



April 27, 2025



NEW LIFE
CHURCH

Where Jesus & His Word are Exalted!

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

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY UPDATES

Lorow, Ken & Eileen - ABWE Director of Prefield Ministries

The Lorows have been busy since our last update. There were 2 conferences where Ken spoke on "How to be a Caring Church for Sent Missionaries" and "Servanthood in Missions". On March 24th, 18 new missionaries began their missionary orientation. The Lorows had "the privilege of serving as Emcees for the training, helping to guide the schedule and create a welcoming environment for these new workers. They also taught a session on support raising - sharing biblical principles, practical tools, and encouragement to help each missionary invite others to partner in their ministry. The encouragement Ken offered was "Use the time God has given you -right now." These new missionaries are already being used by God to shine His light to others—to churches, supporters, friends, and family watching their step of obedience. "And, that's a lesson for all of us. We don't need to wait for the 'perfect moment' to make an impact. Whatever season we're in, God can use us now. Our daily faithfulness, our obedience, our 'yes' matters—right where we are." Yesterday, Ken was in Montana to speak at ABWE's One Day Mission Emphasis. This special event is designed to help churches pause and refocus on God's heart for the nations. He shared a topic that is close to both Ken & Eileen's hearts: growing in how we send and sustain missionaries well. Their "desire is to see churches not only send missionaries out but walk with them faithfully through every season of ministry. They end with "As always, thank you for standing with us in prayer and partnership. We're so grateful for you!"

Rardin, Clint & Rhonda - Mexico City, Mexico

The Rardins share how God blessed their 6th anniversary banquet for the RU program. All 230+ persons who have attended RU at one time or another in the past 6 years were invited to attend. Eighty three came to the banquet where they "heard great testimonials of people whose lives have been transformed by Christ through the program. Since then, God has been sending people who did not even come to the banquet. The last 4 weeks, new students have come every week, and the number of students has grown from 27 to 48 (36 students, eight teens and four children)." Last October they lost about 70 people to the new church plant. This helped as their church was packed with no room left in the auditorium. Over 5 weeks, God has sent about 30 new adults, many from the surrounding neighborhood. These people have also invited others to attend. The Rardins now have a good problem - they are now beginning to experience problems with space in the auditorium again. The "drive-in crowd has gone from around 130 to 167. The buses are bring in between 42 to 52 riders." The Rardins end with "Thank you so much for your prayers. They have been used mightily to bring souls to our church and to see many souls saved."

Hoagland, Ed & Annita - BBF - Mexico City, Mexico

Ed begins their updates with "At 65, my body doesn't respond like it used to, but I can still will myself to get things done. And when what you do gives you satisfaction and you enjoy doing it, that make it even easier." On March 15th they celebrated the graduation of Juan for their Bible College. He was graduate #140. On March 20th, the Manna From Heaven Migrant team gave out 180 plates of hot food, cloths & shoes, preached the gospel, saw 18 souls call on Jesus as their personal Savior and continued with the discipleship of 6 people. On March 22nd, the evangelistic team went to an area hospital to pray for the sick, present the gospel, and saw 9 more people receive Jesus as Savior. The evangelist team is now looking for a new migrant camp to visit. While at the previous camp on a Thursday, "the city government took down their tents and moved them out of the city." While at the camp that day, 200 plates of food were served, clothing & shoes were distributed, the gospel was preached and 17 prayed the sinner's prayer. Another Saturday visit to 2 hospitals by the evangelistic team "saw another 19 receive the Messiah as their personal Savior." On Fri & Sat, March 28 & 29, they had 210 ladies show up for a seminar on "Women Discipling Women". It was a lot of work but such a blessing to many and we hope to see some results very soon. ... pray that we will see a multiplication of disciples and attendance in our churches in Mexico City. May this be the beginning of a spiritual movement of God in our country." On Thursday, April 17th, the Manna Migrant team gave out 140 plates of food, preached the gospel and saw 8 saved. At a special service that night there were over 130 people at their main church with another salvation decision. On Good Friday, the Manna Mania team went to the state of Morelos and did 2 presentations with a total of 23 salvation decisions. Easter Sunday at 6 am there were another 2 salvation decisions and 3 baptisms. The Hoaglands end with "So thankful for your prayers, your offerings and the fruit that our risen Savior continues to give us. God Bless."

Serino, Nick & Darianne - Independent Baptist Missionaries to the Alaskan Arctic

The Serinos begin by sharing a blessing that we may find hard to believe: "What a blessing to be in Pt Hope enjoying the sunny 18 below weather with just a gentle breeze. It's almost like being in Hawaii, well, 'almost!' Even so, they are excited to see the whaling crews preparing boats and equipment for the upcoming whaling season. They are praying for a safe and fruitful hunt. "Darianne and I are rejoicing with the birth of our **22nd grandchild**. On March 18th, Christian & Jade had their 3rd baby, a boy, Giovanni. Both Jade & baby are back in Pt Hope and healthy. God is so good!" Services have been doing well, especially in Sunday School and the Kings Kids program on Monday nights. "It is such a blessing to see their zeal to learn!" They are also seeing some new faces at church. "Please pray for more faithfulness in these people as they see their need to be in church but have a hard time being consistent." The update ends with "We cannot stop without saying how thankful we are to our Great God and You His servants who have been so faithful in prayer and giving over the last 42 years of Arctic Ministry. Through all the great victories and heartaches you have been there to rejoice and pray us through the challenges! We are so thank to God for you!"

Rizzo, Tony & Becky - Youth Action Ministries - Morton, PA

Tony begins with "Under the mission statement 'Missionaries to the Teens of America,' Tony and his team venture into inner cities, neighborhoods, and communities, sharing the gospel with young people and their families. Their work hasn't been easy-as Tony notes, 'How many people do you know are missionaries to the teens of America?'-but it has been tremendously fruitful. The ministry has seen over 57,000 young people and adults trust in the Lord as their personal Savior." The March Street Safety Zone at the 69th Street Terminal led to several deep conversations and counseling sessions. At the Kids Safety Zone, one of the highlights was that about a dozen students took the "Tony's Tales Bible Studies". The team was so excited to see their hungry desire for the Word of God. The "Youth Safety Zone had a tremendous impact in reaching many teenagers for the gospel's sake. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as we continue to reach out in the SW Philadelphia area." The Rizzos share about the 24-Month Ministry Impact Brief of Inner City Philadelphia Youth Evangelism (2023-2024) Executive Summary: "over the past 24 months, our youth evangelism ministry maintained consistent weekly outreaches across Inner City Philadelphia and the East Coast, conducting 64 events and traveling 40,000 miles to reach over 5,000 individuals with the Gospel Message." Changing Young Lives in Philadelphia's Inner City—"Every day, we witness something remarkable in the inner city of Philadelphia - teens and young people hungering for spiritual guidance and hope. These youth are searching for meaning in a world that often overlooks them, and we're blessed to meet them where they are with the Word of God. Youth Action Ministries is committed to reaching thousands of inner-city Philadelphia youth with a message of hope and purpose We provide Bible studies, mentorship, and safe spaces where young people can grow spiritually while developing live skills that will serve them for years. ... We're in a crucial battle for the hearts and minds of Philadelphia's youth. Your consistent monthly support provides financial resources and reminds our team that we have faithful partners praying and standing with us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering this investment in your lives. Your partnership helps ensure that the life-changing message of hope reaches those who need it most."

Barnum, Deb - ABWE - Bangladesh

In December 2023, Deb's visa application was denied. As a result, she had to resign from the IEF NGO (Non-Government Organization) in order to get an exit visa. She is in the process of shifting to ABWE's original NLG: the Association of Baptists (AOB). She will be serving with the same mission, teaching the same English as a Foreign Language classes, likely to many of the same people. Because of this move, Deb has to apply to AOB as a "new" person which makes the visa process move involved. She had hoped to return to Bangladesh in mid-February, but it wasn't the Lord's timing. Deb shared about a "big financial blessing: I was blessed to be a part of the 2024 Christmas Initiative fund raiser for Valley Point, my home church, along with 3 other missionaries/ministries. I shared about the needs of AOB's Literature Division, and how I am writing some easy-reader children's books I hope to see published (Projects must have funding before translation and printing work can begin.) The Initiative raised a staggeringly generous amount. My share, which all went to "Lit Div", was over \$33,000! To God be the glory. This will not only pay for the publishing of dozens of my little books, but also allows the purchase of Bible for Lit Div to sell, and even other translation projects." "Prayer support is even more important than financial support...I pray for all of you..."

Strayer, Hannah - ABWE - Togo

Hannah shares about Spain. "Spain's gospel famine is not an anomaly among European nations. James 2:18 can, sadly, be well affirmed here as we see people that may claim Christian values but do not practice or evidence them..." Joel & Magaly Villarroel are ABWE Live Global partners serving in El Campello, Spain. "Throughout their lives they have been invested in full-time ministry,, serving in 3 countries and planting over 20 churches. They understand spiritual need and now feel a deep call to remain in El Campello to train up a new generation of church planters and ministry minded servants. Joel & Magaly have seen God's hand in this ministry as He has brought a US church alongside them to enable them to continue their work. Other partners and churches through Live Global can also benefit from partnerships like this." Hannah's praises: 1) Her residency card finally arrived! 2) All traveling last month went well for Ariana, Liz and Hannah. 3) The workshop in Spain also went well. Stay tuned for stories! Prayer requests are: 1) For preparation for Juli's arrival and our South Africa project. 2) Other "final" projects before I leave on vacation/furlough in August/September.

Ivey, Mike & Jill - BBF - Northeast Asia

Mike & Jill share about how missionary life has some of the same steps (Surrender to Surplus), no matter who the missionary is or where they are called to. "Truthfully, it has been a few years, but the night Jill and I first arrived in Korea, there were 12 missionary families represented at the Seoul airport. I was stunned that they came, and we were amazed that we were suddenly incorporated into a big missionary family. Now, besides us, only one of those families is still in Korea, many have passed into glory, some serve with distinction in other ministries, and a few are now in retirement. I expected the "Surrender to Surplus" experiences, I didn't expect to be one of the last ones standing!" Over the decades, Mike had the privilege of working hand-in-hand with Dr. Kim, sometimes weekly. "There were periods of hardship, difficulty, and chaos when he became a fountain of comfort, encouragement, and wisdom. His passing into glory earlier this year was certainly not a surprise. What did surprise me was the great sense of loss I and so many others felt. Truly a giant of the faith has passed. Of course the ministry is never one man, but there are a pair of very large shoes beside the door waiting for someone to step into them. Would you pray with us for the next generation of laborers for the work?"

Hawes, Tim & Leandra - ABWE - Papua New Guinea

Tim & Leandra begin by sharing a praise: "Praise God, there are now 35 schools with over 10,000 students using the curriculum. We are so grateful to the Lord for the great army of Pastors, church members, and missionaries teaching over five provinces. Calls and requests continue to come from across the country, and doors are opening faster than we ever imagined. We rejoice in the men God has added to our Christian Citizenship board with their distinct gifts and abilities. In our last board meeting, they highlighted that it is of critical importance now that Tim starts training trainers for the Bible Clubs instead of teaching the training himself. Please pray as we have a couple of key leaders working on the preparation for us to start training trainers. Please also pray as we have submitted our curriculum to the Education Department for evaluation." They now have the funds for 25,387 Bibles out of the 32,000 Bibles needed to get the full container discount. "We are so deeply grateful for God's provision. The Bibles cost \$2.88 each, and we still need \$19,044.63." For the first time the Hawes will be conducting training off of the main island on one of the smaller islands. They are going as a family. The Hawes children only know the culture of the Highlands of PNG, so this will be a missions trip for them. They will also be traveling to a smaller island to conduct evangelistic and education training for public school teachers. Their letter ends with this: "Thank you so much for your earnest prayers for Tim's doctorate. By God's mercy, he passed his oral defense and is now finished. God's timing on this was perfect, as we now begin to train trainers for the Bible Clubs. We are so thankful to have more time together now that Tim's doctorate is done. I think Lydia and Levi were the happiest of us all. Thank you for being the best team of prayer warriors and supporters ever."

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS DINNER

Saturday, May 17th @ 6:00 pm
NLC's The Gathering Place
Catered by Mission BBQ
Register by May 8th



Scan the QR code or Sign-up
at the Welcome Table.

Guest Missionary Speakers:
Ella Ishler
Dan & Becky Bennett

April 2025

Search Team & Church Leadership

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

April 1 - Pray that the search team and church leadership will grow in trust, confidence, and unity.

April 2 - Pray that we would trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our human experience of understanding, but that we would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead us in the way we should go.

April 3 - Pray that the search team and church leadership would have clear direction for the future as we walk down this road of transition.

April 4 - Pray that the search team will have grace for the imperfections of the process.

April 5 - Pray that the search team and church leadership will have strength, energy, and encouragement in every step of this transition.

April 6 - It's Sunday! Pray for all of those serving today in various capacities and that they would serve as unto the Lord.

April 7 - Pray that the search team would have mutual respect for each other, support each other, and have positive communication each step of the way.

Pastor Ronnie & Beverly

April 8 - Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly will look to Jesus Christ for the source of security in the midst of uncertainty as they look to the future and life after serving as Pastor.

April 9 - Pray for Pastor Ronnie & Beverly as they sometimes meet with NL Moore for coaching on what lies ahead for them in this transition.

April 10 - Pray that Pastor Ronnie will be fully engaged in the work God has called him to and that he will finish strong and full of joy.

April 11 - Pray that Pastor Ronnie, Beverly, and their family will have the peace of God that passes all understanding as they walk down this uncertain road.

April 12 - Pray that Pastor Ronnie will continue to be a great support for Ginger, Amanda, Gordon, the elders and the deacons.

April 13 - It's Palm Sunday! Pray for Pastor Ronnie as he leads us into the Word of God today. Help us all to exclaim, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

April 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

April 15 - Pray that God would bind us together in perfect unity as only He can. May we truly love each other as God has called us to do.

April 16 - Pray that we would all have a heart to listen to God and to each other. May we be slow to speak and quick to listen. May God grant us the ability to tame our tongue and speak life through us.

April 17 - Pray that we would all look to Christ Jesus as the source of our security in the midst of uncertainty.

April 18 - Pray that we would all be able to release the outcome of this transition to God. We know that He is leading and that He is not finished with us yet.

April 19 - Pray that God's perfect love would cast out all fear that may arise from this transition and the process of bringing on the next Pastor.

April 20 - It's Easter Sunday! Pray that we would all come together to celebrate and worship the risen King. He is alive and well!

April 21 - Pray that God will begin preparing us now to be open to the next Pastor and the changes he may want to incorporate as God leads him. After all, this is God's church and not ours.

Future Pastor & His Family

April 22 - Pray that our next Pastor would walk in obedience and be faithful to God's leading as he continues to have conversations with NL Moore and with our search team sometime in the future.

April 23 - Pray that our next Pastor and his family would be encouraged and find support and affirmation as they realize that God may be leading them to leave their current assignment at some point in the future.

April 24 - Pray that our next Pastor and his family would fix their eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

April 25 - Pray that the love our next Pastor has for God's church and His people would grow more and more where he is currently serving and in his next ministry opportunity here at New Life.

April 26 - Pray that when the time comes, God would make the decision clear to our next Pastor and his family.

April 27 - It's Sunday! Pray that our next Pastor will boldly preach God's Word today where he is currently serving. May he be unashamed in preaching and teaching the Word of Truth.

April 28 - Pray that God would begin preparing our church family to welcome, fully support, and love our next Pastor and his family.

NL Moore & Associates

April 29 - Pray that God will continue to guide NL Moore into the right conversations on behalf of our church family.

April 30 - Pray that God will give wisdom for each day to Tim and Gretta with NL Moore. God bless the conversations they are having.

Baptism Service

April 27th at 6 pm
in the Chapel

**Baptism by Immersion is an outward expression of
your inward decision to follow Christ.**

It is also a prerequisite of membership at NLC.

**To become a baptism candidate on April 27th,
contact Ginger Wallace at gwallace@nlcfamily.org.**

**This will be an exciting worship service as we celebrate
Geovanny Astacio, Rebekah Grove, Lilah Kauffman,
Matthew Kauffman, Rowan Kauffman, Melanie Melhorn,
Chad Nesbit, Lisa Nesbit and Curt Steck following Jesus in believers baptism.**

**Following the baptism service, an ice cream social
will be held in The Gathering Place.**

**All baptism candidates, their families & friends, and our NLC family
are invited to join in this time of celebration and fellowship over ice cream.**

