

New Life News



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

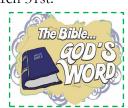
COLOSSIANS 3:2
SET YOUR MINDS
ON THINGS ABOVE,
NOT ON
EARTHLY THINGS.

Have an IMPACT!

On Monday and Tuesday night 3/20-3/21, New Life will be hosting a 2-night Seminar on "How to share Jesus." Join us as we learn to share the Good News clearly, share how God has worked in our life, and to pray for the opportunity to share and the people we share it with. The time of the seminar will be 5:30-7:30 at night - dinner and free childcare provided. Join us, as we prepare ourselves to share the Light of Jesus with others.

BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to read through the Bible in a year. For the month of March, you will need to read through 1 Samuel 31 by March 31st.



Sun 3/5 through Josh 4 Sun 3/12 through Josh 24 Sun 3/19 through Judg 19 Sun 3/26 through 1 Sam 16 Fri 3/31 through 1 Sam 31

New Life has a DESTINATION in mind

Have you ever just driven around with no particular place to go? Some of us have. I have. Solomon, when he was a toddler, sometimes had a problem falling asleep. So, I would put him in the car and just drive around until he fell asleep. I wasn't going anywhere in particular, but just driving around.

Sometimes, when I am driving to a particular place today, I may take a different route. Sherry and I went up to see Josiah at school a few weekends ago and I took a different route then. I did not think it was going to be quicker, but just different scenery. And before you ask, no I did not look at a map or use the guide in the car for directions. ... Which was not a problem when going on the new roads. It was when we got close to Stevens-Point and I missed the final Stevens-Point exit that I needed a map. I realized then, that I needed to go a little further than I planned.

Suffice it to say, when we are wanting to go somewhere in a car, we want to take a quick and efficient way. Isn't that the same way in life too? When we want to go in a certain direction, we want to go the quickest and most efficient way. We realize that sometimes as we are moving toward our goal, that we may get sidetracked. There may be a route or road shut down, and we have to go a different way. There may even be a road blocked off and we have to turn around and find a totally new way, and possibly sometimes, even a new destination. And if we are very set on our destination, that can be really frustrating.

This year, as begin the first month after the ANNUAL MEETING, New Life has some goals to strive for. They all revolve around being a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is someone who knows and follows Jesus. Our goals are to help the people in our church and local community to not only begin to walk with Jesus, but also grow in their relationship with Jesus. And as they grow, to live a life that reflects Jesus' love, that reflects Christlikeness, that

reflects servanthood, and the also directs others to Jesus too. Yes, these goals do reflect our vision: Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus, Serve like Jesus, be the Light of Jesus. They also reflect our mission: To be disciples of Jesus who make disciples. But just as we look at a map to guide us in the car – and I do actually do that at times – our Mission and Vision is our guide at New Life.

I know that many of us may not want to drive around like we are going on a drive in the country. We like to drive with a purpose and destination. Likewise, as we plan our activities, our programs, and our interactions with each other at New Life and in the community - or in your home church and home town - we want to make sure that we have a purpose for them and a destination involved. And in case you ask, people are more important than our ministry and programs. In fact, relationships are MOST important. So when New Life has programs and ministries, they are about people and relationships - a relationship with God AND a relationship with others. And seeking to love others, mature in faith, serve others, and reach out to others in faith, is a part of our destination. So, as New Life offers opportunities to help you LOVE others like Jesus, grow spiritually to LIVE like Jesus, to SERVE like Jesus, and to be the LIGHT of Jesus, come and participate so you, along with others, can GROW in your relationship WITH JE-SUS (as a disciple). Not only that, but you can also help others grow in their relationship with Jesus too. All this to say, I highly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities New Life presents you, not to just attend, but to love others, to grow spiritually, to help others as you serve, and to share the light of Jesus with others. The destination that New Life has in mind. is to help you and I be disciples who are helping to make disciple.

By Pastor Jesse

Mid-Week Huddle

March 1 - Meal March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29 - No Huddle but youth game night

"Spring Ahead" on Saturday, March 11.

Daylight Savings Time Begins On Sunday, March 12



Easter Service - 4/9/23

Join us at New Life on Easter Sunday, April 9th, the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It was the miracle that the world needed so we might experience God's grace though Jesus. When you arrive at New Life on that Sunday morning (4/9), breakfast will be served at 9am. Then, after the breakfast, the Easter Service will start at 10am. We are letting you know NOW, so you can plan to attend, AND plan on bringing friends. The highlight of the morning breakfast will be the Norwegian pancakes. But the highlight of the service will be the miracle of the RESURRECTION. Plan on coming to eat with us and celebrate the Lord's resurrection on April 9th. Worship with us as we celebrate Jesus' life, death, AND resurrection.

Wednesday March 1st at 7:15pm



2023 Financial Reports - through January

January 2023 Year to Date Actual Income \$12,593 Actual Income \$12,593 Actual Expense \$16,558 Actual Expense \$16,558 Difference Difference

Budgeted Giving \$17,362 **Budgeted Giving** \$17,362 Budgeted Expense \$16,734 Budgeted Expense \$16,734 Difference \$628 Difference \$628





- 1 (Feb 29) John Taylor
- 5 Tim Green
- 10 Laura Goodenow
- 11 Bristol Solchenberger
- 11 Dori Helms
- 21 Katelyn Weirsma
- 21 Lee S
- 22 Emma Fuller
- 24 Jerry Nims
- 25 Abbigail Wallace
- 26 Roger Mislivecek
- 30 Becky Hovde

3 Roy & Pam Mjelde 17 Tim & Missy Meise

SPRING YOUTH RETREAT April 14th - 16th

April 14th - 16th is the Spring Youth Retreat this year. We will be hosting it at Expeditions Unlimited. If you're in 7th - 12 grade, you can attend. Please see Pastor Jed to get a registration form for the retreat. Don't miss it!

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