

March 16, 2025



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 NCC family looks forward to meeting you and getting to know you!



CONNECT CARD

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How did you hear about New Life Church?

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have a <u>PRAYER REQUEST</u> that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply): Congregation Pastor Staff
I Would Like The Pastor To Contact M

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

March 2025

Search Team & Church Leadership

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

- **March 1** Pray that the search team and church leadership will have genuine love for each other and for our church family.
- **March 2** It's Sunday! Pray for our church family to demonstrate love for each other in every moment.
- **March 3** Pray for the search team and church leadership to be unified in every step and to totally rely on God's Word.
- **March 4** Pray for the search team to have wisdom to hear and obey God's voice in every instance.
- **March 5** Pray that the search team would find rest and be rejuvenated in the midst of added responsibilities and stress.
- **March 6** Pray that the search team and church leadership would have improved communication among each other and that it would carryover to the entire church family too.
- **March 7** Pray for the search team as they continue to have meetings to prepare for future interviews that will take place.

Pastor Ronnie & Beverly

- **March 8** Pray that Pastor Ronnie will continue to focus on the certainty of Scripture and prayer during these times that feel uncertain. Pray that this too would carryover to our entire church family.
- **March 9** It's Sunday! Pray for Pastor Ronnie today as he brings the next message in 1 Peter. May he preach God's Word with boldness and clarity.
- **March 10** Pray for the spiritual protection of Pastor Ronnie & Beverly as they navigate this unique period of time for them and our church family.
- **March 11** Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly will have the strength, perseverance, and energy that they need to lead our church family through this transition.
- **March 12** Pray that God's perfect love would cast out all fear for Pastor Ronnie & Beverly for the transition and the process we are working through with NL Moore & Associates.
- **March 13** Pray that Pastor Ronnie would have positive communication and strong relationships with the elders, deacons, staff, and the entire church family.
- **March 14** Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly would know how much we love them and are so thankful for the way God has used them in the past, how He is using them now, and how He will use them in the future. God is so good!

Church Family

March 15 - Pray that we would all exhibit a positive, hopeful, and encouraging attitude as we walk together through this transition.

March 16 - It's Sunday! Pray that we would worship God today with all of our hearts and worship Him in spirit and truth.

March 17 - Pray that we would all grant understanding and love for each other, church leadership, and our staff each and every day.

March 18 - Pray that a spirit of unity would be prevalent in our church family and church leadership during the coming months.

March 19 - Pray that we would all be quick to listen and slow to speak during times of frustration because those times are always around us.

March 20 - Pray for the spiritual protection of our church family. There is nothing Satan would like to see more than us being sidetracked by things that really do not matter.

March 21 - Pray that God would begin preparing all of us now to be open to the new leader that God has for us down the road.

Future Pastor & His Family

March 22 - God knows who our next pastor is. Pray that he will be in prayer and that he will be obedient to God as He leads the process with NL Moore & Associates.

March 23 - It's Sunday! Pray that our next pastor will have a genuine love for God's Word as he ministers today to the church family he is currently leading.

March 24 - Pray that our next pastor will fully rely on God's Word each and every day as he leads his family.

March 25 - As he begins to talk with NL Moore & Associates, pray that he will have all his questions answered and he will know how God may be leading him and his family.

March 26 - Pray for the spiritual protection of our next pastor and his family as they walk through this process with NL Moore and then with us.

March 27 - Pray that our next pastor would have an open heart, mind, eyes, and ears to see and hear God's call as He leads.

March 28 - Pray that our next pastor will get the support and affirmation that he will need to continue on in each step of the way during this process.

NL Moore & Associates

March 29 - Now that God has directed the formation of the Opportunity Profile, pray for our search consultants as they share that with prospective candidates. May God lead them to the pastors that need to be on our short list.

March 30 - Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them through this entire process.

March 31 - Pray that they will trust that God will superintend each step in the process.