POUR OUT TO THE
GOD OF
HOPE
AND BE FILLED

ROMANS 15:13



THE 74TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

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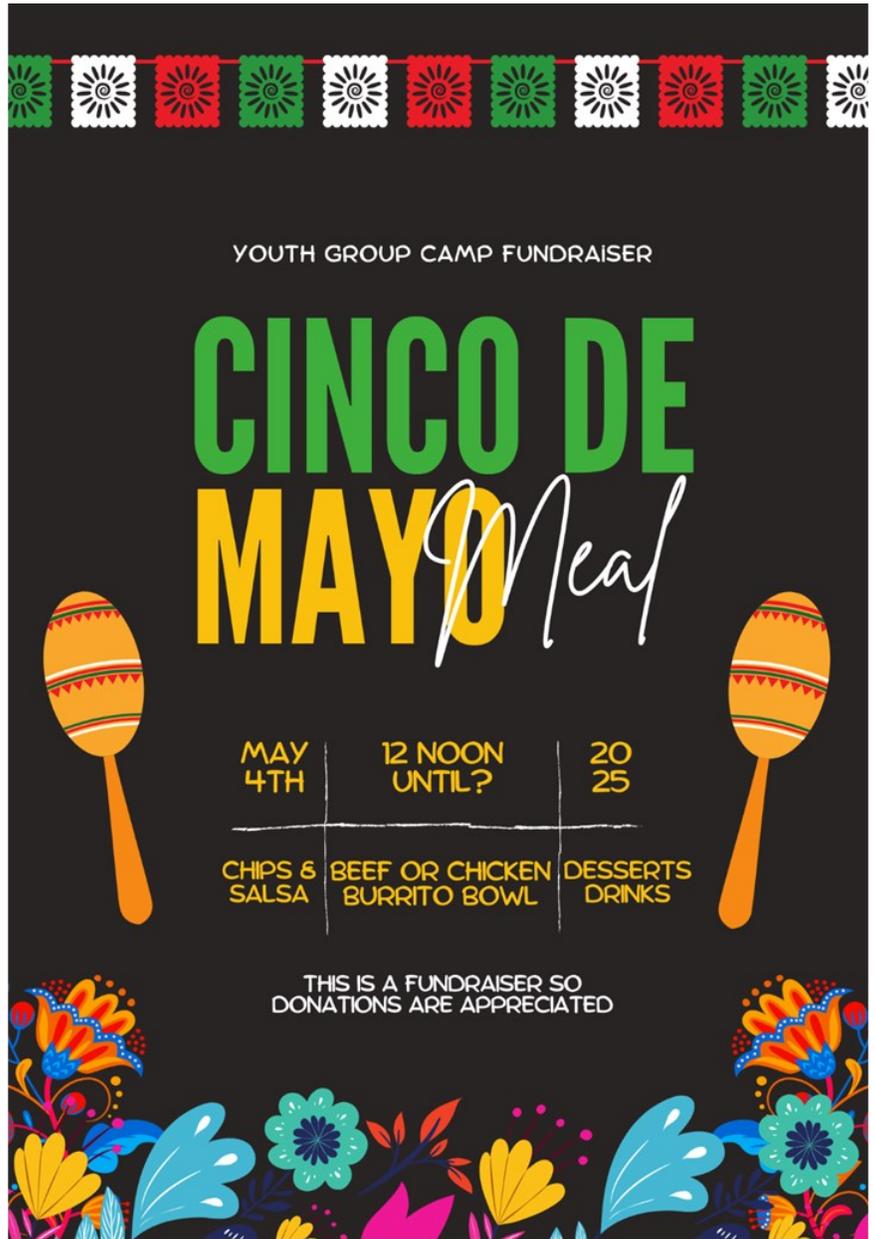
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YOUTH GROUP CAMP FUNDRAISER

CINCO DE MAYO Meal

MAY 4TH	12 NOON UNTIL?	20 25
CHIPS & SALSA	BEEF OR CHICKEN BURRITO BOWL	DESSERTS DRINKS

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER SO DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED



YOUTH SUB & SANDWICH SALE



DELIVERY ON MAY 16TH & MAY 17TH

ORDER ON MAY 4TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE



FUNDRAISERS



New Life Church - The Gathering Place
For children ages 0 through 12
\$10 per child or \$25 per family

MAY 10TH / 6-8 PM

GAMES, SNACKS & ACTIVITIES

Youth Camp & Missions Fundraiser

*Scan the QR code
by May 8th
to register*



ALOHA, AWANA FAMILIES!
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Awana Luau

