

NEW LIFE CHURCH



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

APRIL 7, 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!*





Confirmation of attendance is needed by Tuesday, April 23rd to have ample session materials available along with refreshments for everyone.

Attending the session does not commit you to membership, although the session is a prerequisite for membership at NLC.

For more information or to register, contact Ginger Wallace at gwallace@nlcfamily.org or text/call the church office at 717-938-4626. You may also register by scanning the QR code.



A YOUNG MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
for New Life's Junior & Senior High Guys

life together

Launching Sunday, April 7, 2024 / 6-8 PM / Only material needed is a notebook.
Samek Home, 517 Sandpiper Lane, New Cumberland, 17070



Join us for a time of spiritual growth as we read, discuss and apply *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

After his martyrdom at the hands of the Gestapo in 1945, Bonhoeffer continued his witness in the hearts of Christians around the world. His Letters and Papers from Prison became a prized testimony to Christian faith and courage, read by thousands.

In *Life Together*, Pastor Bonhoeffer discusses the experience of Christian community. This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters and is beneficial to us today in a world of increasing isolation and callousness, even within the church. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups through the role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.

SCAN ME



Scan to listen to a short summary of this book being used for discipling young people at a Christian college and how it has transformed their spiritual walk with the Lord and their relationship to others.

Let us know you're in by emailing: SarahASamek@gmail.com

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Sunday through the Spring! (Snacks & pingpong included.)

Although Vacation Bible School is just over 2 months away, preparations are already underway!

The VBS team is in need of a specific item to be used by the children for crafts.

Egg Cartons - 1 dozen size only - must be cardboard

All egg carton donations should be given to Amanda Geiman.

THANK YOU!



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)
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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

His Mercy Is More

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we
have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their
sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly
roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the
poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the
cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never af-
ford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus X2

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Just As I Am

Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come

Verse 2

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each
spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

Chorus

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise
God
Just as I am

Verse 3

Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come

Chorus X2

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Ending

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To God Be The Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

Verse 2

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

Verse 3

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Chorus X 2

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

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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

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April 7, 2024

"Who's Your Favorite?"

Kirk Zuercher

James 2:1-13, NIV

Favoritism Forbidden

² My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

1. **The Command** - *"My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism." James 2:1, NIV*

2. **What were the Christians that James wrote to thinking:**

- Fine clothes are marks of fine men while shabby clothes means shabby character.
- Wealth is a guide to the worth of a person.
- Financial standing should make a difference in acceptance in the church.
- Social and economic status are acceptable to Christ and appropriate in His church.

3. **A Truer Measurement** - "Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position But the rich should take pride in their humiliation." James 1:9-10, NIV

- It is never about how much stuff we have but whether the stuff has us or Jesus has us.
- Poor in faith is absolute poverty while rich in faith is absolute riches.
- ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, NIV

4. **The Royal Law** - 'If you truly keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.' James 2:8, NIV

- ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40, NIV
- God is after the heart. He wants all of us.
- Every violation of the will and ways of God is a big deal.

5. **The Law that Gives Freedom**

- Are any of us good enough to survive judgement based on both heart and actions?
- Where does freedom come in if we have an obligation to obey?
 - We must do His will.
 - We are able to do His will.
 - We get to do His will.

Final Thoughts

- Our love for God is always going to show up in how we treat others.
- It is more than just our external actions. It is a matter of the heart.
- Christ in us will change our words and actions. It is not just an obligation. It is also an opportunity.
- God's Word is not only authority and power...it is freedom.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24, NIV

CONNECT CARD

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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): _____

-----**-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
