# Love and Respect

# The Shepherd's Staff

# July 20, 2025



### 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 NCC 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!

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I have a <u>PRAYER REQUEST</u> that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply): Congregation Pastor Staff
I Would Like The Pastor To Contact Me

#### July 2025 PST Prayer Guide

#### Search Team & Church Leadership

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

**July 1** - Give God praise today as He continues to lead us through this transition. Pray that the search team continues to be unified in every step of this process.

**July 2** - Pray that church leadership will have a heart that is willing to embrace a new perspective and a fresh vision when we bring a new Pastor on board.

**July 3** - Pray that the search team will be transparent and inclusive in making decisions as a team.

**July 4** - It's July 4th! Pray that we all have a good day of rest and relaxation as we spend time with our family and friends today.

**July 5** - Pray that the search team will have wisdom and discernment in the call of our next Lead Pastor.

**July 6** - It's Sunday! Pray for everyone in a leadership role today. May they serve with all of their heart as unto the Lord.

**July 7** - Pray that the search team will continue to seek God's face, hear when He speaks, and obey His voice.

#### Pastor Ronnie & Beverly

**July 8** - Give God praise today as He continues to lead Pastor Ronnie & Beverly through the hallways of life. Pray for them as they continue to seek what the next chapter of their life looks like.

**July 9** - Pray that God's perfect love would cast out any fear and anxiety that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly may face due to this transition and process.

**July 10** - Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly would receive lots of encouragement from us and from the Lord during this season of transition.

**July 11** - Pray that Pastor Ronnie will continue to provide solid leadership and support for our staff and church leadership as he nears retirement.

**July 12** - Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly will have an opportunity to really encourage our next Pastor and his wife when that time comes. They want to be their biggest cheerleaders.

**July 13** - It's Sunday! Pray for Pastor Ronnie today as he opens God's Word to us. May he preach boldly today as we exalt Jesus and His Word.

**July 14** - Pray that Pastor Ronnie & Beverly would know how much we love them. May they never doubt that fact.

#### Church Family

**July 15** - Give God praise today as He continues to lead us through this transition. May we continue to seek Him and trust Him to make His choice for our next Pastor apparent to all.

**July 16** - Pray that God would inspire us to remain active in sharing the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

**July 17** - Pray that our church family will have a heart that is willing to embrace a new perspective and a fresh vision when we bring a new Pastor on board.

**July 18** - Pray that our church family will be open to the next Pastor and his family and that we would welcome them warmly when that time comes.

**July 19** - Pray that God will reveal any new things He has in store for our church during this season of transition.

**July 20** - It's Sunday! Pray that we will all be able to worship the Lord today in spirit and truth for that is what He is seeking.

**July 21** - Pray that we would all continue to grow our faith in the Almighty God and our love for each other. May we serve Him with all of our heart.

#### Future Pastor & His Family

**July 22** - Give God praise today as He continues to lead our next Pastor through this transition. May he know beyond a shadow of doubt that God is leading him to New Life Church when that time comes.

**July 23** - Pray that our next Pastor would experience a warm welcome from us when they come to meet us.

**July 24** - Pray that God will guide our next Pastor as he prepares to lead our church in the future.

**July 25** - Pray that our next Pastor and his family would fall in love with our people and our church when that time comes.

**July 26** - Pray that the calling of God will be confirmed in the lives of our next Pastor and his family whenever that call is made.

**July 27** - It's Sunday! Pray for our next Pastor and his family wherever they are serving today. May he boldly proclaim God's Word today. To God be the glory!

**July 28** - Pray that God will give our next Pastor and his family strength and endurance during this time of transition and change.

#### NL Moore & Associates

July 29 - Give God praise today as he leads us through this transition. We thank God for the help that NL Moore has given us through this process.July 30 - Pray that the team at NL Moore would continue to fix their eyes

on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. July 31 - Pray for NL Moore as they continue to serve and assist other churches as well in finding God's man to shepherd His flock.

#### FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY UPDATES

#### Parschauer, Bob & Mary Anne - WOL European Representative

The Parschauers are now at home in Canada resting up from their 6-week tour of Europe and Kenya. The following are some highlights of their time in Nairobi & Mombasa, Kenya. Kenya is in East Africa, bordering the Indian Ocean. The country is the size of Texas. The country has a young population, with 73% of 47,564,296 residents being under the age of 30. "According to google, there are approximately 2.5 million slum dwellers in about 200 settlements in Nairobi, representing 60% of Nairobi's population." That is a lot of young people living in poverty in the slums. At the "Counselors' Hangout" for the day camp workers, they met about 60 young adults. Bob filled them in on the history of WOL in Kenya. "Our hearts were especially touched to hear them sing about 'broken chains' in the song Jesus Christ, My Living Hope. At the end we all sang How Great Thou Art together. Our hearts were throbbing and our eyes were brimming. What a beautiful experience, to think this is fruit from four young Canadian prairie boys going to Germany and branching out to Kenya." Bob & Mary Anne stayed at WOL Diani Beach, near Mombasa. "In the early 1980's President Moi asked Larry Locken to build a school for the children in the area, as there wasn't one nearby. They started with 1st grade, and added another grade each year. There are now 442 students from pre-K through 8th grade. The studies are Scripture-based and there are chapels every week. Several Muslim families send their children to this school. Many have been saved because of this." For the preschoolers, seeing someone with white skin is rare. One girl just wanted to touch Mary Anne's hand while another looked at her with a questioning expression on her face. "I'm somewhat of a puzzle to her." The Parschauers were blessed with the experience of a glass bottom boat trip. They saw many of God's creations such as red starfish (they looked like plastic but eventually moved), sea anemones, long spined urchin, many zebra fish and an eel fish. They end with "There is no way for us to summarize the blessings of this whole trip - Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Kenya. We are more equipped to pray for and support our workers, and to share their ministries with you. Praise the Lord. Thank you for standing with us."

#### Custodio, Maicon & Leticia - WOL Spain & Europe

The Custodios gave an update on the E5M (Eternity 5 Million) global evangelism initiative by WOL, which aimed to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with 5 million people by April 2025. "E5M wasn't just a campaign, it was a call to action for every believe to take a step of faith and make a difference in the lives of those around them. The goal to be achieved was challenging. To human eyes, it seemed very difficult to achieve. ... Our aim during the month of April was to encourage Spanish churches and youth to put the Great Commission into action. As a result of this initiative, we were faced with the sad reality of the true state of the churches in the area of evangelism. ... With God's help and collaboration of all the countries where WOL is represented, 6.6 million people heard the gospel message; 68,580 people gave their lives to <u>Christ; and 29,122 dedicated their lives to Him. ... Ephesians 3:20-21."</u> They also shared that on May 10, 2025, Maicon graduated from the Master of Arts in Christian Studies program at Dallas Theological Seminary. "It took almost 5 years of a lot of reading, work and sleepless nights, but with God's grace and mercy, Maicon completed this stage." Maicon & Leticia thank everyone for praying for their daughter Sarah. Sarah completed her studies and is now in the process of preparing to attend the Bible Institute in August. Prayer requests are: 1) Economic provision for the next 2 years of Sarah's Bible Institute; 2) Sarah's success in her English test, the approval of her student visa and for the new stage of her life; 3) Maicon's next stage of studies towards his doctorate; 4) For their family, that the Lord may grant them wisdom in the education of their daughters; 5) Summer Camps and the salvation of souls; 6) Physical, emo-tional and spiritual strength; 7) Sustainment of the family and ministry so that new churches and people feel the desire to be part of it together with us; and 8) Wisdom and discernment in all circumstances and decisions throughout the Ministerial Year 2025.

#### Baldis, Charles & Janet - GPPD Slovakia

Their update begins with "We send greetings from our mountain ministry home in the center of Slovakia. We are thankful for the faithful support of our friends in the States to allow us to continue to invest in the lives of Europeans." They also share 'Good News' - "We are pleased to announce the coming nuptials of our daughter Tina to Jozef Licko in September. Jozo became a believer at on of our early English camps. Tina has been serving as a faithful single missionary with us for 20 years. They will make their home in Brno, Czech Republic and in Zavadka, as our Worldview teaching ministry will continue to grow outside of this country." Charles & Janet recently attended a celebration of life service in England for a dear friend. Then they went to the Czech Republic to take part in the anniversary of a church they helped to plant 30 yrs ago.

#### **Baldis continued:**

Prayer requests are: 1) Wisdom and strength as we face a full summer of ministry; 2) Tina and Jozo as they begin their journey in life together; 3) The writing of the Biblical Worldview book; 4) Funding for Emma's continued education; and 5) Funding for the continuation of the Roma (Gypsy) ministry.

