



Faith Promise Missions

SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
AROUND THE WORLD

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

Dear New Life Church Family,

More than 30 years ago, God challenged our faith in Him as a church and we began supporting missionaries through '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).

Faith Promise Missionary Updates

Sam & Megan Beard - Jeju, South Korea

The Beards share the news of the second location of Nations Baptist Church in Shin Jeju. Their first service was held on Easter Sunday. The "launch team" was made up of people from Canada, the Philippines, Korea, the US, Mexico and Japan. Real estate prices were too expensive for a permanent location with a nearby bus stop (many people in the area use public transportation). In January, Sam found a small 50-seat "black box" performing arts theatre. Sam met with the owner who agreed to let the church use the space for just \$60 per week. And yes, there's a bus stop on the corner and it's a very well known area of town. Sam & Megan ask that we pray for the original location of Nations Baptist Church. "Sending a launch team of 10 core people who serve every week has brought inevitable growing pains...but people who haven't previously been serving are starting to serve in new ways!" The update ends with "Thank you for your partnership to engage the nations with the gospel from Jeju, South Korea!"

Mike & Jill Ivey - Jeju, South Korea

The Iveys begin by sharing about Nations Baptist Church's 5th Anniversary on Easter Sunday. During the first 5 years, people from 32 different nationalities attended services. At the January business meeting, Sam Beard was named as staff pastor alongside Mike. (*For those who may not know, Mike & Jill Ivey are the parents of Megan Beard - above update.*) They also shared about the new church at Shin Jeju. A university student from predominately Hindu Nepal, came and is excited to have found other believers on Jeju. She "is exactly the person Nations Shin Jeju is being started to reach: English speaking internationals living and working on the island primarily from central Asia." Their update ends with "You played a part... Prayer for Nations! Without question, your commitment to pray for us and the ministry on Jeju has played a direct part in the work of God the past five years."

Tina Baldis - Slovakia

Tina shares about several events starting with the New Year. "Our girls group came over the New Year's holiday for two days. We focused on what is really important in life, making goals for the New year, and emphasizing reading the Bible at home." In February, co-lead a Bible study for youth. The goal is "to give the youth tools to be able to read and study the Bible, so we showed them practical ways of doing it. It was encouraging to see one Ukrainian girl (they have several refugees who go to this church) take lots of notes, volunteered to read aloud, and answered many questions. Later in February, Tina co-lead a seminar at the national Baptist youth conference. The theme focused on apologetics and defending the faith. They were asked to speak on the topic of sexuality and LGBT issues. "It wasn't an easy topic, so we prayed and did a lot of research! God gave us the power to speak well and there was positive feedback overall." In March there was a worldview seminar with the theme "Not Ashamed of the Gospel." It was a time of encouragement and challenging like-minded believers. This group desires further Biblical Worldview training on a regular basis. Tina still enjoys teaching her seminary students online and shared a brief story of one student who revealed the truth and set this student free through an assignment on being made in the image of God. Prayer requests include: 1) Completing the writing of the course on God's Big Story; 2) Writing a Biblical worldview book for Eastern Europe, rather than translating one; 3) The July girls' camp focusing on the theme of Identity: Are we living in Reality?; 4) That God leads and provides for further training through Houston Christian University in apologetics as it will be beneficial to the ministry.

Charles & Janet Baldis - Slovakia

Charles & Janet begin with how winter in a northern country can last a long time, and January is the worst month with few daylight hours and deeply cold, wintry conditions. Upon their doctor's advice, they did what many old people do in January - went to a medical rehabilitation facility for 3 weeks. "It was refreshing meeting new people and being in away from home and ministry." They share that "We are so thankful for the youthfulness of our colleagues, Tina (our daughter) and Emma, her former student and now fellow worker. Their great love for God, and the gifts with which they have been blessed is such an addition to the ministry here." At one of the Worldview seminars, a regular attendee invited Charles to speak at their new church plant in February. In August, they are invited to participate with his church outreach doing street evangelism all week. On the last day, they will be giving a seminar on Christian apologetics and discussing important life issues. Prayer requests include: 1) Possibility for Emma to attend

Charles & Janet Baldis - continued

A Summit camp in Colorado, to provide us with better resources here; 2) Writing of a Biblical Worldview book; 3) Preparation for 2024 summer camps. (We are making plans for 4 weeks of various camps. Pray for the needed workers.); 4) Funding for Emma and Tina to continue their studies in apologetics; 5) Wisdom as we go forward with Worldview training.

