

March 23, 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

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

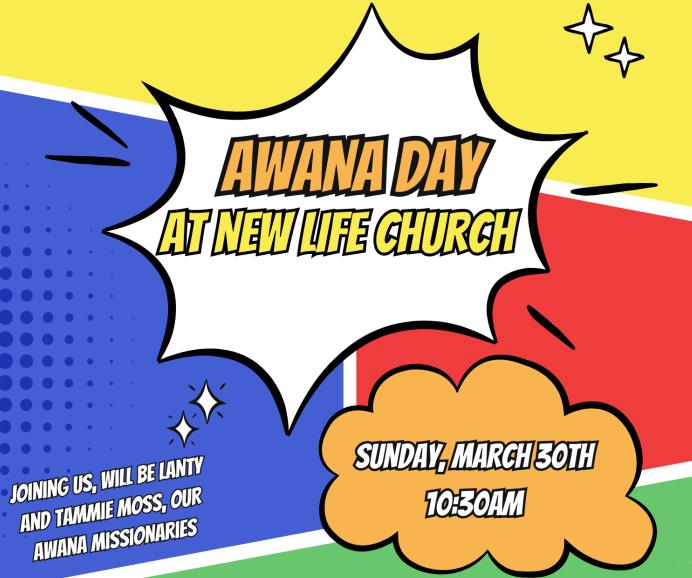
March 29 - Now that God has directed the formation of the Opportunity Profile, pray for our search consultants as they share that with prospective candidates. May God lead them to the pastors that need to be on our short list.

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.

WEINWIE YOU AND YOUR FAM

To a special service celebrating our Awana clubbers and leaders!









This Special Service Will Be An In-Person Service Only



Following the service, everyone is invited to

The Gathering Place for refreshments

and fellowship.





Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone I know He holds my life My future in His hand

Chorus X2

Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

Ending

Because He lives

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 X2

Praise the Father
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Before The Throne Of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Christ Be Magnified

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus

O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody And ev'ry human heart its native cry O then in one enraptured hymn of praise We'll sing Christ be magnified

Chorus

O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

Bridge 1

I won't bow to idols
I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too

I won't be formed by feelings
I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation
Then I'll be crucified with You
(You can hang me there with You)

Bridge 2

'Cause death is just the doorway Into resurrection life If I join You in Your suff'rings Then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory With all the angels and the saints My heart will still be singing My song will be the same

Chorus X2

O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! March 23, 2025

A Restless Evil, Full Of Deadly Poison? What Can it Be?

James 3:1-12, NIV

Kirk Zuercher

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

- Could Christians really have a problem with the way they use their tongue?
- James 3:2 ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.
 - Matthew 12:36-37, ESV ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."
 - The Christian who is Christian in their speech is fully pleasing to God.
 - Psalm 19:14, NKJV Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.
- Very small things can produce very significant results.
 - The tragic results of uncontrolled speech:
 - It destroys.
 - It corrupts our entire body Matthew 12:34-35, NIV ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.
 - It can turn our whole life into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.

- Cleanse the heart to control the tongue.
 - "Language is the expression of man's thoughts and a revelation as to whether he is dominated by self-will or by obedience to God's will." *Andrew McNab*
 - James 3:9-10, NIV ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.
 - Our uncontrolled speech just spoils our good speech. What is in our heart will just come out in our words and actions.
 - No man can tame his own tongue but God can do it.
 - Matthew 23:25-28, NKJV ²⁵ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. ²⁷ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.
 - "The tongue, unruly though it be, is caged in the mouth, and God can give grace to close the cage when it out to be closed!" A. F. Harper
- Five ways our tongue can be tamed (Article from Cornerstone Christian Counseling):
 - On a daily basis, dedicate our heart, mind, and tongue to the Lord. Heb 13:5, NIV
 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
 - Ask God to give us an awareness of our words.
 - Give up our "right" to complain.
 - Ask for forgiveness for any unloving words or attitudes.
 - SPEAK LIFE by speaking words that encourage, comfort, and inspire Eph 4:29, NIV
 ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is
 helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those
 who listen.

THINK

- Is it **T**RUE?
- Is it **H**ELPFUL?
- Is it **I**NSPIRING?
- Is it **N**ECESSARY?
- Is it KIND?