



# 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

### *Meal Relief Ministry*

Have you heard about the Meal Relief Ministry at New Life? The purpose of this ministry is to bless the members of our church family in a tangible way by providing meals to individuals or families in need. Bringing a meal to a person's house can be a great blessing to a busy family with a new baby, to a person going through illness, for someone grieving the death of a family member, or a good homemade meal for a family who is in the process of moving to a new house. Because, who really would not appreciate a meal being delivered to their door! The blessing is of course in the food, but also in the time and connection you will make with that person or family when dropping off the meal.

This is a ministry all can participate in as frequently or infrequently as you want. It's really simple. New Life is set up to use the

website "mealtrain.com" to help organize the meals and plan the menus. When someone is put on the meal train an email gets sent out to all those signed up on the website. Each person receives an email in which you can sign up to bring a meal for a particular time slot already scheduled. Information for food ideas for the individual or family will be listed as well as times and days that would be most helpful to receive a meal. To get signed up to be on the meal train email list, email Danielle Panik at [dhscher@gmail.com](mailto:dhscher@gmail.com) or text or call at 715.554.2214.

If you know of someone in the church family that would be particularly helped by the gift of a few (or more) meals, it's up to you to contact Danielle when you notice a need arise! All you need to do is give Danielle the contact information of the future recipient and she will take it from there.

### *Beloved in Christ Jesus,*

Over the last 6 months the world has been shaken beyond recent memory. These events, though they seem unique, are not unlike times of the past (e.g. the writing of the Magna Carta was the direct result of strikingly similar circumstances in England). The world seems to be polarized over every detail of what we "ought to" or "ought not to" do.

Like the world around us, the church (worldwide and locally) has experienced a time of increasing difficulty. But we, too, can see that our situation is not perfectly unique. In the first century, similar divisive political/religious issues were landmines Jesus' enemies sought to trap Him in.

Would Christ pay taxes? Would He allow for divorce? Which law did He believe was the most important law to obey? These are a

sampling of the kinds of divisive questions that plagued the first century religious.

Imagine if Christ walked this earth today. What would be the question asked of Him? I suspect that if He were living in the land of the cheese, His email would be flooded (I have this on good information) with the entrapping question "Will you wear the mask or not?!"

What made the questions posed to Christ so effective was that they were legitimate questions. At the same time, the questions were extremely divisive. His questioners thought that no matter how He answered their questions, He would necessarily be dividing His followers. But Jesus, the Word, has the last word.

He still does.

When His disciples are spotted breaking the law - with grit under their nails and with unwashed

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hands (imagine *that* being a law! Our current situation requires little imagination) – Jesus has the last word.

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Today the question that is being asked of us is – Will your disciples wear the mask? The reason it is such an effective question is – it is a legitimate question. At the same time, it is an incredibly divisive question. The enemy believes that no matter how Christ answers the question, His people will be divided.

Will we? I am seriously asking this question. Will we be divided over how we answer this question? Is this question the stumbling block over which the church should fall? The obvious answer to that rather easy question is – no! Christ, not the mask is the stumbling block over which we should stand or fall.

So, no matter how we move forward, I am pleading with you, Church of Jesus Christ (not “First Church of the Mask Wearers” or “First Church of the Mask Tear-ers”), we are the Church of Jesus Christ. We stand and fall in Him. I implore you with all love, grace and mercy not to allow the divisive question to have its malevolent effect. We as an elder board are prayerfully considering how to proceed. Here is our conclusion:

He must have the last word. Christ must have the last word.

What does that mean? What is that ‘platitude’ all about? This cuts to the core of our philosophy of ministry. What do we believe about the life of the body of Christ?

We believe, wholeheartedly, that God Almighty has given us His very Holy Spirit. Each of those who call Jesus Christ Lord, have been given His Spirit to guide and direct *each* of us. We believe that the Spirit, not the elders, direct the hearts of His people. We believe *He* not the choir lady, must have full authority and autonomy to lead each of us individually.

Just as we desire you to carry out the ministry of the Gospel through the leading of the Holy Spirit in your every-day life (by the testimony of His Word and largely without programs) we also believe that the Lord will guide His people in the way that they should go. We do not believe that rules differentiate the church. It is He – His Spirit – as proclaimed in His Word - that differentiates us.

The implication of this way forward means a diversity of conviction will coexist in the same fellowship – with charity and love on full display. Our prayer is that Jesus has the last word and that, despite the attempts of the enemy to corner Christ and His followers, we will display a beautiful picture of grace and confound the enemy.

And if, being led by the Lord, we stand next to one another (six feet apart for those who would like) with full love and grace towards one another – they will know us by our love for one another. We will not be known by a uniformity that is superficially seen on

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### This Week's Schedule of Events:

Wed Deuteronomy Study - 6:30 pm  
Wed Young Adult Study - 6:30 pm  
Thurs Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am  
Thurs Ladies Study 1John - 6:30 pm

### Fellowship Tip for August:

Be sure to be reaching out to your New Life family often! Get creative in ways to bear one another's burdens and encouraging one another daily. Consider phone calls, video chats, writing letters, sending cards, etc.

### August Memory Verse

"I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours  
can be thwarted. Job 42:2"

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the outside. The uniformity will necessarily be found on the inside. *This* internal unity is what the world cannot imitate because all they see is the outside.

These are the situations that will illustrate to the world that a group who disagrees still loves one another. May we let Christ have the last word and be linked together by a deep love for one another.

On behalf of the elders,  
Pastor Tony Minell

## Announcements

**Baby Bottle drive:** Please consider supporting Options for Women | TRI-COUNTY in their Baby Bottle Fundraiser this year. Simply take a bottle from the welcome table, fill it with loose change and bills. Then on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> bring your bottles back during service. If you have questions reach out to Karen Mickelson the Director @ 715.755.2229

**Baptism Service:** Our annual Baptism Service is coming around the corner. It will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> located at the ARC (a retreat center near East Farmington). If you are following after Jesus as Lord and Savior and have not been baptized and you are ready to make a public declaration of Faith, please make that desire known by meeting with an elder or pastor. There is also a sign-up sheet on the welcome table where you can place your name and contact information. You won't want to miss this!!!

**Dear New Life Family,** There is a couple at New Life (Keith and Ali Lintula) that have been called to minister to women considering abortion. They are looking for some household donations. Call or text Rene Milner 715-557-0185. If you have questions or would like to know more about the ministry, just call or text and we can get you in touch with the Lintulas or feel free to reach out to them through church.

**Homeschooling Informational Meeting:** If you or someone you know is considering homeschooling this year, even if you never thought you'd educate your children at home but the alternatives are not desirable at the moment, you're invited to come to an informational meeting August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the New Life building. Bring all your questions. This event is open to the public.

## Today's Passage

# Hosea

The Call to Return to the Savior

Pastor Tony will be teaching  
from the book of Hosea.  
Our passage for today is  
Hosea 5:8-6:3.

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