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY UPDATES

Hoagland, Ed & Annita - Mexico City, Mexico

"God continues to bless our efforts in sharing the gospel with more and more people every week. The Holy Spirit is working in the lives of some and they're white unto the harvest, and others are not. But we want to keep going forward in sharing with all who will listen." Some highlights from the past few weeks: 1) The evangelistic team visited 2 hospitals and won 5 souls for Christ. 2) The following day, 4 were saved at their Sunday services. 3) The Manna from Heaven Team visited another migrant camp where they served 142 plates of food, preached the gospel and saw 13 more call on Jesus to be saved. 4) Another Saturday at 2 hospitals, the evangelistic team "won another 10 souls for the Lord. So thankful for all that God is doing. It's a great time to serve Jesus in Mexico City." 5) The Manna team "went back to a migrant camp in Mexico City and gave out 161 plates of food, preached the gospel and saw 18 people receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They have also started a discipleship program with 6 of the people there. These are people from all over the world trying to get into the USA. While they're in our backyard, we want to take advantage of this opportunity to give them the Good News of Jesus Christ." 6) 21 churches showed up for the evangelistic youth camp meeting and 53 buses have been assigned. There are still 49 buses available. "Please pray that God will help us do something BIG and out of our control this summer." 7) The Manna team returned to a migrant camp and served 153 plates of food and saw another 12 make a profession of faith. "We're seeing more and more of them returning to their homeland, but while they're still here, we want to continue to share with them the Good News." 8) The Manna Mania Team went to San Miguel Ameyalco and presented the gospel to about 85 people at a public park (with government permission) and saw 13 call on Jesus to be saved. "We have a Bible study out there and hope to establish a new church in that community in the near future. Now let's see what God does today. Thanks for your prayers. God bless."

Parschauer, Bob & Mary Anne - Word of Life European Representative

Bob & Mary Anne share about a very busy 2-1/2 weeks in January that were very rewarding. The Valentukoniai family from Lithuania were their guests. "We were playing gramps & grandma again after so many years of grownup grandkids." Arnas is the new coordinator for Lithuania. They ministered in 8 different church services and met with 6 different small groups. "God did a work in the hearts of many of the folks that we met and at least \$300 of personal support was raised for them, along with about \$6,000 for ministry expenses with the possibility of another \$5,000 for camp scholarships for needy campers next summer. We praise God that we could introduce this family to so many of our friends during this time and ask that you pray for them now that they are back in their home county. Praise the Lord for what He has done!" A wonderful camp season with 330 campers and volunteers from Czechia and other countries. "Praise the Lord for the many salvation and dedication decisions." In Portugal, the staff was able to take time to slow down and focus on their individual walk with Jesus at their staff retreat. Dadcamp 2024 was a time for fathers to build into their children. Many families were blessed and many doors were opened. "Strengthening the bond between fathers and children is so urgent in this generation." In Hungary 52 students graduated from Bible School. "Think of where God will lead and use them in His work around the world!" They are praying for 1,000 campers this summer. In Poland winter camp began with 70 campers, half of which are unsaved. 12 are from an orphanage. The foundation has been poured for their 400 seat multipurpose room. "We thank all of you dearly for your investment in this next step for our Youth Ministry Center." In <u>Germany</u> Alex is now the co-director of WDL Germany. "I remember him as a quiet student at our Bible Institute in Schoon Lake, NY. God was preparing him for a ministry that would reach the hearts of thousands of boys and girls for Christ." In Serbia over 50 young souls gathered for a youth conference. The day was filled with teaching, fellowship and encouragement. "God worked through this event." The Parschauers end with "These past few months have been filled with family gatherings, telephone calls, meetings and also a few doctor's appointments, but we are so grateful for the health that God has given us as we continue to serve with our staff in Europe and Kenya, East Africa. Thank you so much for being partners with us with your prayers and financial support."

