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Vision Statement

New Life Family Worship Center desires to be a thoroughly biblical church that seeks God's presence and leadership. To that end, we are committed to proclaiming God's perfect law and His glorious gospel of grace in Jesus Christ throughout the world and to, "defending the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor 10:31).

A Word From Pastor Steve

Let me speak to the condition of our church's heart. Although we have just gone through a time of church discipline, I think we have turned a corner in our devotion to the Lord. What I will share today is directly from my devotion last night at our General Council of Elders meeting.

From 1 Sam. 2:30: "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'"

After our Fellowship Sunday morning I wanted to explore this idea a little bit. This verse in 1 Sam. tells us that God honors those who honor Him and that He lightly esteems those who despise Him. By this scripture, we know what we must do, but the question is how do we esteem and honor God?

Of course, we esteem and give Him honor when we worship Him and tithe to His church. But there is another way to give Him honor, and that is often overlooked.

Jesus said, "... Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40). Now who are "the least of these"? The Greek word for "least" is translated as "in amount: of management of affairs...in importance...in the estimation of men: of persons," and "in rank and excellence: of persons." Here's an example that shows the heart of Jesus in regard to this matter.

When the disciples attempted to keep the children away from Jesus, Jesus rebuked them (Mark 10:13-14). The children were considered "least" by some, but according to Jesus, they were valuable, "for such is the kingdom of God" (v. 14). We can give honor to Jesus, and we honor God by giving honor to the little ones.

So, we should honor children, but that raises another question, "How do we honor the children?" We honor our children at home and at church by giving them the Word of God and by training them in the ways of the kingdom. As Christians we should supply the very best teaching materials for our children, the best environment and we must give them quality time and understanding. And we must be an example to them of peace and wisdom.

So how do we honor God? We honor God by giving honor to children and to those the world would consider of less value. We should never judge people because of their income, education, or for the work they do in society. Man looks at the outside, but God looks at the heart. Philippians 2:3 tells us to: "Let nothing be done

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and the Lord***

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- "Give Online Now" button allows one time or set up of recurring giving
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⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 9:7

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through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

Yesterday [Sunday] I think we saw two types of honor manifested in our church. We saw a commitment to address issues in a biblical manner both by the church and the individual[s] involved. And by honoring our Father God, we were honored. As we saw how our commitment to honor children was realized by two professions of faith, subsequently we will see 4 baptisms. And I think God was very purposeful in this honoring, as we all know nothing is more to the heart of our church than the children. The actions of the individual[s] involved in our church honored God and God honored us. God is incredibly good to those who honor Him. May it always be so at New Life...

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Words From the Word #45

From Matthew 5:5: "The meek" comes from a Greek word. The root is *praus*. And it means basically, here's the root, "mild, gentle, and soft." So, the idea is a person who is gentle, mild, and tenderhearted. Somebody who's patient. Somebody who's just submissive, and so forth. Now that's the root concept: Mild, gentle, soft, patient, kind, quiet, willing, submissive.

Let me illustrate it with some of its uses. It was often used in the Greek as a word to describe a soothing medicine. Other times it was used to describe a gentle breeze. And other times, it was used to describe a colt that had been broken and domesticated and could be used for good purposes. So, it was soothing, or something that was gentle, or something that was very comforting. Further, it is said that it was characteristic of Jesus. In 2 Corinthians 10:1, it talks about "the meekness and gentleness of Christ." The meekness of Christ. In Matthew 21:5, it talks about the meekness of Christ. It says, "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, [meek] and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

Further, let me say something to you about it. It is a gentleness, a mildness, and a subdued character - watch this - it is not weakness. It is power under control. I'm pretty sure you've heard that before. It is power under control. Okay? Power under control.

It is a byproduct of self-emptying, of self-humiliation. It is a brokenness before God. It is the taming of the lion. Not the killing of the lion. It's as Ephesians 4:26 states. It's okay "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath," In other words, let it be a righteous anger, a controlled anger for God's purposes. Don't be angry because you've been offended; be angry because God has, see? It's anger for the right reason at the right time.

Meekness doesn't mean impotence. It is power under control. And if you examine Proverbs 25:28 it says, "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls." You've got power, but there's nothing to contain it, and it's like a destroyed city. On the other hand, Proverbs 16:32 says, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." In other words, to rule the spirit is meekness. To be out of control is the lack of meekness. It is power under control.

