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Natural Church Development Update

Monthly Memory Challenge

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."
Luke 24:46-47.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

If you are joining us as we make our way through the Bible in a year, you will need to read through Nahum 3 by the end of the month.



September

- Sun. 9/2~ thru Ezekiel 12
- Sun. 9/9~ thru Ezekiel 33
- Sun. 9/16 ~ thru Daniel 9
- Sun. 9/23~ thru Amos 3
- Sun 9/30 ~ thru Nahum 3



- Sept 3 Labor Day
- Sept 5 Midweek Huddle
- Sept 15 Take Point
- Sept.16 Potluck
- Sept 19 Board Meeting 7:15
- Sept 26 See You at the Pole

Hi all. I just wanted to fill you in the NCD process we have been going through. I know I have been asked about the length of time it is taking (and frankly, I wish it were going faster too). But I assure you we are making progress. The area that was identified as being weakest was: **Functional Structures**. We have a team of people – (the elders and pastors) Jerry Nims, Joey Klitzke, Dave Wickus, Jed, myself, plus Kim Wegner, and Pat Sardeson – that have been meeting together monthly before my illness and then after my recovery from surgery.

First, we looked at the results of our surveys and group discussions. The result of our surveys was that often we have too many ministries and meetings going on; we are not communicating well; and, there is no planning or evaluation of programs. While these things are very important, we also want to make sure what we are doing is Great Commandment and Great Commission focused. In other words, we have to make sure that our church Structures are functional to help us to elevate and complete the mission of our church. This means that they help us fulfill what God has given us to do as believers – to love Him and others, and make disciples.

At first, we were moving along well in the "Planning" step, and getting closer to the next step of "Implementation". But, as we shared our progress with our NCD coach Rev. Justin Nash, he stated "That we were just trying to fit our structure into our current Mission and

Vision. While that may be the easiest way to go, we really needed to start from scratch to make sure we had a simple Mission and a straightforward structure to fulfill it." So, we have had to go back and see if we needed to edit our Mission. Over the past few months we have been looking at restating our mission, defining what we mean, and how to achieve it. We still have to look at our Vision – Welcome, Guided, Needed, Sent – to make sure that aligns too.

We are not done yet, because we want to be thorough, and we want to make sure that we are able to explain it well. We must be able to communicate well any changes to structures that help us function and complete our mission. This will include walking the board and the church through it. This all takes time. Believe me we want to move faster, but as we work through it, it is time consuming.

What you can you do while we are working and planning is the following? One, continue to pray for New Life and us as believers. There is NO QUESTION about what God wants us to do - our mission. God clearly tells us in Scripture (Matthew 22:36-40) that most important things to do are to love Him and to love others. These are the first and second greatest commands. The other command we must seek to fulfill is the Great Commission – to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

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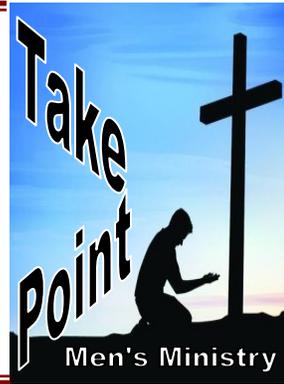


Church News

Birthdays

- 2 Tom Kleist Jr.
- 3 Gene Karpinski
- 4 Lori Snider
- 4 Megan Horstman
- 5 Daniel Francis
- 6 Delores Meador
- 7 Shirley Spees
- 10 Missy Meise
- 12 Ella Wegner
- 13 Joyce Cone
- 13 Steve Meyer
- 15 Shari Koeppel
- 15 Luke Koberstein
- 17 Jean Rockweiler
- 21 Dave Wickus
- 21 Robyn Lehman
- 21 Matilda Mjelde
- 22 Jaydin Weirsma
- 24 Nancy Cone
- 25 Keegan Hanke
- 26 Megan Dessauer
- 26 Madison Dessauer
- 28 Dan Fuller
- 28 Heidi Horstman
- 30 Franklin VanHauten
- 30 Ann Sensamann

Saturday, September 15th from 8-9:30am, at New Life, will be the start up of our **Take Point Men's Ministry**. Each month we will be holding a men's breakfast and study. Our goal will be to encourage and equip men to lead - to "Take Point" - in their faith, their marriage, their family, their workplace, and in the world, as they pursue Christ. Plan on joining us September 15th at 8 am at New Life.



Midweek Huddle

Open to ALL ages!!

