always so much more to learn and love about the Lord! Sharing a book you've loved with another person and talking about it with them is an easy way to share your faith, as an evangelism or discipleship tool. Also, if you don't own a study Bible and would like to have one, we have ESV study Bibles free to you for that very purpose.

I'd like to highlight a book that has truly impacted my big picture understanding of the gospel. It was written as a book for kids, one that can be read by a parent as a read aloud (as I did) or read by an older elementary or middle school child. *"Grandpa's Box"* by Starr Meade is the story of a grandpa who tells his two grandchildren stories from the Bible when they come to visit him in his shop. Every story is told as a battle story in God's big redemption story told throughout all of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. The war that began when Satan successfully tempted Adam and Eve to turn from trusting God, leading God to put a curse on Satan and to give Adam and Eve a promise that one of Eve's

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offspring would one day destroy Satan and his work, has continued throughout all of history. The battle stories are told in a very captivating, true-to-Scripture way using little figures that Grandpa keeps in a small yellow box. This delightful book helped me to see the gospel more deeply from beginning to end, and how each of the Bible stories fits into it. Each chapter tells a different story from Scripture followed by a Scripture passage. I love how all the stories and Scriptures are woven together, and how Grandpa engages his two grandchildren by asking questions as he tells them. I'm currently reading it for a second time with my grandson. I think it's impossible to rehash God's redemption story too much!

Come browse our shelves any time. We love to talk about books and life and to mutually encourage each other in the Lord.

Cory Mattson

welcome

If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months, we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship and a meal after service today where we would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.

Busy Bags
Available by the Door

New Life Directory

If you would like to be included in our directory or have additions or changes, please send your information to: nlccdirectory@gmail.com

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

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| Mon | Prayer Night/Westbury's– 6:30 pm |
| Tues | Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am |
| Tues | Young Adult Study– 6:30 pm |
| Wed | Every Man's Battle– 6:00 am |
| Wed | Immerse– 6:15 pm |
| Thurs | Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am |
| Thurs | Ladies Bible Study– 10:30 am |
| Thurs | Ladies Bible Study– Noon |
| Thurs | Ladies Precept Study– 6:30 pm |
| Thurs | GriefShare– 6:30 pm (Adults & Youth meet separately) |

January Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

January Fellowship Tip:

Have you committed yourself to invest in the work of gospel ministry here at New Life and want to learn more about what it means to become a partner? Take a moment and talk to one of the elders or pastors and they would be glad to begin that process with you.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

January 7 Meal Team 7~ Sloppy Joes/Hotdogs
January 14 Meal Team 8 ~ Soup

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a meal team or a helper.

Check out New Life Online
newlifechristiancommunity.org

- **Monday Evening Prayer:** The Monday evening prayer meeting will be held at the Westbury's home, as the Barton's are out in Honduras for intensive language training the month of January. Be in prayer for them too! Any questions just reach out to Rosemarie.
- **Young Adult Study:** Our next Genesis study is this week, **Tuesday evening, January 9th at 6:30pm** in the home of Daniel and Melissa Lipp: 18802 St. Croix Trl., Shafer, MN 55074. Find out how old "Janis is" and dive in with us to see the wonderful workings of our Savior. If you are able to play an instrument please bring it along!
- **Immerse Classes:** Immerse classes will resume this week, **Wednesday, January 10th**. There are classes for the whole family starting from 0-3 and going up to 7th and 8th grade. For all the rest there will be 3 adult classes this Spring: A Bible study in Romans with our very own Jim Judkins, a Bible study in 1 John with elder Matt, and third a continuing study in the big picture of the Bible storyline from the fall. It's never too late to jump on in, come join us Wednesday nights **6:15pm-7:30pm**.
- **Audio/Video Ministry:** If you are involved (or would like to be) in any of our audio or video ministry (this includes the switchers, camera crew, sound board people or those flipping slides for the songs), we would like to invite you to a meeting on **Saturday, January 13 – at 8:00 am**. If you are interested in being involved in any capacity, we would love for you to join us. We can always use more help! This meeting is intended for us to gather, pray and to familiarize ourselves with how each of these important pieces work together. Moreover, we want to gather and have fellowship – and, who knows, we might even have some pizza for lunch.
- **Special Needs Ballet Classes:** Molly Schwendeman is soon opening another ballet program at the building for girls with special needs. This class will start on **Friday, January 19, from 2:30-3:30**. She will have a short Bible study, work on memorizing a portion of the Bible, and then learn classical ballet. If you- or anyone in the community- would like more information, please contact Molly at +1 (715) 410-8158.
- **Annual Partners Meeting:** Make sure to add to your calendars our Annual Partners Meeting **Sunday January 21st after service at 12:00pm**. Being a partner means you are an active participant in this annual meeting where you have the chance to vote on members filling certain offices/roles in the body, where the next year's budget is voted on, and also where we as a body can share and celebrate the work of Christ this past year and praying for His continual guidance for the year to come. Even if you are not a partner, you are welcomed to come.



Are you looking for a good book to give as a gift or thinking of starting a bible study? Check out our resource center and ask the resource ministry team for some good suggestions. In addition to good books for both adults and children, there are also music CD's, DVD documentaries, bible concordance, systematic theology books, and much more. We've also highlighted several book choices in this newsletter, so be sure to take a look today after service.



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According to Samuel

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
Old Testament book,

1 SAMUEL 17:24-30

SERMON NOTES: