

The background is a solid, vibrant red. Overlaid on this are several stylized, overlapping leaf shapes in various shades of red and orange, creating a sense of depth and texture. The leaves are scattered across the frame, with some appearing more prominent than others. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a strong color palette.

HAVE A  
BLESSED  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY

# *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

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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

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Join your NLC family for a Baptism Service  
this evening, May 19th at 6:00 pm.

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers...<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.  
*Acts 2:40-42, 47, NKJV*

**This will be a special time of exalting Jesus, worship and fellowship with each other as we celebrate a number of adults and youth following Jesus in believer's baptism.**

Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the rear of the Chapel.

## Calling All 2024 Graduates!

*NLC will be honoring our  
2024 High School and College  
Graduates on June 9th.*

If you are the parent of an upcoming graduate, please contact Ginger Wallace at:  
gwallace@nlcfamily.org  
with your graduate's name.

2024  
Class of  
2024

## Faith Promise Missionary Updates

### **Rizzo, Tony & Becky - Youth Action Ministries**

Tony begins with a brief explanation of Becky's health issues since the beginning of the year. She now has a team of specialists investigating her different complications, and she is on several medicines and therapies. On May 21-24, a team of adults will minister in their Street, Youth, and Kids Safety Zones. "Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to go to the inner city and minister the gospel." Tony finished his 4th ministry book "*The Ultimate Guide To Youth Ministry*". Tony says "One of my greatest privileges is writing and developing ministry materials, specifically books on evangelism and youth ministry. This is an excellent investment into other youth leaders and pastors as they learn to grow their youth ministries. With over 40 years of ministry experience in this field, we can give back to the many who can take our ministry lessons and apply them to their ministry." All of Tony's books are available at: Amazon.com/author/drtonyrizzo. Prayer requests include: 1) Prayer for Becky to heal and grow stronger each day; 2) Continue praying for the ripped cartilage in Tony's right leg. The leg is doing better, 3) Equipment from their Amazon Wish List. You can donate at [www.YouthActionMinistries.com](http://www.YouthActionMinistries.com), under the Youth Safety Zone page. 4) Upcoming Safety Zones and 5) Their support level is steady at 80%, Pray for support funds to be increased. "Thank you to the many who support us."

### **Hoagland, Ed & Annita - Mexico City**

The Hoaglands begin with "So thankful at this age for the good health God has give us to continue to get the message of Jesus Christ out to others, baptize the new believers, make disciples, train future leaders and plant more churches. Even though the energy is not the same, we can still do the work and put in the hours needed to get the job done. Because we love what we do." In April, their main church saw 33 salvation decisions and 3 baptisms. At their mission work in Guanajuato, they saw 63 people make a profession of faith. "And that is just 1 of our 10 churches and 1 of our 9 missions we oversee. God continues to bless the preaching of His Word." In April another \$4,500 was received for evangelistic events. Another \$3,200 is needed to reach their goal. They end with "Thanks for being and having a special part in this ministry that is about to reach the 40 year mark. God Bless."

### **Hawes, Tim & Leandra - Papua New Guinea**

The Hawes begin by thanking everyone for their prayers for Tim's classes. He has completed all the cog-nate classes and is over 25% through writing his dissertation. The pressure and stress of the program have greatly diminished. They ask for continued prayers for the approval of registration and accreditation from PNG government for GBBC. 'God has also blessed the devotional journals we use in the Bible Clubs, Sagifa Bible Baptist Church, and Goroka Baptist Bible College. On Tuesday, a GBBC student excitedly told Tim "I have now read through the whole Bible!"` The update ends with "Thank you to the many faithful prayer warriors. We most assuredly sense and see the answers to your prayers daily. Though the ministry is growing exponentially, God meets every need so faithfully through you all. ... We are eternally grateful for your partnership in the gospel."

### **Litson, Matt & Sarah - New Brunswick, French Canada**

"We cannot begin to express our gratitude for each of you that have prayed for us over these last months. We see the Lord bless daily in His protection, supply and how things come together at just the perfect time. We saw him bless abundantly in all the travels, organization and finances needed for our daughter's graduation and wedding preparation at the end of April. We see Him provide for and lead doors of opportunity to minister here in Edmundston and the valley." Snow has melted nearly a month early this year. Everyone is outdoors as much as possible and are planning for summer outreaches. The Litsons "are constantly amazed at how God bring us together - a couple that are both doctors from the Middle East, a music professor from Mexico City, a bee farmer from Prince Edward Island, university students from around the globe, several more Haitian nurses and their families and neighbors jus up the road!" Sarah was asked to serve on the board of directors for the Provincial Christian Homeschool Organization in New Brunswick. This position has allowed the Litsons to have contact with nearly all the new families coming into their area that homeschool for Christian beliefs. They end with "Thank you so very much for your faithfulness on our behalf!"

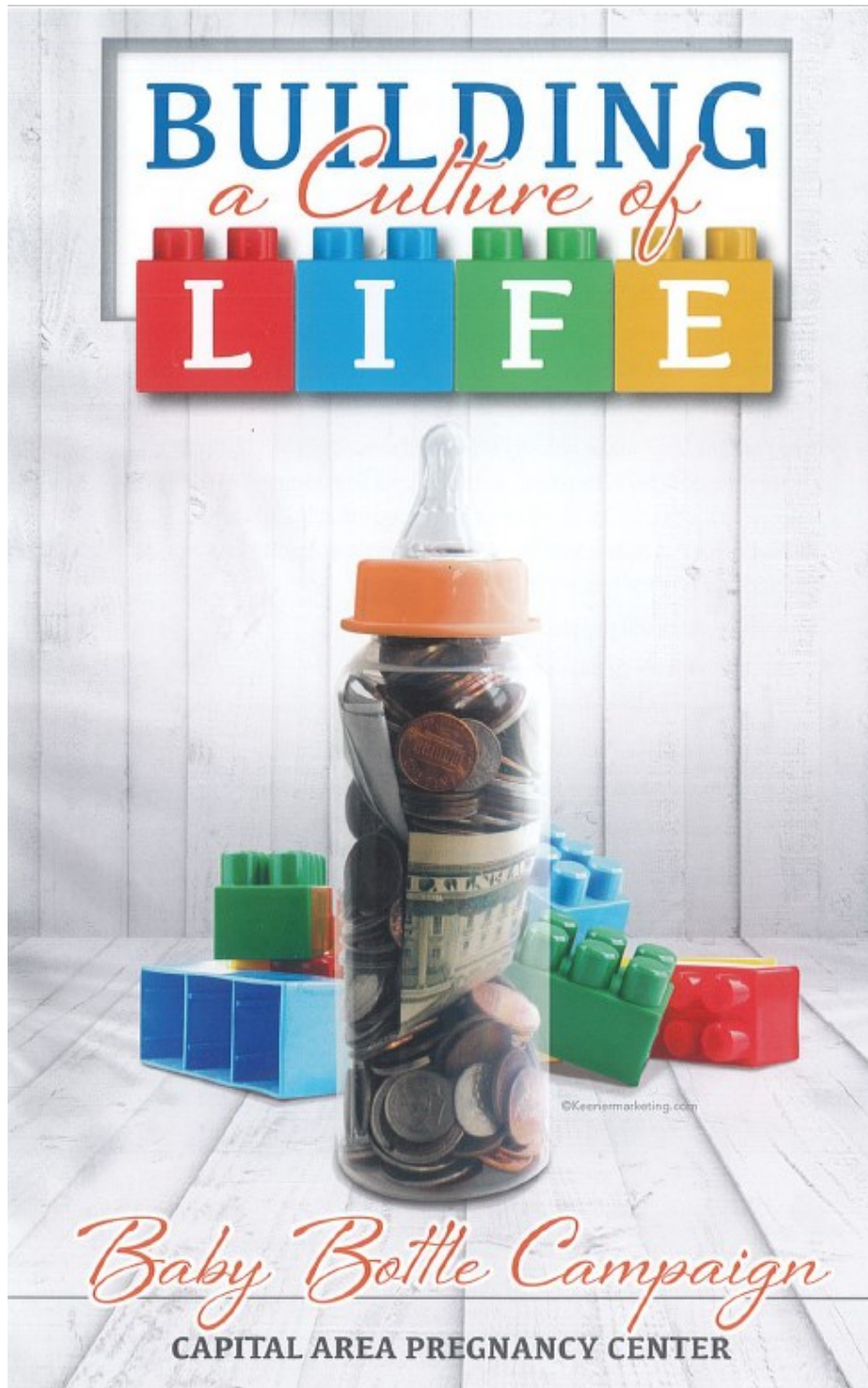
## **FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENT CARDS**

Faith Promise commitment cards will be collected through Sunday, May 26th.

*If you currently give to Faith Promise Missions, your commitment card is still needed.*

The Missions Support Team uses these cards to determine the amount of funds that will be available over the coming year to support our missionaries, determine if we are able to support additional missionaries, donate to special circumstances / situations missionaries have, etc.

Please place your completed cards in the basket on the Welcome Table.



