



WELCOME
January
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**Jim Bateman,
Guest Speaker**

January 7, 2024

Having just celebrated their 18th anniversary, Jim and his wife Wanda live in nearby Lewisberry. Recently, Jim served as summer chaplain at Gifford Pinchot State Park, where he visited campers one on one on as well arranged and preached the Sunday service. Stop by the West Shore Theater where you might find Jim volunteering in the ticket booth. Additionally, he serves as a volunteer under Christian Churches United (CCU) in ministering to the homeless in Harrisburg and teaching/preaching prisoners on Sunday afternoons, who are in Dauphin County's work release program. As part of Jim's sports passion, he officiates both high school football and lacrosse, so don't yell at him! His intellectual pursuits involve studying the Bible; he is now entering his 4th year attending classes at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, where his wife is now also attending.

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: _____

Website 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): _____

-----FOLD HERE AND PLACE IN BASKET-----

I have a **PRAISE** 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 Pastor Staff

I Would Like The Pastor To Contact Me

Glorious Day

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glo-
ry
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Bridge X4

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher

Chorus X2

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

I Stand Amazed In The Presence

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

How marvelous How wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden
He prayed Not my will but thine
He had no tears for his own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

Chorus

How marvelous How wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

How marvelous How wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 4

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Chorus X2

How marvelous How wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge X2

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus X2

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Tag

I will sing of the goodness of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

New Life Church

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“BE THE BODY”
James Bateman, Guest Speaker

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24-25). NIV

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts (Col 3:16) NIV.

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up (1 Cor 14:26) NIV.

“BE THE BODY”

I. New Year/New Habit

Habit 1: Take Initiative:/"Get up, get out and get to church"

Habit 3: Prioritize Important Over Urgent/Charge the battery (**Mt 6:33**)

Habit 4: Seek Mutual Benefits/Love one another and fulfill the law of Christ
(Jn 14:34-35)

Habit 5: Listen to Understand the Other 1st /Be quick to listen & slow to speak
(Jas 1:19)

Habit 6: Collaborate to Create Possibilities/Believers sell their possessions
(Ac 4:32-37)

II. Isolation as result of the pandemic

A. Birth of Zoom

1. 65% of regular in-person church-goers report being "connected."
2. Only 22% of virtual viewers feel connected to other worshippers.

B. Hard to be the body of Christ on line.

1. Nationally, In-person attendance has declined.
2. On-line viewership initially surged yet has now declined.

III. Global News, Inc. labeled loneliness as a "health crisis."

- A. US Surgeon General's report calls loneliness a "national pandemic."
- B. Physical result- heart disease, stroke, dementia & pre-mature death
- C. Psychological result - increased risk of depression and anxiety

IV. Reasons why people select a certain church

- A. Preaching
- B. Friendliness
- C. Family and friends already
- D. Billy Graham's survey – because someone asked them.
- E. Drawbacks and benefits of zoom

V. Condition of the early church

- A. Met in private homes
- B. The Hebrew audience: primarily converted Jews w/ their laws.
- C. The Gentiles in Corinth and Colossae had their pagan gods.
- D. Reasons for 1st century church growth

VI. Condition of New Life Church

- A. Exemplary missionary support
- B. Growing youth ministry
- C. Community of Faithful Praying believers
- D. New Life attendance trend since pandemic

VI. FOCUS OF WORSHIP IS ON OUR CREATOR AND SAVIOR

A. GOD IS SPIRIT, AND HIS WORSHIPERS MUST WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH." (JN 4:24) NIV.

B. What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up (1 Cor 14:26) NIV.

- C. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts (Col 3:16) NIV

VIII. Hebrews 10:25 speaks of ENCOURAGING(NIV)/EXHORTING (NKJV) (*παρακαλομντες*) 43x carries a sense of "beseech"

- A. The most frequent word translated *parakeleo*, means to come to one's side," "to all to one's aid, Consolation or comfort" (23x) (Gal 6:2, Jas 1:19)

Suggested verbiage: "How are things going with you?"

- B. Word *ἐπιστήμων* used as in "encourage/exhort" (23x) as in Heb 3:12-13

If there is a problem, God should be part of the solution.

This is where we encourage a course of action: "Keep the faith or keep up the good work" or "Let's pray about this."

- C. Instruct (2 Tim 3:16a) All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...."

"God has taught me."

- D. How can we apply these lessons today?

A. Zoom in on Zoom

1. Challenge for virtual viewers to reach in
2. Challenge of NLF members to reach out

B. Change the definition of a regular attender to a committed attender (more than 1-2 a month).

C. Come to church looking to give rather than get – to encourage those whom God brings across your path.

NLC's verse for 2024

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 1:16, NKJV