

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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Baptism Sunday

Next week our Sunday service, from the start to the end, will be held at the Association Retreat Center (a.k.a. The ARC). It's our annual Baptism service!

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. Be sure to share this desire with one of the pastors.

Here are a few items to consider as we prepare for this service. First, please be praying for all those who are being baptized. Pray also for the families of those who are publicly professing faith in Jesus. Many will be there who do not yet know the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord would use this service for His glory.

Please remember that this is an outdoor service. As such, don't forget the sunscreen and a lawn chair (if you don't have one, many bring extras) or a blanket for the service. Since this is a New Life service, there will be food! If you would like to bring a dish to pass, this will be a potluck style lunch.

Lastly, if you forget to come to the ARC, don't panic – we will be starting the service at 10:00 rather than 9:30. This will give everyone a chance to get there.

Here are directions to the ARC from the New Life building: Go south on Hwy. 35 towards Osceola. Take a left on 240th (right outside of Dresser). Take 240th for about 6.5 miles. Turn left at 30th Avenue. Go a short distance and the ARC will be on your right. Turn into the first entrance and follow the road back, veering to the right until you get back to the pavilion next to the swimming pond. That's where we'll be!

Until then, I would recommend that you meditate upon the following passages to understand how Scripture has framed our understanding of baptism. Here are a sampling of passages to consider: Genesis 6:11-22; Exodus 14:15-31; Joshua 3:1-17; 2 Kings 2:8; Psalm 18:11, 69:2, 77:19; the book of Jonah; Matthew 3:1-6; 13-17, 28:19; Romans 6:4; and Colossians 2:12.

We cannot wait to worship with you at the ARC! You won't want to miss it.

Announcements.

Tri County Options for Women is putting on their summer 5K fund raiser event. It will be held at Hope Church in Osceola Saturday August 7th. Registration begins @ 8:00 am. The whole family is invited. The kids free run begins at 8:30 and the adult Walk/Run starts @ 9:00 am. If you would like to participate please preregister @ optionstricounty.org or by calling 715-755-2229.

New Life Missions Team: just a reminder we will be having a team meeting Sunday August 22nd at 11:45 after service. We will check in with sponsor families, work on fine-tuning the info. on the missionary wall, update the website, and also begin discussion on a future missions trip.

Building Expansion: We've noticed it's sometimes a little tight on space on Sunday mornings. We praise the Lord for the ways He is growing this local church family! You might be wondering if there is a plan for making more space and seating. At this time the NL elder board is beginning to look into options for a building expansion. We're asking you to join us in praying for good stewardship of resources and direction in any potential plans moving forward. Also, if you currently work in the skilled trades and want to serve by helping gather needed info for costs in layout and design, quotes for potential pastorieff.nlcc@protonmail.com projects, research city regulations and codes, and details of this nature, please join us for a meeting after service on Sunday August 29th @ 11:45. If you want to inquire more about a potential expansion feel free to reach out to any of the elders.



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This Week's Schedule of Events:

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 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:

Aug 15 Meal Team #6 Meal Team #7 Sept 5

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in joining a meal team.

Fellowship Tip for August

What have you been reading in the Word lately that has ministered to you? Share a post on connect about that or make sure to tell others in your conversations throughout the week in order to build up the body of Christ that we may grow in unity, knowledge, and maturity in the faith (Eph 4:12-13)

August Memory Verse

"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." - John 12:25-26

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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 fover to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. In addition, you're invited to join us for our meal after service. We would love to meet you and get to know and for you to get to know us more.

Do 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 or call her at 651-373-1426.

New Life Connect

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



Jay Swisher will be teaching from the book of Luke.
Our passage for today is Luke 10: 25-42.