Tony & Becky Rizzo - Youth Action Ministries

The Rizzos share that "the first quarter of the year has been a whirlwind. We are so thankful for the many who are praying for us and helping us to spread the gospel to those who need it." In March, "the Lord significantly increased our YSZ, and many students showed up. Many wanted to trust in Christ as their Savior. The many Bibles and other materials that we gave out to the students were quite impressive. It was one of our best Youth Safety Zones." Tony shares that he now has "three books on coaching youth leaders in running a youth ministry and helping the many hurting youth in their ministries. Books may be purchased through Amazon at: www.amazon.com/author/drtonyrizzo. Tony & Becky finished three church conferences around the mid-Atlantic about their ministry and their Children's Conferences with their Tony Tales Ministry. "It was exciting to encourage children and parents about this new and upcoming ministry. Prayer requests include: 1) Continue praying for Becky's health issues; 2) Tony has a ripped cartilage in his right leg. Please continue to pray for healing, the leg is doing much better; 3) Safety Zone supplies are needed and may be ordered through their Amazon Wish List; 4) Upcoming Youth Safety and Street Safety Zones in May; and 5) "Our support level was stead at 80% for the first quarter...Please pray for our support funds to be increased, and thank you to the many who support us."

Dan & Becky Bennett - Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Bennetts begin with "I want to begin by saying, "THANK YOU" to those of you that partner with us in prayer and financial support. I know that we convey this sentiment in every prayer letter, but we want you to know that we don't take you for granted. We appreciate so much your faithfulness to the Lord, and to us, in "holding the ropes" for us all these years.' On March 9th there was a Ladies Cookout with the purpose for the Deaf to invite their deaf (and hearing) friends. There was a delicious Brazilian cookout, and Becky explained the Gospel to the women that attended. There were 28 in attendance, and seven first-time visitors." Pray that the visitors would come to church to lean more of salvation through Jesus Christ. We will begin teaching a basic Brazilian Sign language course in a church about an hour from our home for six weeks. We are praying that God will use this to raise up workers, especially men, and pastors, among the deaf. Their update ends with "At this moment, we are praying for at least two men/families to come and pick up the mantle of the leadership of these two deaf churches - that the Gospel Light would continue to shine to Dear that are lost in the darkness, and in the silence. Thank you for helping us pray!"

Hannah Strayer - Togo

Hannah begins with a quote from Jeremy Riddle "God moves in a mysterious way." She then shares the following story: "Sitting on the couch at my neighbor's house after returning from a whirlwind trip across Togo with a visitor, I opened my phone to read a message from my mom (*Jeff & Doreen Strayer are Hannah's parents*) that said she received a letter from someone in our church who had wanted to give some money toward this ministry. Part of the letter reads like something you only see in movies or read in a book - We're so excited to get to contribute to Hannah's ministry...I received an inheritance that was a gift from God. We were tracked down by a private investigator who fought...for us to receive the funds. God truly blesses us in ways we cannot even fathom." Sunday, I determined I would need to replace the tires on my car as one has a slow leak. These roads are brutal on vehicles. The gift of money given through this long lost, mysterious relative to my friend will help cover the expenses of the new tires! Just as she said, God truly blesses us in ways we cannot even fathom!' Praises include: 1) The Togo trip went smoothly; 2) Hannah purchased tickets for her upcoming trips; and 3) God's provision through the inheritance my friend unexpectedly received. Prayer requests are: 1) Upcoming travels and projects to go well; 2) Our teammate Beky who is in the US with her mom who is pretty sick; and 3) Storytellers Abroad planning meetings and details for an upcoming workshop in September. Hannah ends with "Thank you for your part in this ministry! Please, let me know if I can be praying for you in any specific way!"

Kirk & Julie Zuercher - China Outreach Ministries

The Zuerchers begin by sharing about the celebrations during the Chinese New Year. "Celebrations of the Chinese New Year traditionally last 16 days and end with the Lantern Festival. It is so good to celebrate with our Chinese friends in various ways. It is also a good time to share the gospel with those who have never heard the gospel before." Celebration Dinners are a time to come together to enjoy a nice meal, hear personal testimonies from Chinese students and scholars, and celebrate what God is doing around the country. This year a video testimony of Chen was produced. Chen is a visiting scholar at Penn State who has a powerful story of how he came to know Christ after the birth of his daughter. At the end of the video, he wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of those who support this work. He said, "Because of you, God has changed my life."

Nick & Darianne Serino - The Alaskan Arctic

Nick gives an update on his cancer: "Once again Darianne and I want to thank all of you for the onslaught of Prayers going up to the Mighty God of Heaven on our behalf! Wow! What a difference it has made in the treatments especially these last few weeks! We are coming to the last month of Chemo in May and we are getting tickets and planning for the trip to The Mayo Clinic in Phoenix on June 12th! We will be staying on campus at the clinic for nearly 8 weeks. It will be pretty intense treatment and of course Darianne will be my caregiver while there. We need your prayers more than ever during this time! Darianne and I want to be a testimony of God's Grace and Strength while we are there and to be the witnesses we need to be as all the folks in this shared living home will be cancer and/or transplant patients also! ... You have never failed to pray us through these obstacles before and I know your effectual and fervent prayers will avail much! We love you all and are so thankful for your cards and desire to help financially. We are so very humbled!"

