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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-Resource Center

Do you ever feel that you're experiencing information overload? Like there's so much coming at you from all directions that it's hard to winnow out what's true and important enough to pay attention to? Unless we are careful to limit the number of sources through which information comes to us, we can become overwhelmed and numb. I grew up in a time with no cellphones, computers, internet, podcasts, streaming, or social media – just a wall phone, a small tv, books, magazines and newspapers! That seemed like plenty at the time. If I needed to research a topic, I went to the library to search an encyclopedia – hoping it was a recent edition with up-to-date information! That's certainly not the case now. We can find out anything we want to know in mere seconds on a cell phone, whether important or trivial.

Our minds can easily become cluttered with noise and words and ideas that may have value but often don't.

Several years ago, I heard a song by Vertical Church titled "If I Have You." These lyrics caught my attention: "I don't need the riches of this world; I can't even take them where I'm going. I don't need a thousand empty words; I just need the ones that You have spoken. If I have You and nothing else, I have everything. I don't need to see tomorrow's plans; I just need to trust that You are working. I don't even need to understand; I just need to keep You as the first thing. If I have you and nothing else, I have everything."

I think these words grabbed my heart because my complicated life needed to be quieted and simplified internally. I may not be able to do anything about my circumstances, but I can do something about my mind's focus. Before and above all else, I need the Word of God. *We* need the Word of God. It's our food, our foundation, our way to know Christ, the Truth. Without it, we're left to come up with our own version of who God is. And that's very, very dangerous.

Therefore, we need to read and study God's Word, probing it with the Spirit's help to gain understanding. But even so, I sometimes (often?) don't understand quite what it's saying or how to correctly apply it to my life. So then I find I

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need the words of others ... those who have studied the Scriptures more, who know the Hebrew and Greek words and meanings, who can put the message into words that my simple mind can understand. That may come to me in a sermon, a Bible commentary, or a book about prayer or spiritual disciplines or suffering or theology. Other people who are walking the same road of following Christ in this world, going through different circumstances, can speak wisdom into my life through the words of a book they wrote.

When I was a new Christian, I didn't know how to read the Bible or who even to ask for help. The first group I joined was a book group where we read "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" by Hannah Whitall Smith. It was in reading this book that I was drawn into studying the Scriptures for myself. For this reason, a well-chosen book can be a wonderfully helpful gift for a person who is becoming interested in God but reticent about reading the Bible, especially if the gift is followed up with friendly conversation about the book and – if that is well received – an offer to read the Bible together.

It's encouraging to me how many people buy resources from our New Life Resource Center as gifts for others in their lives. A book is my favorite gift to give and receive. Our Resource Center is filled with books of many kinds, with new titles arriving regularly. If you wish to grow deeper in your knowledge of God and faith, or to deepen your biblical worldview, or grow closer in intimacy with Him – there are books for you! If you wish to encourage a child or teen or adult in your life, there are books for them, along with music CD's for all ages. The Resource Center is open every Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 and then again after the service ends until noon. One of our friendly team members will be happy to help you find what you need. And if you have an interest in joining this ministry team, we are looking for a couple of new volunteers. May the Lord bless the time that you spend focusing on Him!

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This Week's Schedule of Events

Sun	Hall of Men– 6:30 pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Wed	Every Man's Battle– 6:00 am
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible 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

5/14	Meal Team 4 (Rice & Beans)
5/21	Meal Team 5 (Breakfast)

Contact *Barbara Judkins* if interested in joining a meal team.

Fellowship Tip for May

Have you begun a prayer/discipleship relationship with someone from New Life? If not, prayerfully consider whom you can be regularly meeting with for the purpose of growth and sharpening as disciples of Jesus.

May Memory Verse

"The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands." Psalm 138:8

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Announcements

Second Saturdays: MN has become an abortion destination for WI residents. The love of God compels us to go and offer Christ's mercy toward guilty murderers and freedom from death penalties given to preborn children. Second Saturdays monthly. "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." -Pr 24:11. Please contact Michael Melling 612-987- 1960

It's graduation season again. If your son or daughter is graduating this spring, please let us know who as we would like to bless them with a simple gift and to invite them forward during a service to recognize and send them off in prayer. Make sure to fill out the sign-up sheet on the welcome table with names and contact info. We will recognize our graduates Sunday June 4th.

Last Genesis study for the spring/summer coming this Tuesday 5/9, 6:30pm at the Milner's home: 878 179th St. Dresser. We've had some great discussions around the Word throughout this study. Looking forward to diving in once again. Bring your instruments, bibles, and a friend.

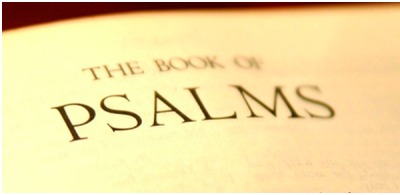


New Life Connect

"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, please send an email (see emails to the left) to one of the pastors. They would be glad to set you up with an account. All you need is an active email address.

Today's Passage



Pastor Jeff will be teaching from
the book of Psalms.
Our passage for today is Psalm 6.

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