Lorow, Ken & Eileen - ABWE Director of Prefield Ministries

Ken & Eileen begin with "we're so grateful for the ways God continues to show up in the midst of it all." They had a "fantastic time at the counseling training. It's always such a blessing to learn, grow, and connect with others who share a heart for God's Word. After that, we made a quick trip to Michigan for a family wedding—a sweet time to laugh, celebrate and enjoy being with loved ones."

Lorow continued

Spring training brings excitement of a new season. "We plan, prepare, and trust God, yet He often leads in ways we didn't expect." The Lorows had one of these moments, "a reminder that life and ministry are full of highs and lows. Even when the path is uncertain, we can trust the One who guides our steps." Ken & Eileen had a great weekend at DEMO with 67 guests in attendance. "It was exciting to see so many people engaging with missions, asking thoughtful questions, and considering their next steps. We are grateful for how God is working." Ken wants to give everyone a heads-up to save the date for the 20th Annual ABWE Golf Scramble on Friday, July 25th at Hickory Heights Golf Club. To participate, contact Ken for more information at ken.lorow@abwe.org.

Hawes, Tim & Leandra—Papua New Guinea

The Hawes praise God for meeting their goal of 5k in five days in 2023 and 2024. Their new goal for 2025 is five provinces. They are now trying to have Bible Clubs spread across five provinces this year. "Praise God, we officially launched the new Bible Club organization called Christian Citizenship Inc. with its own local board. God blessed us with six godly and highly skilled local men to lead the ministry. Our mission verse is 2 Timothy 3:15..." God has allowed them to train about 500 pastors and Christians as Bible club leaders and teachers. The gospel has been shared with about 300 public school teachers through evangelist teacher in-services. Tim & Leandra have been encouraged by the growth of the youth at Sagifa Bible Baptist Church reading their Bibles and growing in their prayer life. One young man from the church is attending GBBC this year. Pray for GBBC as they start up a new school year and for those taking over Tim's responsibilities as he is full-time with the Bible Clubs. "Please pray Tim can finish his doctorate this year. He is getting close, but it depends partly on what his professors decided. Praise God that our unspoken request has been answered. Thank you so much for your earnest prayers."

Strayer, Hannah - Togo, Africa

Hannah begins by sharing how we remember stories better than other information that we process. Over the last 24-36 hours you heard a story. Maybe a co-worker telling you about their weekend, a child recounting their school day, a spouse reenacting something that happened on the drive home. This week their team will be in a classroom in Spain preparing to meet the person whose story they will tell next. The 9 participants will create a short video that shares a beautiful and powerful story in just 1 week. "I have read the notes for the stories and am looking forward to seeing how God uses every player in the workshop - staff, participant, and interviewee - to magnify His name. Hannah asks that we pray for the team as they meet new friends, learn new things, teach familiar things, experience a new culture, work through an unfamiliar language, and better learn how to share the beautiful stories of God's work around the world. Hannah praises God for opportunities to share His work and people who want to learn better how to use their skills to serve the Lord. Hannah's prayer requests are for travel safeties and she does not yet have her residency card and her visa will expire in April.

Beard, Sam & Megan - Jeju Island, South Korea

The Beards share about the exciting growth over the last 4 months as their congregation voted on 5 new men to serve as leaders at Nations Baptist Church. 1) Jeremy & Elsbeth (USA) have served as missionaries in Korea for several years and relocated to Jeju. After visiting Nations, they felt God was leading them to join with us. They have already a huge encouragement and bring spiritual maturity and a gift of hospitality to our young congregation. 2) Kevin & Sean (Philippines) were part of the launch team for Nations' second location last year and have grown steadily since Kevin's baptism in 2022. Kevin now hosts a men's Bible study at his home. 3) Marcelo & Deborah (Brazil) have been attending Nations for 18 months and both serve faithfully: Deborah in Nations Kids and Marcelo with the tech/sound ministry. Marcelo is still learning to communicate in English, but he is a constant source of joy in our congregation. 4) Darius (Canada) & Monica (Korea) have been married for 6 months. Both came to Jeju as Bible institute students and have stayed as ministry leaders. They have been faithful to teach, lead, and serve and have been part of the leadership team at Nations' second location. They feel called to missions and are excited to learn about church planting at Nations. 5) Mike & Melanie (Megan's sister and brother-in-law) have been the main leaders of the church's second location since its launch last Easter. Melanie serves with the tech ministry and Mike is a vital part of the preaching and teaching team. "Please join us in celebrating our church body's acknowledgement of the spiritual maturity of these men and their families. We are excited to

