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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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Pastoral Ponderings

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."—Ephesians 2:1-3

Recently, during a morning quiet time of reading scripture and praying, I was struck by several things and eagerly awaited my children waking up to share some of my thoughts. Throughout my children's lives there are times when I have been so struck by something in scripture, that I don't even wait for them to shake the cobwebs out of their heads from waking up. As soon as I see one of their bright and shiny faces, my thoughts begin spilling out and I read the passages that struck me. Each time this has occurred, I have been blessed by the slow gathering of each one of them as they exit their bedrooms. During the most recent incident, I chuckled a bit inside as each of them found a way to rest on the ledge of the balcony above our living room, and Uriah even had his feet dangling over the edge between the rails. I share this to simply set the scene for the discussion of the passage from Ephesians that we had that morning.

I quickly pointed out to my kiddos that Satan has zero power over anything or anyone. Just as the verses above express, he is the prince of the power of the air. But the distinct connection between Satan and power here is that his followers are those that are following the course of this world. Even more specifically, I stressed the statement, "... among whom we all once lived..." We discussed how there is not a single human, apart from Jesus Christ, that was, is, or will be born dead in our trespasses and sins. We talked about how easy it would be to just give up at that point. That in recognizing that we enter this world dead in our sins, it would be simple to throw in the towel and gorge ourselves in the passions of our flesh, which this world caters to every step we take.

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And it is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of

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works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”-Ephesians 2:4-10

“But God...” Those two words carry any and all hope that we have. Through Jesus, we have been given life! There is not another option. There are no other lifelines this world can offer. We cannot do it; we are not enough; and if we are not alive in Jesus, then we are worshiping the prince of the power of the air and we reside in this world as sons of disobedience. “But God...” Let that sit in the deepest recesses of your heart... “But God...”

Your brother in Christ Jesus, Zack Fugate

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 foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you.



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 cell at 651-373-1426.

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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
Wed Immerse Studies- 6:15 pm
Thurs Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Thurs Ladies Study- 10:00 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study- 12:00 pm
Thurs Ladies Study- 6:30 pm
Thurs GriefShare-6:30 pm
(Adults & Youth meet separately)

Meal Teams:

April 18 Meal Team #7

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

Fellowship Tip for April

Are you an avid outdoor person?
Next time you go fishing, hiking,
running, gardening, etc. invite
someone to join you and consider
how you might use the opportunity to
spur them on in Christ.

April Memory Verse

"May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distill as the dew, like
gentle rain upon the tender grass,
and like showers upon the herb. For
I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God! "The
Rock, his work is perfect, for all his
ways are justice. A God of faithfulness
and without iniquity, just and
upright is he." Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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Announcements

Lawn Care Needed At The Building:

Our lawn care volunteer is not able to continue to mow this year. Looking for someone whom the Lord has motivated to do this task. If you are that person, please contact Jim Judkins (Building & Grounds).

Free playing of the movie "Roe Vs. Wade" Tri-County Options for Women is putting on this showing of the new movie "Roe Vs. Wade" before it's arrival in theaters. Hear the story behind the most famous and controversial court case in US history. This is a free event offered to the public and hosted at the New Life building @ 6:30 pm Friday April 16th. PLEASE CALL 715.755.2229 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

New Life Ladies: A new study through the book of Esther has just begun. If you would like to join just reach out to Shanda Leko to receive a workbook. Study begins 6:30pm on Thursday's at the building in the banquet room. See you there, blessings in our Lord, Shanda 651-465-3154

New Life Safety Team: As you may have noticed, New Life is growing in numbers and is filling the building on Sunday mornings, and this by the grace of our God. With a full house at times, including many little ones, some of you have expressed interest in being on a team that would be prepared and ready to respond in the case of unique situations like a medical emergency, fire, or addressing an unwanted visitor. If you have training in any of these areas and are interested in being a part of a New Life Safety Team or would like to receive some formal security training in order to serve, please talk to or email Pastor Paul @ pastorpaul.nlcc@gmail.com.

Today's Passage



ACTS

Pastor Tony will be teaching from the
book of Acts.
Our passage for today is Acts: 5:12-16.

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