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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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Ministry Highlight

Ministry in the New Life Body

At the beginning of each new year we tend to reflect on what has happened in the previous year. We often spend time thinking about things we didn't have time to do last year and make plans for the things we want to do for the coming year. As you think about ways to invest your time at New Life in 2022, consider getting involved in a ministry team.

If you have recently started attending New Life and you're wondering what a Ministry Team is, here is a description. New Life Ministry teams are simply forms of service to one another, motivated by the gospel of Jesus Christ for the sake of glorifying God and for the building up of the body. The apostle Paul talks about this ministry in 1 Timothy 1:2, where he speaks of his service to God and others being done for "the sake of the gospel." We also see in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 that each member of the body of Christ is equipped with special gifts, given by the Holy Spirit, to serve one another in various capacities. In this way the whole church is cared for, and the body grows as each member uses his or her gifts to minister to one another.

So if you are walking with the Lord Jesus, you have been gifted by the Spirit, not mainly for yourself, but for the building up of the body of Christ. We are made "new creations" in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17) and now rather than living for ourselves, we live for the will of God. A part of our 'new createdness' is that we are to have a lifestyle of servanthood in God's kingdom, washing one another's feet in humble care for all the saints. In this way we are counting the needs of others more significant than our own so that the name of Jesus might be glorified in our own lives and in the lives of others. You might be tempted to believe that you don't have any really helpful gifts to serve. But Christ graces each member of the body with gifts of the Spirit to be used for His good purposes. If you don't know how to begin, just look around for needs and simply begin to serve in the love of Christ. Who knows; while serving in any capacity you just might find something you are particularly gifted in and have a heart for. Some of the more structured ministries are listed in the weekly newsletter where you can find contact information for the brother or sister leading the ministry team.

New Life has many formal and coordinated ministries, but also a lot of organic, relational ministry occurring throughout the body each week. For example, taking

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someone out for coffee to pray with and study God's Word is ministry. Giving someone a phone call you haven't seen on Sunday in a while and letting them know they are loved is ministry. Inviting a new visitor over to your home and showing hospitality is ministry. You don't need to have training in Bible school to do ministry. Rather, as you actively and daily pursue to know our Savior, Jesus, more and prayerfully seek to do His will in every situation, the result will be a living faith where Christ bears the fruit of the Spirit through you as you seek to minister the Word to the people around you.

Being a part of a specific ministry has no age limits either. Our youngest among us are encouraged and raised with the expectation to be involved and in so doing they are learning what it means to function as a member of the body of Christ. These ministry teams open up many ways for discipleship relationships to form as you walk alongside one another, serving together and living out the faith in word and deed. These relationships are so crucial to passing on the truths of the gospel to the younger generation.

If you would like to start or lead a new formal ministry team at New Life, please contact any one of the elders or pastors. We would love to support and give guidance in any way we can. You may also be interested in starting up a Bible study in your home or at the building; please do! Don't forget to visit the Resource Center to find great books and study materials that can aid in preparing for and leading a study. In addition you may have a desire to organize small gatherings for other reasons such as to meet and pray with the saints or to take a group to go out and evangelize the lost in our community. This too is important ministry. Be sure to make use of the New Life Connect website to voice that desire that others might see and, being moved by the Spirit, would join in.

This article is not a plea that you would join a ministry team just for the sake of joining one. Rather we want all of God's people to prayerfully consider what forms of ministry God has called each of them to and then to do it, as the Spirit leads, joyfully in the name of Jesus!

Your fellow laborer in the gospel,
Paul

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newlifechristiancommunity.org

This Week's Schedule of Events:

Tues Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Tues Women's Precepts– 6:30-8 pm
Wed Every Man's Battle– 6:00 am
Wed No Classes
Thurs Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Thurs Ladies Study– 10:00 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study– Noon
Thurs Ladies Study– 6:30 pm
Thurs GriefShare– 6:30 pm
(Adults & Youth meet separately)

Meal Teams:

1/9 Team 1: Pizza

1/16 Team 2: Chili

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in joining a meal team.

Fellowship Tip for January

Often January is a time for new beginnings, make sure to share with someone this month the “new beginning” you have in Christ by telling someone your testimony. Share of your coming to saving faith in Jesus, and by His grace, what He is currently doing in your life to draw you to treasure Him above all things and to call you pursue making Him known to others.

January Memory Verse

“My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.” (Psalm 71:15)

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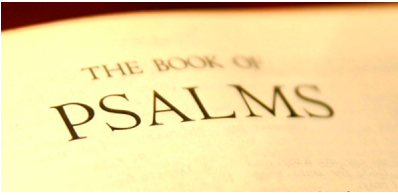
Announcements.

Immerse: There's no Immerse class this coming Wednesday as Immerse does not resume until Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Enjoy the week off & maybe take some time a few evenings this week for family devotions.

Annual Partners Meeting

(date change): New Life Partners and those invested in this body, make sure to add this very important meeting on your calendar, Saturday, January 22. This is our annual partners meeting where we take time to celebrate the grace and work of the Lord in our midst over this last year, and as a family unified by the Spirit look to Jesus together in prayer for the coming year. This is also a time for signed partners to vote on items such as the 2022 budget and any new partners who will be set forward to fill certain offices in the church body. In addition, this year the elders have sought to evaluate and update our current Statement of Faith and Purpose to be more biblically precise and for a more accurate display of the convictions we hold as a New Life body according to the Word. An updated version has been put together that the elders are requesting partners to recognize as the new Statement of Faith and Purpose at the Annual Meeting. You can pick up a copy at the welcome table or view and download a digital copy on Connect. If you have questions to bring clarification about what is written please reach out to any of the elders and they would be glad to help.

Today's Passage



Pastor Jeff will be teaching from the book of Psalms.

Our passage for today is Psalm 3.

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