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NEW LIFE CHURCH
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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): _____

-----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



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.



Dear New Life Church Family,

More than 30 years ago, God challenged our faith in Him as a church and we began supporting missionaries thru 'Faith Promise Giving'. You may not know what that is all about, so we have attached a document explaining it for you. If you have never joined in Faith Promise giving, we encourage you to pray about doing just that.

Currently, New Life financially supports 27 missionaries, plus 6 mission organizations every month. There are at least 25 different countries and people groups that are experiencing the love of Christ through these missionaries and organizations. Every month, we send over \$10,000 to these families and organizations to help enable them to reach the world with the gospel of Christ. God has really blessed us to be able to send out around \$120,000 each year. We want to do more though and that is where we need your help.

We are excited to announce that we will be having a missions emphasis weekend this year, May 4th and 5th. On Saturday night, May 4th, we are planning a dinner (catered by Mission BBQ) beginning at 6:00. More information about registering for this dinner will be coming out in a separate email. At this dinner, we will give you an update on the missionaries that we support and then will hear from one of our new missionary families, Ken & Eileen Lorow with ABWE. It will be a great evening together. On May 5th, Joanne Foltz will be with us and have time to share in the morning worship service.

How can we as a church grow our Faith Promise giving? It all starts with prayer. We begin by praying for our missionaries on a regular basis. We cannot imagine the challenges that they face day in and day out. As we are doing that, we then ask God to lead us in how we can help. As He leads, we need to be willing to obey. A commitment card is enclosed, and we ask everyone to complete it as God leads. Even if you already give to Faith Promise, we ask that you pray about what God may want to do through you this coming year. If you have never participated in Faith Promise before, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining in this work. We will be collecting these cards through May 26th and you can place them in the designated basket located on the Welcome Table.

How can God use you in reaching the nations for Him? He is working around the world and Faith Promise is one way that we can join Him in that work. All we ask is that you pray over this and then be obedient as He leads. God uses His church, and it is exciting to see how God changes lives around the world. Our missionaries are on the front lines, and they need our help and support. It is a joy to serve together in this way. God is so good!

In His Service,
NLC Missions Team

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

1. What is Faith Promise?

Faith Promise is a way of systematically supporting world evangelism efforts. Rather than waiting to respond to individual appeals as they come along, believers ask the Lord how much they should give to missions over the next year. They then commit to that annual total as a "Faith Promise." Faith Promise thus turns global missions giving into something strategic rather than something sporadic.

2. Is there a scriptural basis for Faith Promise missions giving?

Faith Promise giving makes us channels of blessing. In His covenant with Abraham, God said that through Abraham's descendants, "all peoples of the earth would be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) Faith Promise giving is a way of handing on the blessing.

- Faith Promise giving is more than one can afford (II Corinthians 8:2-3, II Corinthians 9:6-15)
- Faith Promise giving reflects our personal commitments (II Corinthians 8:5)
- Though Faith Promise giving is optional, it does clearly demonstrate our love (Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 6:38, Romans 12:9-10)

3. Who should give to Faith Promise?

Everyone! Children and youth may have less money than adults, but it's crucial to train them in systematic giving and faith living.

4. What's the relationship between Faith Promise and giving a tithe?

Faith Promise giving is over and above the tithe. Tithing is a clear scriptural principle, dating back to the earliest pages of Genesis. Tithing recognizes God's ownership over me and all that I have.

In practical terms, tithe money runs the local church and its ministries. Faith Promise is a way for us to give specifically in reaching the unreached of the world. Faith Promise giving tangibly expresses my desire that the whole world know the Good News.

5. How do I get the funds to fulfill my Faith Promise?

God may increase your income.
God may decrease your expenses.
God may lead you to sacrifice.

6. Do I give my Faith Promise before I get it?

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment. Promise only what you believe God wants to give through you. Then trust God to be faithful in this promise.

Your Faith Promise involvement says that you believe:

- World evangelism is vital to accomplishing the mission of the church
- The gospel can change lives
- Giving, although important, is secondary to faith and praying
- God will help supply the amount promised

FAITH PROMISE GIVING - continued

7. How do I decide how much my Faith Promise should be?

- Study the scriptures.
- Total up your giving to world evangelism for last year.
- Increase that total by a reasonable percentage.
- Divide the total by 52 or 26 or 12 (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly) according to your individual pay schedule.
- Prayerfully again consider the amount you can faithfully purpose to give. (II Corinthians 9:7). Do not be surprised at what God lays on your heart. Just be obedient.
- Fill out a Faith Promise Card, indicating your Faith and Promise.

8. How often do I give the money for my Faith Promise?

Give regularly if you can. Missionaries need regular support. Some Faith Promises, however, depend on annual, one-time income. These can be paid when those monies are received.

9. Is this a pledge and will I be notified of my progress?

This is a promise to God, not a pledge to the church. Your Faith Promise amount is between you and God. No one will notify you or keep track of your progress toward your commitment.

10. Who can make a Faith Promise?

Anyone who wants to trust God and who wants to be used of God to get the Good News to the unreached can make a Faith Promise commitment (Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:24-25). Youth and children are encouraged to participate in Faith Promise giving.

11. How long does my Faith Promise commitment last?

Generally, Faith Promise commitments are made once a year during missions emphasis Sundays or a missions conference. The weekly or monthly or annual commitments extend for one year from that time.

12. Is Faith Promise a pledge I commit to pay even if my income goes down during the year?

Faith Promises differ from other kinds of giving such as pledges. Pledges are largely horizontal since they are made to a church or some other worthy cause. Pledges are often the basis on which a church takes out a loan to do a construction project. Faith Promise giving is more vertical since it is made between the believer and the Lord.

13. What is the advantage of Faith Promise giving?

One major advantage in giving to missions on a per week or per month basis is that you can give far more to missions that way than you can by giving one or two big sacrificial gifts per year. (This has certainly been the experience at New Life Church.) Faith Promise enables you to give to missions in amounts that reflect what you'd like to do but probably could not in just one or two big annual offerings. Faith Promise enables you to reach out to the unreached on a regular basis (rather than just one or two special occasions during the year).

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!



Living Waters

Verse 1

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 4

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Ending

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Tag

A mighty fortress is our God
(His Kingdom is forever)
A might fortress is our God
(His Kingdom is forever)
His Kingdom is forever
His Kingdom is forever
His Kingdom is forever

Ending

If we in our strength confide
Our striving would be losing

Revelation Song

Verse 1 X2

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living
water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who
You are
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who
You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge X3

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Chorus X2

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Prom-
ise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who
You are
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Prom-
ise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who
You are

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

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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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

April 14, 2024

“Focusing on Jesus”

Ian Maurer

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸ Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. ⁹ For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily^[b] in Christ, ¹⁰ and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹ You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. ¹⁴ He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him. Colossians 2:6-15

Keep Your Focus on Jesus

Get Specific About What's Keeping You From Playing In the Game

Questions to Consider

-What would cause you to lose your focus on Jesus?

-What could cause you to think Jesus isn't enough?

-What could cause you to need something other than Jesus for fulfillment?