#### **Baldis, Tina - GPPD Slovakia**

Dear Friends, As some of you may have heard, this year 2025 has been one of surprises and changes. My first bit of news is that I am engaged and will be getting married at the end of September. It was definitely a story written by God. I was content in my singleness and loved what God was calling me to do: teaching Biblical worldview, apologetics, English, and making disciples. That calling has not changed, rather God is starting a new chapter in my life. I have known Jozef for over 20 years, ever since he became a believer at one of our first English camps in Zavadka. We were both around 18 years old at the time. But our lives went in different directions as I went to university in the States and he went to the Czech Republic to study and stayed there for work (he works independently in the IT industry and serves as an elder in his church). I returned to Zavadka to continue the ministry, and we maintained a friendship. He would come to see us every so often when he was visiting his family who live nearby. But God changed something in both him and me, letting us know that it was the right time. We started dating in January. I knew right away though that he was the one I was going to marry. We were engaged at the beginning of May." Tina asks that we "pray for our wedding on September 27th, for we want it to be God-honoring. Jozef's and my desire is that this wedding and our marriage will truly reflect God's beautiful story and His plan for eternity: Jesus as the Groom and the Church as His bride. Pray that God will lead us how to continue to share God's love and Biblical worldview in both Slovakia and the Czech Republic." Tina's prayer requests are for camp July 20-26 where there will be Hungarian girls and their worldview camp Aug 10-16 where Jozef will be helping with the teaching of the young men who are coming to camp.

#### Lorow, Ken & Eileen - ABWE Director of Prefield Ministries

July finds the Lorows stepping into one of their busiest season of the year - and of the most exciting! Over the next few weeks they will be involved in key trainings and events that are essential to preparing missionaries for the field. They will be welcoming over 40 new missionaries to Missionary Orientation which marks the beginning of their journey with ABWE. (Note: while these new missionaries are at the trainings, their children and the MK Ministries leaders are here at NLC where the children also receive training along with games, crafts and fellowship with new friends. And, our own Tyler Ishler is interning at ABWE and is here with the MK Ministries.) "It's a joy and privilege to invest in them-helping them clarify their calling, understand our mission, and prepare for the path ahead. Please pray that each one would feel deeply encouraged, connected, and confident in God's leading as they begin this new chapter. Our prefield coaches and staff are working hard to walk alongside each of these candidates, helping them navigate the many steps between application and arrival on the field. It's a sacred re-sponsibility and one we don't take lightly." The Lorow's prayer requests are: 1) Strength and endurance during a full month of summer ministry activity; 2) For the 40+ new missionaries attending orientation-that they would sense God's peace and purpose; 3) For our prefielders in various stages of training and support raising; 4) God's favor and guidance in the ongoing process of selling our home and 5) For the Lorows to remain centered, rested, and expectant in all God is doing. "Thank you for faithfully partnering with us. Your prayers and encouragement truly make a difference, not only in our lives but in the lives of every missionary being sent out.'

#### Ivey, Mike & Jill - BBF Korea

The Iveys share this story from Mr. Ha... ` "Opportunity" during our men's Bible study, one of the brothers asked some sincere and heartfelt questions about how to repent of his sins, how to meet God, and how to truly know Jesus. In that moment, Pastor Mike encouraged him to receive Jesus Christ. Mr. Ha continues... "Passion" I was there and able to offer a small amount of support, but what impacted me most was the deep and genuine longing this friend showed. Seeing his desire to know Jesus stirred something in me - it challenged me to reflect on my own heart. I realized that just as he longed to know Jesus, I carry a longing to share Jesus, a passion for the gospel. Mr. Ha concludes... "Commitment" My prayer request is this: that his longing would become a spiritual challenge for me, fueling my own desire to proclaim the gospel. I want my passion for sharing Christ to grow stronger and deeper, led by the guidance of

#### Ivey continued:

the Holy Spirit. **This is why we serve...** One may prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The second man, Mr. Ha, was convicted of his own need to faithfully share the gospel. As you pray for us and the start of new congregations, would you pray for the next generation of laborers for the work?"

#### Serino, Nick & Darianne - Alaskan Arctic

The Whaling feast was in early June. The fruit of 14 whales was distributed over the 3 day feast! Nick & Darianne were called up to address the start of the 2nd day of the feast and to pray. "It was a blessing!" They thank God for "Dolly" trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour. They ask that we pray for Dolly as she is battling cancer and has been experiencing complications. "Bobby", one of the teens was saved after a teen class. He had been coming for several months and finally decided he needed Jesus. "What a blessing! He has a good spirit and has started to come to evening services too." In early August the Serinos will be heading to Fairbanks for a week of doctor visits, etc. Afterwards they will head to Idaho, followed by NY, PA, VA, WV then Phoenix for Nick's check up at the Mayo Clinic on Oct 3rd. "After that we head back to Fairbanks and then back to Point Hope at the end of October. That's a lot of driving so please keep us in prayer as we visit at least 12 of our supporting churches." They ask that we keep praying for new missionary families to answer the call of God to Wainwright and Point Lay as they will be without pastors very soon.

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

The Rizzos update begins with Safety Zones. The Streets of Kensington Ministry in June "was a phenomenal time of sharing the gospel with many passersby! I was blessed by our team of associate evangelists and leaders how helped us share the good news and counsel the many people who stopped by to visit with us. Our food distribution was also a great success. Thank you for your faithful prayers covering this outreach." The recent Youth Safety Zone was "an incredible blessing! Our latest outreach saw upward of 60 students coming out to the Youth and Kids Safety Zone. I'm sensing that many students are hungry and in need of hearing the refreshing message of the gospel. I'm sure this is something they don't usually hear, and it's something that draws them in. Once again, several dozen students responded to our counseling invitations, trusting in the Lord as their Savior, and addressed other critical spiritual matters in their hearts." God is working through the YouthFluential ministry. The ministry is reaching souls across multiple platforms: "Our YouTube channels are touching 5,000 lives daily, and social media platforms are reaching 2,000 people every day. Our website ministry averages 6,000 views annually. These combined efforts are reaching over 2.5 million people yearly with the Gospel! In just 3 years, we've witnessed nearly 5 million views of content sharing Christ's message of salvation. And friends, this is just the beginning of what god has planned!" Please pray for Becky's ongoing health challenges as she learns to manage the ongoing pain. The virus she battled in 2024 has left a significant impact on her body. "Your prayers are deeply appreciated as she adjusts to these challenges and continues serving despite them."

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

The Hawes begin with "God blessed the Bible club rallies on June 3rd - 5th with approximately 4,000 public school children participating, 240 professions of faith, and 146 public school teachers participating in the training. What a joy to watch the New Testament Church Pioneers from The Crown College and Temple Baptist Church pray earnestly, and see God answer their prayers so specifically as they worked so hard!" The Bible Club board met on June 19th & 20th. "It is so exciting to see the curriculum continue to spread across the country." A pastor recently texted that he saw 32 professions of faith in his school. "Please pray as our board members each follow up on different opportunities with local pastors, the education department and teacher colleges." The Hawes ask that we continue to pray for the Bible Clubs for revival, curriculum, funding, training and the follow up of salvation decisions. "A special thank you to our many prayer warriors, supporters, and logistics team.

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

The Hoaglands begin with their thankfulness for the chances and opportunities that God continues gives them to share the Good News of Jesus with others. People are receptive to the message. They may not see thousands coming, but they are thankful for all the fruit He gives. Over the previous 2 weeks, the Manna Migrants ministry (where people live in little shacks next to some tracks) served 324 plates of food and saw 29 salvation decisions. The evangelistic

#### Hoagland continued:

team won another 12 souls at the hospitals and their main church saw 5 more believe in Jesus as their Savior. The ministry to those 60 years of age and older continues to grow. The hope is that they will invest and share their wisdom with the next generation. The Hoaglands ask us to "Please pray for our Manna Mania team that will make an evangelistic presentation to 300 children and their parents on the 21st of this month. And for our summer evangelistic youth camps from July 28th until August 9th." They end with "Thanks for all you do to help us with all God is doing here in Mexico City. God bless."