Joanne Foltz - Tanzania

Joanne is currently on furlough in the US. She joined us for the Missions Meal last evening and is today's guest missionary. On May 21st, she will fly back to Tanzania from Charlotte, NC. "I am finishing my 27th year of ministry in May. God has been faithful and He has given me many opportunities to share the gospel and to disciple women and children in Tanzania and translate lots of materials to help the Baptist churches to use in Sunday school, evangelism, and in classes. Thank you so much for the help in my ministry through financial support and prayer support."

Clint & Rhonda Rardin - Mexico City, Mexico

The Rardins begin by sharing about their Easter service. "We had the best Easter Sunday in the history of our church. Contrary to the States, Easter in Mexico is usually a low day for attendance as it is always a four-day weekend for most people and in the middle of a two-week spring vacation for school children. This Easter we had 234 in church, 14 over what used to be our average attendance, with two visitors saved." A young lady who was saved in our RU program, came forward to give a public profession of faith, and a woman who was saved last fall was baptized. Nine weeks ago they began Operation Go-inspired Fisherman's Club, a group who go soulwinning on Saturdays. Since the club began, 34 people have made decisions for Christ, four people have come to church and made public professions of faith, and several have been baptized. "Our RU addictions recovery program has visitors now every week and lately we have seen several come and get saved and continue to attend." Sunday night attendance has grown from an average of 80 to over 100 and as high as 129. The four-week evangelistic campaign began on April 28th with Kids Day, which is always the biggest day of the year with several hundred visitors - with as many adult visitors as children. The campaign also includes celebrating Mother's Day, Friend Day, and Family Day on May 19th. "Please pray for the power of God, souls saved, and new families added to the church. Thank you for your continued faithful support through prayer and your finances."

Ed & Annita Hoagland - Mexico City, Mexico

Ed begins by sharing the results of visiting 3 communities. There was a total of 381 present with 150 new believers in Jesus Christ! The local churches will follow-up to disciple them and get them plugged into their congregations. \$2,300 was received for the upcoming summer evangelistic events. The goal is now down to \$7,700 to do all that is planned in going to more neighborhoods and communities to preach the kingdom of God. The Hoaglands ask that if you are able to give a special gift toward this goal, mark it "Evangelistic Events" There are many places to visit and give them the Good News of our Savior. The transmission in their 15 passenger van had to be replaced, but "God supplied other vehicles to not miss a beat". The letter ends with "Please praise God with us for all the blessings He sends your way and ours. God bless."

It's a Jungle Out There

But **YOU** can make a difference by joining us for an unforgettable week!

NEW LIFE VBS

Crafts
Snacks
Bible Time



Games
Kids Group Guide
Decorating

June 23 - 27 ◆ 6-8pm

Please contact Amanda Geiman
ageiman@nlcfamily.org
717-377-8845

*To begin making a difference,
Scan the QR Code to Register
for an unforgettable week!*





YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

Get ready for a night of strikes and spares at the Youth Bowling Night!

FRIDAY

 **MAY 17TH - 6 TO 9 PM**

 **Trindle Bowl**

GRADES 7 - 12

 **RSVP to Doreen Strayer**



Baptism Service

May 19th 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 May 19th,
contact Ginger Wallace at gwallace@nlcfamily.org
or text/call the church office at 717-938-4626.**



Pre-registration is suggested.

For more information, contact:

Amanda Geiman
ageiman@nlcfamily.org



Scan the
QR Code
to
Pre-register.

Thank You!

Mighty To Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge X2

Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus X2

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
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Jesus conquered the grave

Facing A Task Unfinished (We Go To All The World)

Verse 1

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Verse 2

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

Chorus

We go to all the world
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

Verse 3

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

Chorus

We go to all the world
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

Verse 4

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

Chorus X2

We go to all the world
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

Verse 2

The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back no turning back

Interlude

No turning back

Verse 3

Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
No turning back no turning back

Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

Ending

No turning back
No turning back
No turning back
No turning back

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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!

May 5, 2024

We are blessed to have you join us for
NLC's Faith Promise Missions Emphasis Sunday!

A special "Thank You!" to our Missions Support Team for the planning of last evening's Missions Meal. It was a blessing to meet our new Faith Promise missionaries Ken and Eileen Lorow.

Today, our NLC family welcomes Faith Promise Missionary Joanne Foltz, from Tanzania, East Africa. We began supporting Joanne through Faith Promise Giving in July of 1999.

PERSONAL NOTES