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



Clubber Awards



Games



Refreshments



Bounce House



Sno-Cones

May 14, 2025 / 6:30 PM

RSVP WITH FAMILY COUNT BY MAY 7TH
WITH AMANDA GEIMAN AT
ageiman@nlcfamily.org

BREAKING
NEWS

* vacation bible *
school

BREAKING
NEWS

6-8:15PM

★ 22-26 JUNE 2025

WANTED

★ HELPERS AT THE NLC RANCH ★



Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory

★ JUNE 22-26 ★
5:30-8:30PM

★ CHILDREN AGES 3 YEARS- ★
GRADUATING 6TH GRADE

★ SCAN THE QR CODE ★



The VBS team is in need of 4" round plastic lids (usually black) for a VBS craft. These lids are found on small coffee cans (11.3 oz) or small cans of nuts (8.75 oz). Lids can be given to Amanda Geiman or LB Cameron.

Thank You!

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* vacation bible
school *

BREAKING
NEWS

6-8:15PM



22-26 JUNE 2025

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★ AT NEW LIFE CHURCH ★

530 BIG SPRING ROAD, NEW CUMBERLAND



Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory



HOWDY, PARTNERS!

Dust off your boots and grab your bandanas- it's time to get your tickets to Wonder Junction!

Join us for evenings of Bible stories, science, crafts, music, games, snacks, and fellowship!

We hope you're ready for a boot scootin' good time!

★ JUNE 22-26 ★

6-8:15PM

★ CHILDREN AGES 3 YEARS- ★

GRADUATING 6TH GRADE

★ PRE-REGISTRATION
RECOMMENDED ★



Come Behold (Psalm 46)

Chorus

Come behold the wondrous works
Of the Lord Who reigns on high
O be still and know that He is God
Our fortress He will be

Verse 1

God is our refuge and our strength
A very present aid
Therefore although the earth gives way
We will not be afraid

Pre-Chorus 1

Though mountains move into the sea
Though waters rage and foam
Although the hills may quake and fall
Our hope is in the Lord

Chorus

Come behold the wondrous works
Of the Lord Who reigns on high
O be still and know that He is God
Our fortress He will be

Verse 2

The nations rage and kingdoms move
Their plotting is in vain
They all shall tremble at the voice
Of God above who reigns

Pre-Chorus 2

Great desolation to the earth
He turns the wars to peace
He breaks the bow and shatters spear
All chariots to cease

Chorus

Come behold the wondrous works
Of the Lord Who reigns on high
O be still and know that He is God
Our fortress He will be

Tag

All the glory to His name
O exalted He shall be
O be still and know that He is God
Our fortress He will be
Our fortress He will be
Our fortress He will be

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
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
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Death Was Arrested

Verse 1

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Verse 2

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Verse 3

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Verse 4

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Bridge

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

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!

April 20, 2025

LEAVING A LIVING LEGACY

1 PETER

WE ARE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; *1 Peter 2:9, NKJV*

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰ **For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,** ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. *Philippians 3:17-21, NKJV*

◆ Explaining the Kingdom of God

- ◇ A kingdom is simply a territory that is ruled by a king.
- ◇ Therefore, the Kingdom of God is territory that is ruled and controlled by the true and living God.
- ◇ The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of Jesus from the throne room of our hearts!

◆ Entering the Kingdom of God - *John 3:1-9, NKJV*

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

◆ Experiencing and Enjoying the Kingdom of God

²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." *Luke 17:20-21, NKJV*

¹⁶ Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who serves Christ in these things *is* acceptable to God and approved by men. *Romans 14:16-18, NKJV*

- ◇ Coming under God's Power!
- ◇ Coming under God's Presence!
- ◇ Coming under God's Protection!
- ◇ Coming under God's Provisions!
- ◇ Coming under God's Purposes!

◆ Expressing the Kingdom of God - *1 Peter 2:9-12, NKJV*

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

◆ Takeaways:

- ◇ Do you agree that the explanation of God's Kingdom is more spiritual than physical?
- ◇ Have you and will you one day enter God's Kingdom because you have been born again?
- ◇ Which one of the five Kingdom Promises are you currently thriving in?
- ◇ How is God currently using your circumstances to express to others that Jesus is King of your heart?