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The Rock

WELCOME!

New Life Church

December 1, 2024

New Life Church Welcomes Our Guests Today!

New Life Church is a friendly community Where Jesus and His Word are Exalted! It is a real blessing to have you visiting with us today. We love welcoming and connecting with people in our community.

If you and/or your family are first-time guests at New Life Church, please complete the attached Connect Card. Each first-time guest family that completes and submits the Connect Card will receive a Gift Bag from our NLC Family.

Visit the Welcome Table following the worship service to submit your Connect Card and receive your Gift Bag. Members of the Welcome Team will be available to answer any questions you may have about New Life Church.

*Our NLC family looks forward to meeting you
and getting to know you!*



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. If you are a First-Time Guest, following the worship service bring your completed Connect Card to the Welcome Table to receive a Gift Bag for your family. Thank You!

How did you hear about New Life Church?

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): _____

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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

Praying For Our Pastor Search

Thank you for taking the time to use this prayer guide. We know this is a time of great importance in our church's history and praying is the most important thing all of us can do. We have been given the opportunity to seek God's face and ask for His wisdom in determining whom He is calling to be the next Pastor at New Life Church.

As we go through this process, we will be providing a monthly prayer guide. What is important is your time with the Lord. It does not matter what it looks like, when you do it, or where you meet with Him. It just matters that at some point everyday, you pray.

The goal of our times of prayer is to seek God's direction and wisdom in a unified effort. Each day, you will find a specific prayer request. Praying as a congregation will keep us focused and unified as we grow individually in our intimacy with Christ. As we pray for the church, the next pastor, and the Pastor Search Team, we also encourage you to ask God to clearly reveal His vision and next steps for your life and the ministry He wants to use you in. Through this, we hope you will be able to see what He sees, go where He is leading, and join Him where He is working.

Also, we encourage you to team up with your family, a small group, or a few friends to join you in this journey. It will be beautiful to experience these months of prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our hope that those of you who have children will involve them in this prayer process as well. If our children can understand the power of prayer in their lives now, it will have a lasting effect on their lives as adults.

Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's will. James 5:16 states, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." With this in mind, we need to be right with God and come to Him with a clean conscience so that our prayers are not hindered. Begin your prayer time with praise, gratitude, and confession.

Buckle up! God, get us ready to do what only You can do.

Kirk Zuercher
Prayer Coordinator

December 2024

Search Team & Church Leadership

Pastor Search Team Members: Jeff Lundeen, Kirk Zuercher, Pam Conrad, Dan Davis, Rachel Maurer, Sarah Samek, Phil Strayer

Dec 1 – Pray that each member of the search team will experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Pray this for each member by name.

Dec 2 – Pray for the search team as they meet again tonight at the church. Pray that their commitment to the task at hand will stay strong as they accomplish each of their responsibilities.

Dec 3 – Pray that God will fill each team member with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Dec 4 – Pray that each team member, Deacon, and Elder will experience God's strength today in all that they do.

Dec 5 – Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the search team.

Dec 6 – Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. Pray for God's protection around the search team and their families.

Dec 7 – Pray that the search team will work together in a way that demonstrates love and honors all of the members' input.

Pastor Ronnie & Beverly

Dec 8 – Pray for Pastor Ronnie and our church today as we celebrate 49 years of faithful ministry here at New Life.

Dec 9 – Pray for wisdom for Pastor Ronnie as he strives to focus in on our Scripture verse for 2025.

Dec 10 – Pray for Pastor Ronnie as he studies and prepares his sermon series in 1 and 2 Peter over the coming months.

Dec 11 – Pray for Pastor Ronnie & Beverly as they walk down this road of transition. Pray for God's perfect timing for them and New Life.

Dec 12 – Pastor Ronnie & Beverly have been very faithful in their shepherding of New Life. Pray for them as they finish strong in that role over the next year.

Dec 13 – Pray for Pastor Ronnie & Beverly as they seek what God has for them in their next chapter of life. Pray that their marriage will remain strong and they will communicate well with each other in the hallway of life that they are in.

Dec 14 – Pray for Pastor Ronnie & Beverly to have the peace that passes all understanding when it comes to opening up the next chapter of life for them and for New Life.

Church Family

Dec 15 – Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor.

Dec 16 – What thoughts, feelings, hopes, joys, or anxieties are you experiencing during this time? Lay those at the feet of Jesus. Pray that others in our church will do that too.

Dec 17 – Pray for a powerful move of congregational renewal and that we will always be the church God has called us to be. It is all about Him and not about us.

Dec 18 – How is God inviting you to join Him in the work He is doing through the church? What changes might come by saying “yes” to the invitation? Lay these things at His feet and commit to do whatever He calls you to do.

Dec 19 – Pray for strong consistency and focus on the ministries of our church. Pray that there will be a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for our next senior pastor.

Dec 20 – Pray that God will protect us from any spirit of being lukewarm. Pray that God will remind us that we serve Jesus and not a pastor.

Dec 21 – What will you resolve to do and who will you resolve to become during this season? Ask God to bring these things about in your life.

Future Pastor & His Family

Dec 22 – Pray that God would increase our next pastor’s passion for preaching the Word of God and he would boldly proclaim the truth.

Dec 23 – Pray that the Lord will continue to use our next pastor where he is as he honors the Lord by proclaiming His Word and faithfully serving in his present ministry.

Dec 24 – Pray for our congregation as we come together for our Christmas Eve service tonight.

Dec 25 – It is Christmas Day. Let’s take time to praise God for who He is as He is the Light of the World.

Dec 26 – Pray for our next pastor’s family. Of course, the new pastor may be married or single, may have children or not. God knows all that. Pray that God would give this family strength as they continue to minister where they are.

Dec 27 – Pray that our next pastor will always see God’s strength in his weakness. Pray that he will be faithful in prayer.

Dec 28 – Pray that God will prepare our next pastor to always have great zeal and passion for serving the Lord in his ministry, where he currently serves and when he comes to serve at New Life.

Dec 29 – Pray that God would protect our future pastor and his family from the evil one.

Dec 30 – We know that the Lord already knows who our next Senior pastor will be. Pray that God will continue to give us all wisdom as we walk down this road together.

Dec 31 – It is New Year’s Eve. Pray that our search team, church leadership, congregation, Pastor Ronnie & Beverly, and our next pastor and his family will seek Him more than ever before as we bring in a new year.



Dear New Life Family,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the arrival of a new year, many of you in our NLC family seek areas to give a designated year-end gift. Knowing this desire of our people, we would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider a 2024 Year-end Gift toward our mortgage.

Currently, the FLMC (Family Life Ministry Center) mortgage principal balance is approximately \$130,000. We were able to pay down the mortgage around \$40,000 this past year. We would like to have a concentrated effort now through the end of the year toward paying off the mortgage.

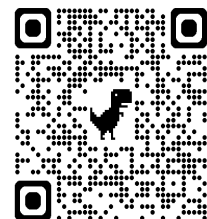
This effort for our 2024 year-end giving campaign will give us a strong continuation on paying off the mortgage. This effort began in 2022 and will be conducted through 2025. You are probably asking why through 2025? Well, in December of 2025 our NLC family will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our church. What a blessing it would be to celebrate this milestone by having our mortgage paid in full so that we are debt free on or before the 50th anniversary celebration.

*For your check or cash year-end donation to be valid for 2024 tax purposes, your donation must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2024. Be sure to mark your donation with the designation "Mortgage Payoff" so that your donation is credited to the correct church account. This is not the same account as the Building Fund printed on the offering envelope. These donations go into the "Building Improvements" account. **In order to give towards the mortgage with an offering envelope, just choose the "Other" line and write "Mortgage Payoff".***

You may also give online. For tax purposes, your online donation must be completed by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2024. Choose the "Mortgage Payoff" option to make your donation by clicking on the link in the main email body or scan the QR Code below.

Should you have any questions about your 2024 year-end giving donation, contact NLC's treasurer Ben Mathew or one of the elders, Jeff Lundeen or Kirk Zuercher.