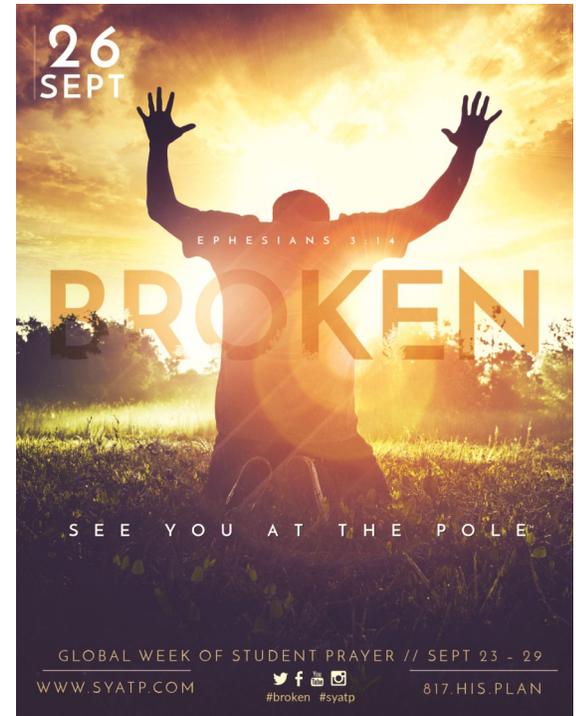
Wednesday nights at 6:00pm
Starting September 5th!

Dinner will be held the first Wednesday each month!



Will be held on the third Sunday of each month this year starting September 16th.

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass!



CHURCH BOARD MEETING



September Board Meeting
Wednesday
September 19

Fall small groups are starting to form now.

Please see Pastor Jesse or Pastor Jed if you would like to become involved.



Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Janice Shaw
- 4 Dave & Lorrie Wickus
- 10 David & Charlotte Taylor
- 14 Dale & Heidi Horstman
- 17 John & JoEllen Westendorf
- 17 Jayme & Stephanie Johnson
- 24 Lloyd & Shari Koppel



No board meeting was held in August.

Financial Report

Month of July

Budgeted Giving \$16,924
 Budgeted Expense \$16,269
 Difference \$655

Actual Giving \$17,599
 Actual Expense \$15,285
 Difference \$2,314

Year to date

Budgeted Giving \$101,842
 Budgeted Expense \$105,734
 Difference **-\$3,892**

Actual Giving \$99,852
 Actual Expense \$105,265
 Difference **-\$5,413**

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So pray that as a church and believers that what we seek to do this – love Him, love others, and invest in others so they come to know Him and grow in their relationship with Him (and repeat the discipling process).

Two, read through, reflect, and study the passages above, and other passages that reflect the Great Commission and Great Commandment. Each gospel letter has a Great Commission statement and some have the Great Commandment too. It is important that we as believers KNOW that all our ministries and meetings help us to accomplish these. These are hard to fulfill yes, but we must fully understand that these are the things God has given us as believers to do. So, become familiar with them.

Finally, pray for our elders and the rest of the NCD team. We need it. We are making progress and working well together, but we all know that the enemy seeks to slow down God’s work when it advances. We could use your prayers so that we stay focused, that we continue to address making our structures functional to complete our mission, and, that results come as a part of our planning. Our goal is to have quite a bit done before the end of the year to share with the church on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and ultimately at the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your patience with the NCD team as we seek clarity for New Life. We want to do what God wants us to do, and that it would help us ultimately to fulfill the Great Commission in the context of living out the Great Commandment.

Pastor Jesse

First and Third Tuesday of the month: Breakfast fellowship at the Log Cabin at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

Wednesdays starting Sept. 5th: Midweek Huddle.

Meal will be served the first Wednesday at 6pm. Followed by large group gathering and small group huddles.

Thursdays: Prayer time with Dave Wickus at 6:30pm

Fridays: Prayer at the church at 9:30 am.

Third Saturday of the month: Take Point Men’s Ministry at 8:00am

Sundays: Jerry Nims Study at the church at 6pm

Church-wide prayer chain: Call the church office at 356-3367 with your prayer concerns



NewLife News

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Friends Forever October 19-21, 2018

What: A weekend retreat/lock-in for teens 7th grade and up, college students, youth workers and sponsors.

What will we do: We will spend time with God, see old friends, make new friends. Participate in worship, Bible study classes, games, "Concert of Prayer, and more.

Where: Aurora Advent Christian Church

When: October 19-21, 2018 Retreat begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Sunday at noon following the morning worship service.

Cost: Cost for those in 7th-12th grade is \$35.

Questions: Please contact Pastor Matt Mull at 630-896-1963 or email at mmull@auroraadvent.org.

Forms can be picked up in the youth room.