Beard continued

Have leadership that reflects our name and our congregation, as six different nationalities are now represented on our leadership team! Pray for these men to continue growing in grace, wisdom, and love as they step into new roles of leadership and service within the body of Christ at Nations Baptist Church! Thank you for your partnership to engage the nations with the gospel from Jeju!"

Custodio, Maicon & Leticia - Word of Life Spain

The Custodios begin by sharing their family's verse for 2025: '2 Corinthians 5:6-7, which in short says: "we live confidently always...because we walk by faith and not by sight." What a challenge it is to live confidently when everything seems to be falling apart around us. During this year, may we keep our eyes fixed on the Author and Finisher of faith, who has all things under His control. May this verse be a reality in our lives this year!' Next they share about Snow Camp 2025. Every February, young people and teenagers from different regions of Spain have an incredible weekend in the mountains. Snow Camp aims to provide young people an unforgettable weekend where they can relax, have fun, meet friends, make new friends, but above all, recharge their spiritual batteries to face the adversities of everyday life. Last year they didn't have snow, but this year God blessed them with snow on both weekends of Snow Camp. The second weekend was a bit different with an "unlit but very special meeting with acapella songs around the fireplace (because a hunter shot at the power lines and left 3 villages without electricity for many hours). What made the second weekend of Snow Camp even more special was the presence of teenagers from the UK and Portugal. Many teenagers, both on the first and second weekends, were attending a Word of Life camp for the first time. ... It is a joy to be able to serve our youth, and to provide them a place where they can have a special encounter with the Lord. Thank you so much for your prayers and support! You are part of this ministry and an instrument of the Lord in reaching this generation for Christ!" Eternity 5 Million (E5M) is an ambitious global evangelism initiative by WOL, which aims to share the lifechanging message of Jesus Christ with 5 million people by April 2025. WOL Spain aims to reach 15,000 people with the Gospel of Christ in April. Their "aim is to challenge every church and youth group, which we have contact with, to take part in this project with us. ... Our wish and prayer is that E5M will be more than a project, more than an event, we want it to be an awakening to evangelism. May we naturally be ambassadors of the good news in our daily lives! Pray for the month of April! Pray for God's people to be brave! Pray for fertile hearts that receive the Word of God and bear fruit!"

Litson, Matt & Sarah - New Brunswick, French Canada

The Litson begin with "We really could not have asked for a better start to the year. The Lord continues to bring in new visitors and what a blessing to see those visitors return until they begin to feel like part of the church family. I am grateful that the Lord allows us to be a place for the hurting, not only for the lost but for those that have been out of church for one reason or another and see the church here as a place to get right with the Lord and begin to heal. It's even better to see some of the newer Christians in the group be able to help and encourage these new folks. Even though we've been in Edmundston for nearly 14 years, we are very much so considered outsiders and our understanding of people's families and history is still quite limited. We are so encouraged to see some of the younger Christians who have been here their whole life use their knowledge and understanding of the region to reach out and be able to use that "gift" when visitors come through the doors. We have prayed long and hard for these types of helpers in the ministry here." Matt & Sarah ask that we pray for a lady who has been attending since just after Christmas. She must hide coming to church to avoid problems at home. She recently accepted Christ and wants to be baptized. They are praying for a change at home so that her baptism doesn't cause much turmoil. Please pray for the families of a police officer and a fireman. They have seen many traumatic events over the years. A recent event is what brought their families together. After the event they suffered through, all four of them are looking to the Lord. "Please pray we will be able to help and encourage them and that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts." Matt & Sarah also ask that we pray for their family as they will be making a quick trip to see Matt's mother the first part of April. His mother was not able to visit in the fall due to health issues, so they are making the long drive to Tennessee for her birthday. This will be the first time in 20+ years they've been able to be with her on here birthday. "We would appreciate your prayers for her and for our trip. Thank you so very much for your faithfulness on our behalf!"

