



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

Joining a Ministry Team this Year

At the beginning of each New Year we tend to reflect on what we have done 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 how to spend your time in 2020 if you're not involved in a ministry team I encourage you to take a look at the various ministries taking place and consider taking part in one of them for this coming year.

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 of Christ. 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 in ministry.

So if you are walking with the Lord Jesus, then 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 be servants in God's kingdom, washing one another's feet in humble service to 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. To be quite frank, that's just not biblical, and you need to stop believing that lie! God is the one who supplies gifts of the Spirit and no one gift is better or more valuable than the other. 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 person leading the ministry team. New Life has

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many formal and coordinated ministries, but also a lot of organic, relational ministry occurring throughout the body each week. For example, taking someone out for coffee to pray for them and listen to what God is doing in their life 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 for a meal 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 you displaying the fruit of the Spirit and ministry to the people around you.

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

The Pastors and Elders here at New Life understand their role to be those who equip the saints for the work of ministry. 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 serve in any way we can. If you would like to start a Bible study in your home or serve the community in any fashion, please make use of the New Life Connect website to make that announcement that others might see and join in. Also visit the Resource Center to find great books and studies that can aid in preparing for and leading a study.

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 joyfully in the name of Jesus!

Your fellow laborer in the Gospel,
Paul Linzmeier

Announcements & Upcoming Events

This Wednesday: Jan. 8th will be a prayer and sharing night in place of Immerse classes. We highly encourage attending and not pushing it aside just because its not a regular study night. All study of Scripture should lead us to pray and share what we are learning. This is an act of worship to our God as we recognize His work in us through Christ and an act of service to our fellow brothers and sisters as we seek to encourage and spur one another on to love and good works. So come ready to pray and share!

Save the Date: On Sat. Jan. 25th we will be holding our annual New Life Partners meeting. It will be held here at the building at 10 am and following the meeting will be a potluck lunch (so bring a dish to pass!). Even if you are not a partner, you are welcomed to come reflect and seek the Lord together in this year to come.

Considering participating in a bible study? Another practical way (though not limited to) in which we can meet together other than Sunday Morning is by attending a bible study. Currently there are 4 bible studies, 3 additional classes on Wednesday Immerse Nights, and other various book studies taking place throughout the week. Check out the schedule of events on the calendar in the lobby, the New Life App, or found listed in the newsletter. If you're interested in starting a bible study be sure to take a look at some of the helpful tools in the resource center to get you started.

Check out New Life Online newlifechristiancommunity.org

Find Links to: • Events • Sermons Online •
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January Memory Verse

"Therefore my beloved brothers, be
steadfast, immovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, knowing that in
the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

This Week's Schedule of Events:

Tues	Men's Bible Study 5:30 am (Our Place Café - SCF)
Wed	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm
Wed	Prayer night 6:15-7:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study 9:30/10 am

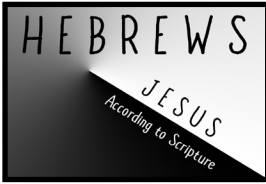
Fellowship Tip for January:

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.

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Teams:

Jan. 12 th	Meal Team 6
Jan. 19 th	Meal Team 7
Jan. 26 th	Meal Team 1

Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the book of Hebrews. Our passage for today is Hebrews 11:28.

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