



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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Advent Highlight

Advent In Our Homes

It's that time of year when the world's devices can easily bait us away from the all-important simple scene in Bethlehem towards that frantic flight to get the best deals on gifts and gadgets. Have you found yourself succumbing to the pull of the world?

The great irony is that sometimes even the good things that are added to our schedule are not helpful in really remembering the simple birth of our King. There are Christmas parties to plan, secret-santa gifts to get, and family trips to organize. The very parties, gifts and pilgrimages that are meant to celebrate the coming of the King tend to overshadow the brightest light that ever came into the world.

Consider a few of individual's lives around 2021 years ago (give or take 4 years).

According to Luke 2:8-18 there was a group of shepherds whose lives would be interrupted by the same season that interrupts us. It was night. As normal as the sunset they had witnessed a few hours earlier was, the night was far from usual. Instead their normal routine was interrupted by one of the scariest moments of their lives. The angel that appeared to them was a sight to behold. More than that, to have the glory of the Lord surround them is absolutely stunning! Luke writes, "an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear" (Luke 2:9). It was this same glory in which Moses was allowed to stand (hide) on several earth altering occasions (e.g. see Exodus 24:17-18).

At that moment and at hearing the words of the Angel of the Lord, these shepherds could not constrain themselves to their normal routine. They up and went to meet this new child. We are not told what happened to their sheep. The point being, meeting the "Savior...Christ the Lord" was all that mattered to them.

Consider that faithful man, Simeon, and that faithful woman, Anna, in Luke 12:25-38. Imagine if Simeon had found himself overrun by the hustle and bustle of life in Jerusalem. What if he had thought, "I'm too tired to go to the temple today..." He would have missed what Luke calls, "the consolation of Israel" – Simeon may have missed the coming of the One that his entire Bible had told him would come.

In like manner, had Anna been bound up with the things of this world, she may have missed the opportunity to proclaim the "redemption of Jerusalem!"

Not to mention the interruption Christ's birth had on Mary and Joseph. Their lives would never be the same. Nor do we have time to consider the Wise Men from the

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east. This journey to meet “the king of the Jews” (Matt 2:2) would have taken them months. This was a suspension of life to simply visit a baby who had been born. Moreover, the gifts that they had brought Him may have had a significant impact upon their livelihood. These were not white elephant gifts. They were gifts that would impress the wealthiest of kings.

Their wisdom is illustrated in their abandonment of everyday life for the pursuit of a baby born in Bethlehem.

It is not wrong that our everyday life has been interrupted by this time of year, however, the content of our interruption must be entirely wrapped up in Jesus Christ – the Consolation of Israel, the Redemption of Jerusalem, the Glory of the Lord. He deserves all of our attention.

As such, we are asking that each of you consider allowing your everyday routine to be disrupted by a daily advent reading. You should be getting, **with this newsletter**, a half page Advent reading guide for the first 25 days of December.

Each day there are a few passages marked out to read (some short and others a bit longer). Our purpose in giving you this advent reading is not to add craziness to the routine of life, nor is it to simply be another “religious ceremony.” Our purpose is to give the other interruptions of this time of year their proper context – the fulfillment of all time – namely, Jesus Christ.

Please take some time each day to let your life be interrupted by Jesus Christ. Read these texts privately and/or publicly. Let them shape the content of our conversations within the home and without the home. As we consider these passages, ask yourself how the coming of Christ impacts our understanding of and implications of these texts.

Given our desperate need for a savior, let us together, consider the advent of the coming of our great and awesome Savior.

Indeed, Christ’s interruption should quickly become the tone of the rest of our lives. May He disrupt our lives until only He remains.

Blessings,
Pastor Tony

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Tues Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Tues Young Adult Study– 6:30 pm
Tues Women's Precepts– 6:30-8 pm
Wed Every Man's Battle– 6:00 am
Wed Immerse Classes– 6:15-7:30 pm
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:

11/28 Team 4: Rice & Beans
12/5 Team 5: Breakfast
*Contact Barbara Judkins if interested
in joining a meal team.*

Fellowship Tip for November

Have you committed yourself to invest in the work of gospel ministry here at New Life and want to learn more about what it means to become a partner? Take a moment and talk to one of the elders or pastors and they would be glad to begin that process with you.

November Memory Verse

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

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Announcements.

Serving Opportunity: If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord and his body of believers, the video ministry is looking for some people. Both camera operator and switcher have open positions. Contact Jim Mabee for more information at 651-470-5173.

Young Men's Study: Next Young Men's Study in Colossians will be Monday evening December 6th @ 6:00-8:30pm. Location yet to be announced.

Invitation to pray from the Barton's: New Life family please consider joining as a body to pray Monday December 6th. Time: 6:30-7:30 Location: Barton's (North of 8) 2489 Beede Lake Trl St. Croix Falls WI Contact Travis with questions 715-563-0854

Ladies of New Life: I'd like to invite each of you to my home this Friday, December 3 at 7:00pm for our Christmas edition of the testimony tea. It has been far too long since our last tea! Unfortunately, Corrie tenBoom will be unable to join us this time, but even so I hope you'll come ready to be encouraged and to encourage one another during this special time of year. I'm looking forward to spending time with you! Any questions, here's my number: 715-553-3341, Janel.

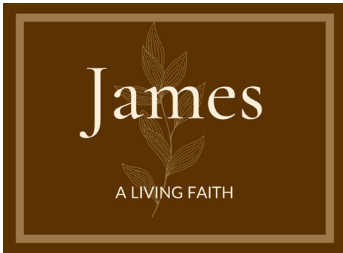


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New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, please send an email (see emails to the left) to one of the pastors. They would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

Today's Passage



Pastor Paul will be teaching from the
book of James.
Our passage for today is James 2:14-26.

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