*Because of Him,
Pastor Ronnie, Jeff Lundeen, & Kirk Zuercher*





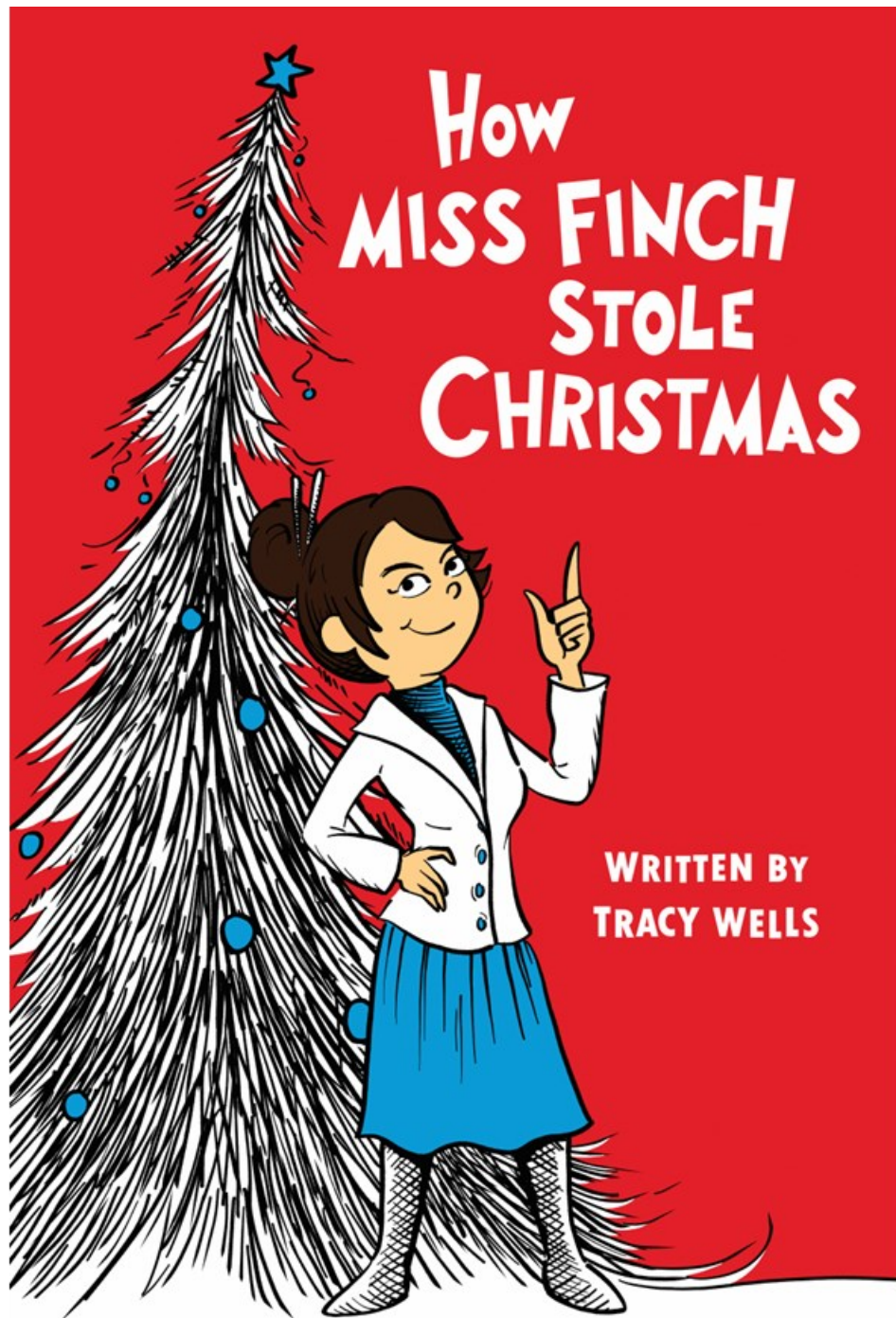
*Women's
Annual*
Christmas
*Gift
Exchange*

Saturday, December 7th
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Bring a gift valued at no more than \$15 to exchange.
The gift theme is to bring something that was introduced to you this year that you have fallen in love with and has become a new favorite thing.

Breakfast foods will be provided,
so come ready to relax and fellowship with each other.

**RSVP at the Welcome Table or
by texting Mandy Davis at 570-885-2509**



**PRESENTED BY THE NLC
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 am

NOTE: This will be an In-Person service only

SAVE-THE-DATES

Youth Group



YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & COOKIES

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
6 - 10 PM

An illustration of a winter village with colorful houses, snow-covered roofs, and a church steeple, set against a dark blue night sky with falling snow.



28 families got together for a fun-filled evening playing a variety of games
with their Nerf Blasters!

The games were followed by fellowship and nachos.

Thank you to those who came out for this blast!

To see all of the fun-filled photos, scan the QR Code.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

December 1, 2024

LEAVING A LIVING LEGACY (10 Legacy Leaving Rock-Solid Convictions)

2 Peter Blueprint Part 2

5 Convictions in 1 Peter
Blueprint Part 1

Conviction 1 - Jesus Is Always Enough - 1:1-12

**Conviction 2 - Pursue Purity - Personally And In Relationship With Others -
1:13-2:10**

Conviction 3 - Build Good Relationships - 2:11-3:12

Conviction 4 - Do The Right Thing - 3:13-4:19

Conviction 5 - Be Steadfast - 5:1-14

5 Convictions in 2 Peter
Blueprint Part 2

Conviction 6 - Trusting Jesus - 1:1-15

◇ When Have you experienced the sufficiency of Jesus?

◇ How can you communicate this conviction as part of your Christian legacy?

Conviction 7 - Trusting The Word Of God - 1:16-21; 3:15-16

- ◇ Do you have any reservations with the statement that the Bible is the Word of God?
- ◇ What crucial areas of obedience to Scripture must you resolve to leave as a positive legacy impacting the future generations of your family?

Conviction 8 - Confronting Lies With Truth - 2:1-22

- ◇ Why is confronting false teachers (doctrine) difficult?
- ◇ How can you gain more conviction and courage for this responsibility?

Conviction 9 - Anticipating The Lord's Return - 3:1-13

- ◇ How often do you really think about the return of Jesus? Why?
- ◇ How can you communicate this conviction as part of your Christian legacy?

Conviction 10 - Giving All The Glory To Jesus - 3:14-18

- ◇ As your life is unfolding, how has Jesus become more prominent in your life?
- ◇ How can you bring more attention to Jesus in the legacy you are leaving?