**Capital Area Pregnancy Center's Annual Baby Bottle Blast begins today!**

**Pick up a Baby Bottle at the Welcome Table beginning on Mother's Day.**

**Fill your bottle with change, bills or a check and return it to NLC on Father's Day, June 16th.**



*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!*





**Pre-registration is suggested.**

**For more information, contact:**

Amanda Geiman  
ageiman@nlcfamily.org



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Pre-register.

Thank You!



# Graves Into Gardens

## **Verse 1**

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in  
Your love

## **Chorus**

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

## **Verse 2**

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

## **Chorus X2**

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

## **Bridge**

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

## **Bridge**

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

## **Tag**

You're the only one who can

## **Chorus X2**

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

# Your Great Name

## **Verse 1**

Lost are saved find their way  
At the sound of Your great Name  
All condemned feel no shame  
At the sound of Your great Name  
Ev'ry fear has no place  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The enemy he has to leave  
At the sound of Your great Name

## **Chorus**

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name

## **Verse 2**

All the weak find their strength  
At the sound of Your great Name  
Hungry souls receive grace  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The fatherless find their rest  
At the sound of Your great Name  
The sick are healed the dead are raised  
At the sound of Your great Name

## **Chorus**

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name

## **Bridge X2**

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty  
Defender my Savior You are my King

## **Bridge**

Sing the Name of Jesus  
We worship the Name of Jesus  
We bow before Jesus  
There is no other Name but Jesus

## **Chorus**

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
for us  
The Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise  
Your great Name

## **Ending**

Your great name

# Your Love Never Fails

## **Verse 1**

Nothing can separate  
Even if I ran away  
Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes but  
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday  
Your love never fails

## **Chorus**

(And) You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
(Your love never fails)

## **Verse 2**

The wind is strong and the water's deep  
But I'm not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide  
I never thought I'd reach the other side  
Your love never fails

## **Chorus**

(And) You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
(Your love never fails)

## **Bridge X2**

You make all things  
Work together for my good  
You make all things  
Work together for my good

## **Chorus**

(And) You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
(Your love never fails)

# Grace Like Rain

## **Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly

## **Chorus**

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
(They're washed away)

## **Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

## **Chorus**

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
(They're washed away)

## **Verse 3**

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we'd first begun

## **Chorus X2**

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
(They're washed away)

## **Ending**

Hallelujah yeah  
Hallelujah yeah  
Hallelujah yeah oh yeah  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
They're washed away

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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 19, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-47, NKJV

Are you a promise keeper? Are you a man or woman of your word?  
God is our way maker, promise keeper, miracle worker, our light in the darkness!  
God always keeps His promises-He never overpromises and underdelivers-His Word is True!  
God had promised in Joel 2 that one day He would pour out His Holy Spirit on all flesh!  
And that day came on Pentecost Sunday in Acts 2!

- **The Event Of Pentecost** - Acts 2:1-13

Coming of the Holy Spirit

**2** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Crowd's Response

<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

• **The Explanation Of Pentecost** - Acts 2:14-32

Peter's Sermon

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass  
*That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD  
Shall be saved.'

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— <sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the LORD always before my face,  
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;  
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For You will not leave my soul in Hades,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

- **The Exaltation Of Pentecost** - Acts 2:33-36

<sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

<sup>34</sup> "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

'The LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

<sup>35</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

- **The Experience And Evangelistic Harvest At Pentecost** - Acts 2:37-46

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

#### A Vital Church Grows

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

- **The Expansion Of Pentecost** - Acts 2:47

<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

⇒ **Pastor Ronnie shares a special announcement!**

⇒ **Pastor Ronnie Shares "Gracious Uncertainty"** by Oswald Chambers, April 29th

*...it has not yet been revealed what we shall be... - 1 John 3:2*

Our natural inclination is to be so precise-trying always to forecast accurately what will happen next-that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We think that we must reach some predetermined goal, but that is not the nature of the spiritual life. The nature of the spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty. Consequently, we do not put down roots. Our common sense says, "Well, what if I were in that circumstance?" We cannot presume to see ourselves in any circumstance in which we have never been.

Certainty is the mark of the commonsense life-gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises. When we become simply a promoter or a defender of a particular belief, something within us dies. That is not believing God-it is only believing our belief about Him. Jesus said, "...unless you...become as little children..." (*Matthew 18:3*). The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-righteousness, become overly critical, and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled. But when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, "...believe also in Me" (*John 14:1*), not, "Believe certain things about Me". Leave everything to Him and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how He will come in-but you can be certain that He will come. Remain faithful to Him.

⇒ We will continue to praise God for our past!

⇒ We will continue to press on in the present!

⇒ We will continue to pray and plan for the future!