



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 PONDERING

The River

In [John 7: 32-49](#), the Pharisees sent out officers to arrest Jesus. Along with the Pharisee's officers the people themselves were divided on who they say Jesus is. They were asking if he was a Prophet or if he was Christ. Neither the officers or the people ever laid hands on Jesus, and the officers had to go back to the Pharisees and explain themselves. However, the part of the passage that really spoke to me was [John 7: 37-39](#). ³⁷ *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."* ³⁸ *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'* ³⁹ *Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

What I was drawn to was, the phrase "rivers of living waters." I love the imagery that this brought to my mind. When I read through the Bible, I see how God spoke through his people and put difficult concepts into simple language by using everyday examples. It helps me understand what God is saying. "Rivers of living waters." These four words have so many meanings to me. Water is life giving. Nothing lives without water. Water goes everywhere. It can fill the largest canyons and flow into the smallest cracks. Rivers can be straight, or they can cut through the hardest rock. They can sink or lift up the heaviest objects. Water feeds plants and washes away the dirt. All of these things are natural occurrences, but what Jesus was describing was spiritual.

The rivers of living waters that flow from our hearts only come from God. He gives us the water that we can grow by. He gives us the water to be nourished and opens our own hearts up to nourish others. He uses these waters to cleanse us so we can be an example of his light. Just as natural rivers fill up canyons or flow into cracks, let us use the living waters to go and show people the love of Christ. [John 4:10, 13-14](#), ¹⁰ *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have*

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asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

As we celebrate the most important day for the church, Easter Sunday, we can rest assured that Jesus came down to earth to be that ‘Living Water’ he talks about. Let us drink and never thirst again.

Blessings,
Paul



Resource Center Highlight

Have you had a chance to view the DVD "American Gospel"? This DVD clearly shows us what the true biblical gospel is, how it has been tragically distorted in America by proponents of the Word of Faith movement, the Health Wealth and Prosperity gospel (among others) and exported all over the world, deceiving millions of people with a twisted form of Christianity. This powerful documentary is one you won't want to miss. Copies are available in the Resource Center for \$5.00 (this includes tax). Once you see it for yourself, you'll want to share the DVD with family and friends!

Fellowship Tip:

There are many ways we use gifts of the Spirit; one of those ways can be in serving on a New Life ministry team. If you haven't yet, take a look at those listed in the newsletter. Also be sure to check out our Ministry Team Fair on Sunday May 5th after the service.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT

Join us for *Worship & Prayer Night*, **Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 pm**. Come for a time of lifting our voices in song and together joining in praying for one another and any other burdens on our hearts.

IMMERSE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 1st is our last meeting for Immerse to celebrate all that the Lord has done in these classes. Our prayer has been for these classes that the body of Christ would be sharpened in the Word and we would grow in maturity together. There will be an open mic time where teachers are encouraged to share growth they have seen in students and also for anyone else who wants to share ways they have seen the Lord work in their own hearts. Following the meeting will be an ice cream treat.

MINISTRY TEAM FAIR

Interested in serving and being a part of ministries at New Life? There are many ways to be involved and to serve with the gifts that God has given. The Lord supplies gifts to His Church to be used for the building up of the body in love. (Ephesians 4) Please walk through our Ministry Team Fair **after Sunday service on May 5th** and talk with our New Life ministry team leaders and prayerfully consider ways you could serve.

FINANCE/BUDGET CLASS

Wednesday, May 8th @ 6:15pm, our very own Pete Manship will teach a one night class principles of budgeting and personal finance. Geared towards high school seniors, and anyone else that would be interested, a very basic learning opportunity will be offered on May 8th at 6:15 at the New Life Building. The intent is to help you kick-start your financial life with a few basics like:

- Opening a bank account
- Operating your checkbook
- Operating your savings
- Building a budget

You won't want to miss this!

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Teams:

Apr 28 Meal Team #2
Apr 28 Potluck Sunday #1

HE IS RISEN!
Blessings to everyone on this glorious day!

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This Week's Schedule of Events @ NLCC:

Apr 24	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm
Apr 24	Immerse Family Studies 6:15 pm
Apr 25	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Apr 25	Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
Apr 25	ALL GriefShare Folks 6:30 pm Adults and Youth meet separately
Apr 25	Ezekiel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm

April Memory Verse:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word." ESV

HEBREWS

JESUS
According to Scripture

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
Hebrews 4:15-16

Sermon Notes:

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