LAST CALL!

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO ORDER YOUR NLC GEAR!



The first ever NLC Gear Store is now open for orders!

Join your NLC Family by supporting this church-wide fundraiser with your order of NLC Gear!

For each item ordered, \$3.00 will be donated to the Mortgage Payoff!

The selection of available items is impressive! There is a variety of gear for the whole family.

Show your love for your local church by wearing your gear when you are out and about!

NLC gear can be conversation starters too!

NLC Gear will make great gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day and will help with some early Christmas shopping!

Please read the special information below before ordering:

- 1. The NLC Store opened Friday, February 28th.
- 2. The NLC Store *closes* on March 16th.
- 3. All items are paid for at the time of ordering online.
- 4. Orders are pick-up only at the church. Pick-up days & times are:
 - A. Sunday, April 13th 10 to 10:25 am and following the worship service.
 - B. Wednesday evening, April 16th from 6:45 to 8:15 pm.
- 5. <u>Be sure that your order is accurate.</u> All orders are special orders, so refunds and/or exchanges are not available on any order.



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everyone is invited to
The Gathering Place
for refreshments
and fellowship.





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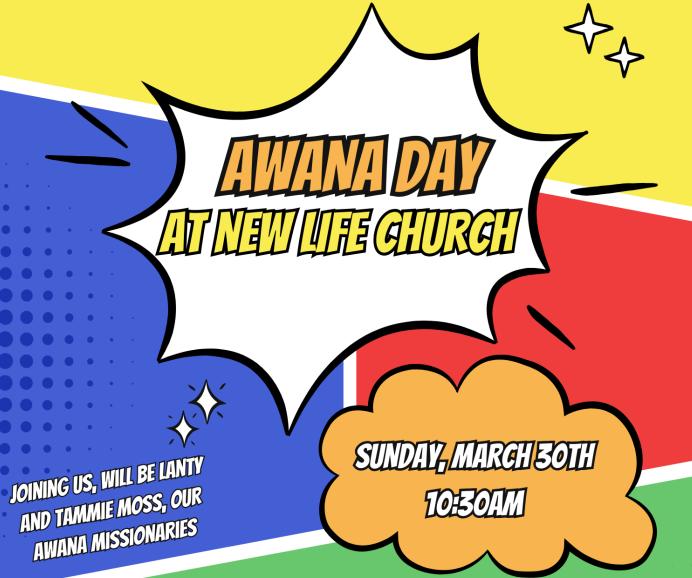
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Glorious Day

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 And Thou with me Lord 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 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy But chains break at the weight of Your glory 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 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

Verse 4

High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Great Are You Lord

Verse

You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

<u>Verse</u>

You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus X2

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge X3

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord

Chorus X2

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

Cornerstone

Verse 1 X2

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! March 16, 2025

Peter! - The Rock! Leaving A Living Legacy! 1 Peter

We Are Living Stones In The Same Building 1 Peter 2:4-8, NKJV

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

♦ Jesus Is The Living Stone Raised From The Dead To Victory! - Ephesians 2:19-22, NLT

¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

♦ Believers Are Living Stones Pulled From The Pit Of Sin And Placed Into The Palace Of God! - *Matthew 16:17, NLT* and *1 Corinthians 3:9-13, NLT*

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

⁹ For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. ¹⁰ Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹² Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

◆ The Bible Is Our Blueprint Promising Success In The Building Process! Matthew 7:24-29, NLT

²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

♦ Every Person Who Hears Is Faced With A Major Decision! - 1 Corinthians 1:18-21, NLT

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. ¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." ²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

The Solid Rock

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne