



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 Ponderings

Have You Been Found Waiting?

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Oh my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." -Psalm 25:1-4

Take a step back and think of a time when you patiently waited on the Lord. Consider the last time you turned everything off and simply sat, prayerfully contemplating your relationship with Christ...eagerly waiting on Him. Perhaps this is something you have done only rarely, very little, or maybe it is something you have never done at all. Consider the careful words from David above, "Indeed, none who wait on you shall be put to shame..." We live in a time of immediate answers that can be found with a simple hit of a button, a turning of the page, or through the vocal services of Siri and Google. Attention spans all around us are shrinking by the second, and the production of ADHD medication has gone up well beyond 1000% since 1995. But to what benefit? Where do people find or take the time to slow down? If you want to experience today's demonstration of patience, sit and observe parent/child interactions in Walmart, the type of customer service given to the elderly, or the level of conversations being held in restaurants vs. the number of people on their cell phones.

David's cry in these verses and the verses to follow is a cry for patience in waiting on the Lord. In fact, the very next verse states:

"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I will wait all the day long"

Brothers and sisters in Christ, is there eagerness in your heart that leads you to a place where you wait, with childlike adoration, to experience the presence of our heavenly Father? David knew, and he sets for us an example, the importance of dedicating time to waiting on the Lord. To take it a little further, notice what is not being stated. David is not instructing us to wait on the Lord to answer our prayers, as we so desire, or to answer a question that has been weighing heavy on our hearts or minds. No...the focus of David's waiting is to experience to splendor and fulfillment that only the Lord can offer. The Lord is not only enough, but he is everything!

Take some time in the next day, week, month, to sit and wait upon the Lord. Spend time in the Word and let His truths wash over you. Maybe, just maybe, you will find yourself at the foot of the cross, overwhelmed and overjoyed by the presence of Jesus.

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Announcements

Mission Trip: Thinking about an overseas mission trip?? After Service next Sunday 2/2 @ 11:30 in the green room, there will be a meeting to discuss a potential New Life mission's trip to Albania to support one of our missionary families, the Llapushi's. Just last week they launched a church plant in downtown Tirana, exciting!!! Their team is small and work load large, so we want to explore the possibility of sending a team this summer to help with a variety of needs. If you're at all interested in an overseas mission trip, especially one visiting the Llapushi's, make sure to join the meeting! If you're unable to make the meeting but are interested in learning more, contact Pastor Paul.

Bring a Dish Sunday: Next week is Bring a Dish Sunday (February 2nd)...Wait what is bring a dish Sunday? Well, formally called "Potluck Sunday" but now renamed to "Bring a Dish Sunday." This will occur the FIRST Sunday of EVERY month. So who can bring a dish and what goes on the dish? Glad you asked, these are important questions! To start, ANYONE is welcome and encouraged to bring a dish to pass. I guess that leaves no one out, okay, so what goes on the dish? Well, we would hope nothing other than a tasty creation of your favorite food...But what if I can't cook? Don't fret!! You can simply bring some of your favorite goodies from the local grocery store, such as a veggie plate, crackers sausage and cheese (A Wisconsin classic), maybe a bowl of fruit, or dessert...like a chocolate cake... yes we NEED a chocolate cake...no we need YOU to bring a chocolate cake. One more thing, if your not able to bring a dish, let that not hinder you from staying for the meal or any of our Sunday meals. Our meals each Sunday are for EVERYONE. Please, eat and enjoy! If you have any questions about what to do with your dish or food item please reach out to Barb Manship, Rosi Swisher or Barbrea Judkins.



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Today is the day! At 3:00pm, we will be joining area churches in our annual walk for life. We will meet at St. Joseph's Church (255 10th Ave Osceola) and, following the walk, will enjoy chili and desserts. There is even talk that our very own Pastor Bennett may lead us in some music. Let's be a voice for those who have been silenced and a witness of gentleness and love for those who've been affected by abortion.

MEN...Men...men: (read with an deep and manly echo), Please join us this Sunday for our first Hall of Men for 2020. If you haven't yet been, I am certain that you will enjoy it. Please consider attending. You won't be disappointed.

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.

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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 Immerse Family Studies-6:30 pm
Thurs Men's Bible Study-6:30 am
Thurs Women's Bible Study-9:30/10 am
Sat Annual Partners Meeting-10:00 am

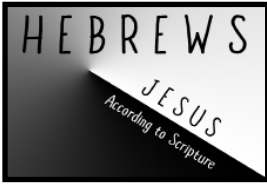
Fellowship Tip for January:

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:

February 2 Potluck Team #1
February 9 Meal Team #2
February 16 Meal Team #1
Fellowship and a meal follow our service today - Please stay and join us!

Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the book of Hebrews. Our passage for today is Hebrews 12:1-2.

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