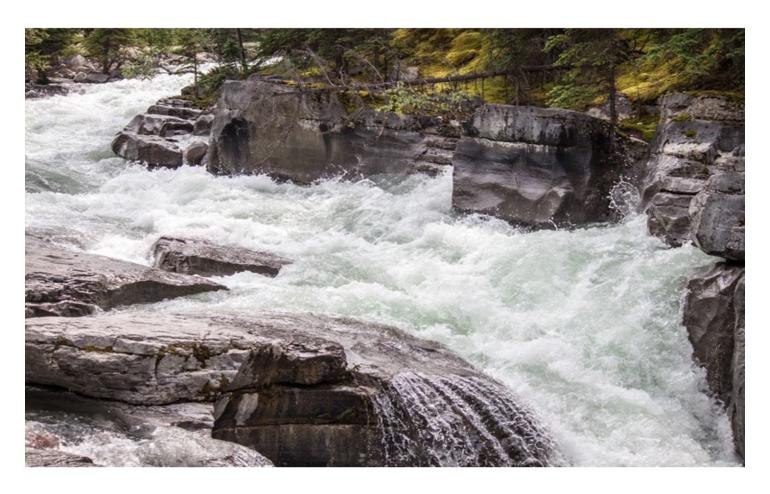
Sermon Series TIMOTHY!



Transformational
Truth Through
Tough Times



Annual Church Business Meeting

All are welcome to attend.

We will be voting on the proposed 2024 Budget along with a second round of constitution updates. (Voting is for NLC members only.)

NOVEMBER 19TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY UPDATES

Paul & Martha Daku - Fiji

The Dakus have now returned to Fiji from their short, 10-week medical furlough. "There is much good news to report and we are certain it is because of the prayers of God's people. We offer thanks to the Lord for Christians who pray and for His healing. Martha had scans done and saw her cancer doctor last month. Dr. Lee said her scans were 'perfect', and so she does not need to report back for another two years. We are grateful for this good report which enables us to return to Fiji. **God is good!**" Upon their return, the Dakus hope to begin erecting a Sunday School building on an adjacent piece of land to our existing church in Lautoka. They end their update with "As always, we thank you for upholding us in prayer and for encouraging us through your support and interest in our work. The Lord is coming soon, so we must work to win the lost while we still can."

Dan & Becky Bennett - Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Bennetts begin by sharing that it is Springtime in Sao Paulo and "the flowers are starting to open as we see God's creation in full bloom." The Bennetts praise the Lord for the opportunities to serve our gracious Lord. Dan recently preached at the hearing church (where the deaf church meets). "The people listened intently as Dan shared about the need for more laborers among the Deaf. At the invitation, two men responded and talked with Dan and asked how they could help. One an said that he would be willing to preach once a month, while the other man, with tears in his eyes, said that he and his wife would pray about this 'open door' of opportunity. *Please pray that God would send more laborers among the Deaf in Sao Paulo and Brazil.*" Their letter ends with "Many of you have been supporting us for a number of years. Thank you for being faithful to pray and give toward the work among the Deaf in Brazil."

Tim & Leandra Hawes - Papua New Guinea

The Hawes begin with "God is working in so many amazing ways. Thank you for your fervent prayers and sacrificial gifts." They then list a number of praises of which these are included: 1) Payment was made for the new vehicle for Bible Clubs through the matching gift. The vehicle will arrive sometime next year. 2) 19 youth from sports outreach who turned in their devotional journals and qualified to go shopping in town for clothes for church. 3) They have gotten permission to start in two new public schools this year for Bible Clubs. The church is Keisusaro is now officially named Sagifa Bible Baptist Church. "Many of the young men from the church who go with Tim for Bible Clubs and visitation face great temptation with the drinking and dancing all around them. Please pray for them to stand strong. Thank you so much for your fervent prayers and investment in the Lord's work!"

Joanne Foltz - Tanzania

Joanne is currently on furlough. During the first few weeks of furlough, she and her family were involved in an accident that could have taken their lives if only a few feet different on impact. "God kept us safe and only a few bumps and bruises, with my daughter having whiplash. God has healed and answered prayers. Thank you all for the faithful prayers for my safety! Continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue on the furlough road through many states and many miles. God is my GPS and my protection!" Joanne shares that the well project which was estimated at \$8 to \$10,000 USD came in at almost \$25,000 USD, but God supplied. The Maasai in the area were amazed at the project and did not think it would be finished. "They were all surprised and thankful for the clean available water at the church property. Pastor Solomon has been busy giving out the words of the Living Water and has seen many accept Christ and many trusting in the Savior. Pray for the new converts to grow in Christ. Thank you all for the generosity for the well project and the sacrificial giving to supply physical water for these people in the bush area of Ol Tukai. God has been faithful and he has given us strength for the journey! Many prayers and many gifts made this possible! Thank you."

Dr. Tony & Becky Rizzo - Youth Action Ministries

The Rizzos begin by thanking you for your prayers for them and their work. "Please keep us in your prayers as we encourage people to trust in the Lord." The Rizzos are thankful for their friends who stand behind them, pray for them, and help them with their work. "We continue to provide the many different Safety Zones around Philadelphia and are seeing many come to trust in Christ as their Savior. The Kensington Ministry was "beyond amazing". Several Street Safety Zones were held and many heard the gospel. There was much counseling. "It was very exciting to see those who trusted Christ."