#### Bennett, Dan & Becky - BIMI ARM Personnel (Assistance & Relief Missionary)

The Bennetts begin by sharing about a pastor for the Deaf church in Sao Paulo. "As we mentioned in our last letter, we asked that you continue to pray for a pastor for the Deaf church in Sao Paulo. Just last month, God answered our prayers and sent a pastor to the Bible Baptist Church for the Deaf in Sao Paulo! God miraculously worked and brought back a former pastor of the Deaf church that had already served there for 17 years. He and his wife have been away from the Bible Baptist Church for 12 years, and God answered our prayers in a tremendous way. THANK YOU to all who prayed with us about this!" The Bennetts recently spent 5 days at BIMI for Enrichment Week, a time set aside for missionaries on furlough to get enriched, revived, relax a little, be encouraged, and enjoy good fellowship with other missionaries. The Word was preached some timely messages that ministered to Dan & Becky in a special way. They were able to talk with other veteran missionaries about their new ministry and get some ideas, suggestions and direction for possible ministry opportunities. "It was a necessary time for us to get away for a few days as God confirmed to us that the need for more laborers to the Deaf is urgent and that God can use us to be instruments in showing this need to others. Although we are only in the beginning phase of this new ministry, we are excited about the possibilities of more people surrendering to Deaf missions."

#### Strayer, Hannah - ABWE Togo

Hannah begins with Romans 10:14a - "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" She then shares the story of Jonas. "Jonas' grades were poor, and he was not engaged with the teaching. The issue was not one of intelligence or aptitude; Jonas was struggling because he had gone deaf 2 years earlier after being given too much medicine." In 2018 Liz Ortiz met Jonas while on a short-term trip. Her American Sign Language (ASL) skills were generally understood, so she used this knowledge to teach Jonas, his mother and his brother to communicate in sign. The change with Jonas was notable, but his school was not equipped to help him advance. As Liz returned to the US, Jonas began attending a school for the Deaf about an hour from his home. Liz found the burden for the Deaf in Togo would not leave her. She joined ABWE and eventually returned to Togo in 2024. 'A very crucial question that drives Liz's current teachings is "how does one share the truths of the gospel with those who cannot even communicate their emotions or recognize their own name?" Before she can share about sin and death and salvation, Liz must help the students understand basic language concepts in sign.' Liz continues the work on her own and is prayerfully seeking more people to join this ministry for how can they hear with no one to teach them? This month, Kristin DeVries, a teacher of the Deaf and Hard-ofhearing, is working with Liz at VBS, teacher training, and Deaf Camp. Hannah's praises are: 1) Kristin arrived safely, 2) Most of her furlough visits are set up and 3) All 4 VOL students passed the exams. Hannah's prayer requests are: 1) Liz & Kristin's events, 2) Kristin's return to Canada July 28th and 3) Hannah's final prep and packing.

#### PASTORAL CANDIDATE AT NLC

#### Saturday, July 26th – Meet & Greet Session for Key Leaders 10:00-11:30 in room 308 (*by invitation only*).

#### Saturday, July 26th – Meet & Greet Session for the Church Family 1:00-2:30 in the Gym (*members and attenders*)

Join us at the church for a special Meet & Greet with our pastoral candidate and his wife. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with them personally and extend a warm New Life welcome. If you have any questions, you'd like our pastoral candidate and his wife to answer please email them to the **Pastor Search Team** at <u>pst@nlcfamily.org</u> or share them directly with a team member. We will not be taking unplanned questions from attendees during this time together. Instead, the Pastor Search Team will ask a combination of your submitted questions and some from our interview process.

We're excited for you to hear directly from this godly couple as they share their story, respond to your questions, and offer insight into how God has led them toward New Life. We've been in awe of God's hand in this journey and can't wait for you to experience this moment with us.

Blessings, PST Jeff, Kirk, Sarah, Dan, Pam, Rachel <u>pst@nlcfamily.org</u>

#### Sunday, July 27th – Candidate Preaches & Congregational Vote

Our Pastoral Candidate will preach during the morning service.

Following the service, **members will participate in a congregational vote of affirmation by ballot.** Please plan to be present and take part as we prayerfully discern and affirm God's work through his calling.

### On **Sunday, July 27th**, Sunday School classes for **Kindergarten through 6th grade** will be **closed**.

**Nursery and Preschool rooms will remain open** and will be supervised by volunteers from a neighboring church.

Our church family has much to celebrate! This final weekend will be filled with opportunities to hear from our **pastoral candidate**. We want everyone in our church family to have the chance to hear him preach during the **Worship Service on Sunday, July 27th**.

Thank you for your understanding and for allowing our teachers to take part in this special sermon experience.

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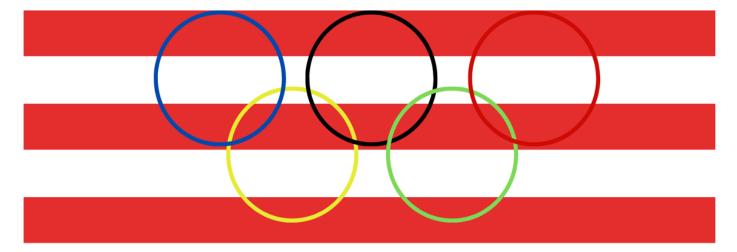
August 3rd at 6 pm in the Chapel.

(This will be Pastor Ronnie's final Baptism Service before his retirement.)

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 August 3rd, contact Ginger Wallace at gwallace@nlcfamily.org.



#### LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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#### Save the Dates

August 30: Celebration Dinner 6:00

August 31: Final Sermon 10:30

#### Celebrating Pastor Ronnie's Faithful Service

Please join us the weekend of Aug. 30 & 31, 2025, as we honor Pastor Ronnie Riggins for his almost 50 years of faithful service as the founding Pastor of New Life Church!

On the evening of August 30<sup>th</sup> we will gather at the church for a dinner and a special time of fellowship, encouragement and appreciation. Then on the morning of August 31<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Ronnie will preach his final sermon as our Senior Pastor. Don't miss this powerful message from a man who has so diligently allowed God to work through him for many years.

Pastor Ronnie has poured so much into our church family and we invite you to help celebrate his faithful service-and to recognize the love and steady support of his wife, Beverly, who has faithfully walked alongside him every step of the way.

We will be providing more details in the coming weeks.

Let's come together to show our love and appreciation!!





#### Chorus X2

Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You

#### <u>Verse</u>

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

#### Chorus X2

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#### <u>Verse X2</u>

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

#### Bridge X2

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

#### Bridge X2

Worthy worthy worthy Worthy worthy worthy Worthy worthy worthy I want to see You

#### Verse 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

#### Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

#### <u>Verse 3</u>

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

#### <u>Verse 4</u>

High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all

#### Evidence

#### <u>Verse 1</u>

All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me The winter storms made way for spring In every season from where I'm standing

#### <u>Chorus 1</u>

I see the evidence of Your goodness All over my life All over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment All over my life All over my life (yeah)

#### Verse 2

Help me remember when I'm weak Fear may come but fear will leave You lead my heart to victory You are my strength and You always will be

#### Chorus 1

I see the evidence of Your goodness All over my life All over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment All over my life All over my life (yeah)

#### Bridge X2

See the cross the empty grave The evidence is endless All my sin rolled away Because of You oh Jesus (oh)

#### Chorus 1 X2

I see the evidence of Your goodness All over my life All over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment All over my life All over my life (yeah)

#### <u>Chorus 2</u>

Why should I fear (Oh) The evidence is here

## Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

#### Verse 1

All these pieces Broken and scattered In mercy gathered Mended and whole Empty handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

#### Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me Oh I once was lost But now I am found Was blind but now I see

#### <u>Chorus</u>

Oh I can see You now Oh I can see the love in Your eyes Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life

#### Verse 2

You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel The world to see Your life in me

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#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP July 20, 2025

#### How To Be A Living Legacy Church

#### Love and Respect The Shepherd's Staff

#### The Shepherd's Staff Signifies Our Dependence On The Power Of God!

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff. *Hebrews 11:21, NKJV* 

<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *2 Corinthians 12:7-10, NKJV* 

#### The Shepherd's Staff Signifies Our Defense In The Protection Of God!

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." *1 Samuel 17:34-36, NKJV* 

<sup>28</sup> Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup> For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup> Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. *Acts 20:28-31, NKJV* 

#### The Shepherd's Staff Signifies Our Delight In The Presence of God!

**23** The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. *Psalm 23:1-3, NKJV* 

<sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' <sup>7</sup> I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. *Luke 15:4-7, NKJV* 

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:25, NKJV* 

W. Phillip Keller, in his book "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23", comments on the uniqueness of the shepherd's staff: "In a sense, the staff, more than any other item of his personal equipment, identifies the shepherd as a shepherd. No one in any other profession carries a shepherd's staff. It is uniquely an instrument used for the care and management of sheep—and only sheep. It will not do for cattle, horses or hogs. It is designed, shaped and adapted especially to the needs of sheep."

#### How does this apply to:

- Our Lead Pastor Candidate Chris Cortes
- Our Church
- Our Community and City

#### Looking Ahead into August:

- Pastor's Final Words to New Life Church
- Let there be Glory in the Church!
- ◊ Ephesians 3:14-21!