



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

Discontentment

Have you ever been to a store that claims, "If we don't have it you don't need it?" I was recently shopping at Mills Fleet Farm, where customers have been known to say those words. The funny thing was I couldn't find what I needed. What they are really saying is that "We have the main things that most people need when they go to a store," but of course they can't have everything. I was looking to find wheel bearings to match a really old boat trailer. They had wheel bearings but not the size I needed. I'd have to go to a parts store for that. I was a bit frustrated that they didn't have what I needed.

Living in a consumer-minded society, sometimes we can approach our local churches this way. We seek out churches that offer what we are looking for: a one-stop shop for all our needs. Or maybe we are guided by something specific (such as a style of music, youth program, a mom's group, people our age, etc.) We may find ourselves wishing that there was more, or we might be frustrated or let down or even feel forgotten if something isn't available for "me." We may be inclined to look around for a church that at least has that one specific thing. However, many times that other church may have that one specific thing but lack the most important things; things like Christ-centered and faithful teaching, godly leadership, sharing the banner of Christ alone, true fellowship with one another and with God, and a body of believers committed to walking with one another in love and pursuing Christ with arms linked together.

Ultimately, we find all needs met in Christ. In Him we lack nothing ([Psalm 23](#)); He alone is our joy and satisfaction ([Romans 15:13](#)), His Word is sufficient for all things ([2 Peter 1:3](#)); He is the solution ([Ephesians 2:4-10](#)). Do you believe that? Or are you tempted to think you need more, or that what another church offers might have the solution? Has the grass ever really been greener on the other side? If we search for a solution to our needs beyond Christ alone, we will be found to be greatly unsatisfied again.

I'm not seeking to defend New Life in anyway, but rather, I desire to counsel our hearts that tend to be greatly affected by our consumer-minded society where we focus on how a church can serve us and fill our needs rather than how we can serve as the church and meet needs. We can forget that the solution to our needs is not the building, not the programs, not the leadership, not worship style, but JESUS. If the most important things are taking place, you're not lacking what you really need. In a consumer mindset we forget that it's really not all about "me."

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Rather, we are all members of one body mutually serving one another, striving to build each other up into maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4). If you're feeling discontent or disconnected where you are, consider how you might be a part of filling a need in the body.

New Life, like many other small-town churches, doesn't have every bell and whistle, but by God's grace we see the most important things taking place here week after week. If something specific is lacking, maybe that's a ministry you can start!

Here are a few examples of "specific things" that are good things but may not be available and how you could serve. "There really isn't something for young moms." Host regular play dates with other young moms in your home and encourage one another in your walk with the Lord and in parenting.

"There aren't any Bible studies at a time that works with my schedule." Start one. There are great resources in the resource center!

"There is nothing for the youth." Take initiative and invite them to your house for a campfire.

To wrap up my Fleet Farm story, they actually did have what I needed, but I would have to wait until it shipped to the store. I was impatient and wanted something now. Maybe that "something" that you feel is missing requires patience or maybe there's a way to combat that discontentment by serving, or maybe today you just need that gentle reminder that Christ is your all in all and you are loved by Him. And as always, your elders are here to hear your thoughts and come alongside you as you seek to serve the body.

Partnering in the work of gospel ministry with you,

Pastor Paul

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The **Thursday night** Bible study has started up again! We are beginning a journey through the exciting book of Deuteronomy. This study is open to anyone who would like to join, men, women, and young adults. Study starts at 7:00pm and typically lasts till 8:30. We will be meeting in the back-banquet area. Childcare is also available. Looking forward to diving into God's Word with you!

June Fellowship Tip:

Share your favorite memory verse with someone today. If you don't have one, begin to memorize something from God's Word and practice reciting it to others.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

5-DAY CLUB

Children! You are invited to a 5-DAY CLUB! What is a 5-Day Club? It is an exciting, fun-filled Club for kids age 5-12 that meets for 90 minutes every day for five days. It includes dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary stories, meaningful fun songs, and life-changing Scripture memory. It will be held **June 24-28** at Janel Anderson's home and starts at 10:00am. If you have any questions, contact Janel Anderson at 715-553-3341. Invite your friends! See you there!

HALL OF MEN

Men! Please set aside **Sunday evening June 30th, 6:00pm** for a very unique men's gathering at the New Life building! We call it, "The Hall of Men." You won't want to miss it! Come prepared for comradery and fellowship that is centered on the core confessions of our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hope Church is putting on The Armor of God Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be held at Hope Church in Osceola from **July 8 through the 11th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** All children ages four to 12 are welcome and there is no cost! They are planning a very engaging VBS with bible lessons, games, snacks, crafts, and music. If you're looking for a VBS this summer, this would be a great opportunity. They are also in need of several adult leaders to help run the various VBS stations. If you would be interested in serving and would like to know more, please contact Rebecca Stenberg as soon as possible (hope@hefc.org).

ANNUAL BAPTISM EVENT

There are few services throughout the year that are more meaningful than our annual Baptism service. The meaningfulness of that service has nothing to do with *how* New Life does it. Its meaningfulness has everything to do with *what* Jesus has done in the lives of those who are being baptized. As such, its meaning is eternal and infinite. If you've never been to our Baptism service, please be sure to come. Moreover, if you've never been baptized as a believer, would you consider this public proclamation of faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Our Baptism Service this year will be on **Sunday August 4th**. If you are interested in being baptized – put your name on the sign up on the welcome table in the lobby and be sure to reach out to one of the pastors letting them know your desire.

Upcoming Sunday Potluck/Meal Teams:

June 30 Meal Team #7
July Potluck Team #1

**Fellowship and a meal follow our service
today...please stay and join us!**

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Schedule of Events Week of June 23-29

Wed	Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Thurs	Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
Thurs	Deuteronomy Bible Study 7:00 pm
Thurs	Adult GriefShare - on Summer Break (July 18th GriefShare 'Loss of a Spouse' Event 6:15-8:30pm) Youth GriefShare - 6:30 pm.

June Memory Verse:

Isaiah 40:8

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand
forever."* ESV



Today's Passage:

Pastor Paul's message is from the New Testament book,
Titus 1:5-9

Sermon Notes:

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