<u> Hannah Strayer - Togo</u>

Hannah begins her update with information about South Africa, where she is currently working on a project. South Africa is actually a country in the southernmost part of Africa. Amazingly, there are 12 official languages across the country. However, there are about 35 total ethnic languages spoken in the entire country! Hannah asks that we pray for her as she meets with her teammates, sees their ministries, and how she may be able to help them with their ministry needs. Upon returning to Togo, she will focus on the media items for the Togo 50th celebration in March 2024. Hannah asks us to pray for: 1) Still awaiting 1 paper for her residency card, 2) Still waiting on their shipment to clear port for pickup, 3) A safe and productive visit to South Africa and 4) The project for the Togo 50th to come together well.

Bob & Mary Anne Parschauer - Word Of Life European Representative

The Parschauers begin with "We have again, in a wonderful way, experienced the goodness of God as we ministered in nine churches in Canada and New England this past summer. Their update continues with glimpses of what is happening with WOL in Kenya, Portugal, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Ukraine. Mary Anne shares "This summer I was blessed with lots of family time with my girls, their children and their grandchildren. Mos of them live near my condo in Canada. ... Truly, 'Children are a heritage from the Lord' Psalm 127:3. 'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4" Bob & Mary Anne end their update with "We thank God for all of you who are praying for us, giving towards our support and the many supporting our ministries in Europe and Africa. May we all have the mind of Christ as we minister together to reach many for Christ before it is forever to late. We wish you God's richest blessings and strength as you partner together with our team."

Matt & Sarah Litson - New Brunswick, French Canada

" 'Thank You' never seems adequate when we think about all that the Lord allows us to do and see through your prayers and sacrificial giving. Just being in this place and being a part of so many little spiritual victories, being that beacon of hope for one who is lost and seeking or being a 'refuge' or jus a friendly face to some that are miles from home. ... the long discouraging months of winter begin. we see daily how needed we are and how much folks depend on the church. ... Thank You for playing such a big part in our ministry here." Matt & Sarah were blessed to take a trip to see some dear friends in Mexico in October where Matt preached for their missions conference. They "were able to see first-hand the world's largest city. It was hard for this country boy to imagine ... What a work ahead of the missionaries there. I was reminded how the Gospel message is the same for every person no matter the country, size of the city or even the language spoken. God's grace and mercy extends to all! What an amazing God we serve." Prayer requests include: 1) Pray for their building needs, they no longer have enough room. ("It's a good problem but not one easily remedied in our area") 2) Pray for a lady who lost a dear friend to suicide. This is an ever growing problem there, especially with the long winters. 3) Keep the teens in prayer, the pressure of life is strong, and we are seeing them struggle. Their update ends with "Thank you so very much for your faithfulness on our behalf!"





Christmas Brunch and Gift Exchange

ALL WOMEN & TEENS 13+ ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FUN CELEBRATION IN NLC'S THE GATHERING PLACE

DECEMBER

SATURDAY

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10 AM - 1 PM

BRING YOUR "FAVORITE THING" FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE - \$15 LIMIT

SCAN THE QR CODE OR SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE



EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A BRUNCH ITEM TO SHARE.

SEE LIST BELOW - BASED ON THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME.

Quiche - A thru C
Breakfast Casserole - D thru H
Pastries - H thru M
Cheese & Cracker Tray - M thru S
Fruit - T thru Z



CONNECT CARD

Welcome to New Life Church! We love welcoming and connecting with people from our community. If you are visiting with us today, please complete the top portion of this card so we can connect with you. You may place your card in the basket when exiting the worship service. Thank You!

How did you hear about us?

Friend/Family Friend/Family Name: Advertisement Other: Please circle: First Time Guest Returning Guest New Resident Would Like To Be Contacted Member Regular Attender **Contact Information** (Please Print - Thank You!) Name(s): Address: City, State & Zip: Phone: _____ Email: _____ **Family Information** (Please Print - Thank You!) Age Group (please circle): 13-18 19-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 65+ Category (please circle): Married Single Engaged Divorced Widowed Youth Children (names & ages): ___ I have a <u>PRAISE</u> that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply): Congregation Pastor Staff I have a PRAYER REQUEST that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply): Congregation I Would Like The Pastor To Contact Me

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty Come to the well that never runs dry Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge X2

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

King Of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

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Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Verse

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

<u>Verse</u>

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

Chorus X2

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! New Life Church November 19, 2023

Transformational Truth Through Tough Times!

God's Gymnasium 1 Timothy 4:1-11, The Message

4 ¹⁻⁵ The Spirit makes it clear that as time goes on, some are going to give up on the faith and chase after demonic illusions put forth by professional liars. These liars have lied so well and for so long that they've lost their capacity for truth. They will tell you not to get married. They'll tell you not to eat this or that food—perfectly good food God created to be eaten heartily and with thanksgiving by believers who know better! Everything God created is good, and to be received with thanks. Nothing is to be sneered at and thrown out. God's Word and our prayers make every item in creation holy.

⁶⁻¹⁰ You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the followers of Jesus there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus. Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. *Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever.* You can count on this. Take it to heart. This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.

• How Will Your Worship Experiences Inspire Thanksgiving On Thursday?

* Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. *Colossians 3:16, NLT*

• How Will Your Fellowship Experiences Inspire Thanksgiving On Thursday?

* Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! *Romans 12:9-16, NLT*

¹¹ Get the word out. Teach all these things.

• How Will Your Discipleship Experiences Inspire Thanksgiving On Thursday?

* ²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. *1 Corinthians 9:24-27, NLT*

How Will Your Ministry Experiences Inspire Thanksgiving On Thursday?

* ⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. *Romans 12:6-8, NLT*

• How Will Your Salvation Experience Inspire Thanksgiving On Thursday?

* ¹¹ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶ He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." *Luke 17:11-19, NLT*

NLC's 2023 Verse