



# 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

## Pastoral Pondering

### LIFE IS SHORT, DEATH IS SURE, SIN IS THE CAUSE AND JESUS IS THE CURE

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

Ephesians 2:10

I recently came across a blog posting "Life is short, Death is sure, Sin is the cause and Jesus is the cure!". This caused me to reflect on recent news I received that my old friend and former surgeon at Osceola, Dr. Richard Strate, had passed away at the age of 89. He was the most talented and gifted surgeon I've ever had the personal satisfaction of knowing. He served in Vietnam and, as a result, was used to working with less given any condition. After the war he returned home and started the Burn Center at what is now Region's Hospital, which has treated thousands of people. Later in his career he found his way to Osceola Medical Center at the same time I started, way back in 1993. I spent the next 15 years working with him. He came from an era where decisions were based on examination and experience rather than expensive labs and CAT scans. To this day I reflect with awe on the care and expertise he provided to Osceola. I am still convinced he could fix anyone with a Leatherman and duct tape if that was all he had. Upon hearing the news of his passing, I was saddened to know that the world had lost an incredibly talented surgeon who had impacted thousands of people over his lifetime. What an earthly legacy to leave behind!

The thought of leaving a legacy never really entered my mind while I was working, but retirement and aging begged the question of "what difference did I make?" I spent what seemed like a lifetime going through school with the goal of eventually becoming a doctor, and suddenly after almost 30 years I packed up my two medical books, my medical diploma and took my stethoscope and went home. I must admit that I felt a little lost like a part of my identity was removed. Suddenly I found myself with much time on my hands to reflect on who I am and what value do I bring to the world?

As you read this you'll notice or should notice the error in my thinking. It was based on what value or legacy that I have or will eventually leave behind. The world idolizes the wealthy, actors, musicians, and athletes but ignores the homeless, the poor, the disabled and the weak. People like Steve Jobs, Elon Musk, Michael Jordan, Bill Gates etc. are all held up on a pedestal bestowed of an elevated value based on earthly standards. In hopes of answering the question "where does one's self-worth come from," I turned to the great philosopher Beyonce who quotes, "Your self-worth is determined by you. You don't have to depend on someone to tell you who you are." At this point the rich young ruler who came to

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Jesus and asked him what he must do to enter the kingdom of heaven and went away sad after being told to sell all of his earthly value comes to mind.

As followers of Jesus, we know that our value is not in ourselves as the world would tell us but lies in Jesus alone. We are new creations through Him! We are valuable not because of what we have achieved but by what Jesus achieved on the cross. It is through Jesus and His shed blood that we are adopted and called children of God. And as His children we are not to remain idle but are to be actively walking in the good works that God prepared for us beforehand. The good works are to point others to Jesus and to declare His Glory in everything we do. We are told *“to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”* Ephesians 4:22-24.

In considering all of the above, Dr. Strate was a great surgeon who will be missed, leaving behind a great reputation with many great achievements. But from a kingdom perspective they all pale to the believer who has spent a life proclaiming Christ and His Glory.

“Life is short, Death is sure, Sin is the cause and Jesus is the cure.”

Jesus is King, greg 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.

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### This Week's Scheduled Events:

Mon	Prayer Night/Barton's– 6:30 pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Wed	Every Man's Battle– 6:00 am
Wed	Immerse– No Meeting
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)

### April Memory Verse:

Proverbs 23:17-18 (ESV)

"Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day. Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off."

### April Fellowship Tip:

Spring is often a time where we get the itch to do a project around the home or get creative in the kitchen. Consider asking a brother or sister to join you and use everyday life activities as a way to build deeper relationships with one another bringing Jesus into each conversation.

### Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

April 14	Meal Team 4 ~ Rice & Beans
April 21	Meal Team 5 ~ Breakfast

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

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[newlifechristiancommunity.org](http://newlifechristiancommunity.org)

- **Monday Evening Prayer:** Monday night prayer is meeting at the home of the Barton's, address 2489 Beede Lake Trl., St. Croix Falls. You're invited to join us **6:30pm**.
- **Girls Covenant Study:** Tori Barton invites 15 - 20 year old girls to a precept study on Covenants. This study starts **Tuesday, April 23 10:00 am - noon** at the church building. Please sign up on welcome counter.
- **Llapushi Visit:** New Life Family, Toni Llapushi will be in our neck of the woods **Saturday, April 27th**. He is not in the area long so I am hosting a gathering at my house (406 Smith Ave. Osceola) at **6:00pm**. We'll meet for a time of prayer, fellowship and hearing an update from Toni or perhaps for some a chance to connect with him for the first time. We'll have some light snacks and refreshments. Pastor Paul.



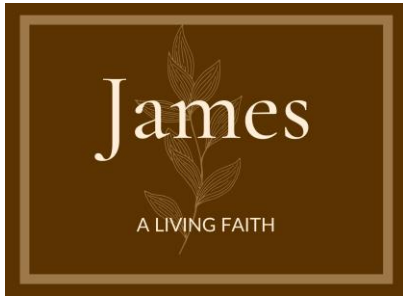
Did you know we have a Greeting Card Ministry? If you know someone that needs encouragement, support, or celebration, please remember that New Life has a ministry just for that! Contact Lynn with your request via email: [lynnjimnelson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjimnelson@gmail.com) or call 651-373-1426.

## New Life Directory

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resourcecenter

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**TODAY'S PASSAGE:**

Pastor Paul's message is from the  
New Testament book,

**JAMES 5:7-8**

**SERMON NOTES:**