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Let's take it from the standpoint of the Greeks' use of it. I told you they use it to speak of soothing medicine. Medicine under control is helpful. Out of control, it kills. They use it to speak about an animal that was broken and useful. An unbroken horse destroys. A broken horse is useful. They used it to speak of a gentle breeze. A gentle breeze cools and soothes. A hurricane kills, out of control. Power under control is meekness.

It's the opposite of violence and the opposite of vengeance. The meek man has learned like [Hebrews 10:34](#), "for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven." The meek person has died to self. Now it's going to crystallize for you in a minute. The meek person has died to self. He never worries about his own injuries. He bears no grudges. John Bunyan said, "He who is already down cannot fall." There's nothing to lose. A meek person never defends himself because he knows he doesn't deserve anything. He never gets angry about what's done to him, because he doesn't deserve anything.

Meekness. This is what Christ said characterizes people in his kingdom. They're not defending themselves. They're not running around trying to get their due. They know they have nothing. They're already broken in spirit over their sin. They're already mourning and weeping over the consequence of it. And in humility they stand before a holy God, and they have nothing to commend themselves.

Power under control. They trust in God. They delight in Him. And here God promises to give them the earth. It isn't cowardice. It isn't flabbiness. It isn't a wishy-washy lack of conviction. It isn't just human niceness. Meekness says, "In myself, nothing is possible. But in God, everything is possible." Meekness says, "For me, I offer no defense. For God, I'll give my life. For God I'll die." It's not a passive acceptance of sin, but it's an anger under control. It's holy indignation.

An illustration of this is in [1 Peter 2:21](#). "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps." Now here's real meekness. [V 22](#) - "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth" Now start right there. He never did anything wrong. So, whatever anybody accused Him of was a false accusation. So whatever anybody punished Him for was wrong. Whenever they abused Him, they were out of line. Whenever they slandered Him, they were wrong. Whenever they mocked Him, it was a lie, because He never did anything wrong. He never sinned. He never deceived. He never did anything wrong.

And even though He never deserved any criticism, when it came - in [verse 23](#) - and "when He was reviled, did not revile in return, when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously."

Stop right there. That's meekness. Jesus never defended Himself, never. But when they desecrated His Father's temple, He made a whip and started beating them, didn't He? Meekness says, "I'll never defend myself, but I'll die defending God." That's meekness.

Twice Jesus cleansed the temple. He blasted the hypocrites. He condemned the false leaders of Israel. He fearlessly uttered divine judgment upon people, and yet the Bible says He was meek. Meekness is not impotence. Meekness is power used only in the defense of God, never in the defense of myself.

Jesus never used it for Himself. He could have called legions of angels, but He didn't because He never did anything to defend Himself. He could have had 12 legions of angels. What does it mean to be meek? It means power under control. You look at yourself and you're broken in spirit because you see your sin. And you mourn over your sin, and you know you deserve nothing, so there's nothing to defend. But you see the holiness of God, and as you see the holiness of God, you'll die defending His Holy Name. You see?

Mom and Dad were trying to console Maddie, whose dog recently died.

"You know, it's not your fault that the dog died. He's probably up in heaven
right now, having a grand time with God.

Susie, still crying, said, "What would God want with a dead dog?"



from [Joyful Noiseletter](#), February 27, 2025

Prayer Requests**as of April 30, 2025**

Did you know that New Life Family Worship Center has a prayer chain? When there is a physical, spiritual, or any need that needs prayer, a team of prayer warriors send prayers up on their behalf. If you have a prayer request that needs immediate attention by our prayer warriors, contact Deb Zink at 520-586-2337. Please note that unless asked not to be, prayer requests are also put on the church's Sunday morning prayer list. The latest prayer request list is below.

Unsaved loved ones, unspoken, Our Nation & World, Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Revival, travelers, kids, teachers & schools, country, Israel

Pamela Martens – sister, Kat-prayers for her & her health while helping husband, Gene, who is hemorrhaging behind his eyes, needs retinal surgery, prayers for minimal impact on sight; Ron's daughter, Emmaline-wisdom, guidance & grace; Ron's mom, Henny-salvation; Ron's sister, Denise, needs a kidney transplant; son, Jon Martens-prayers for protection & guidance; daughter, Caroline-under spiritual attack, prayers for her & family; nation; nephew, Riley, is lost, prayers for wisdom/guidance; Pamela's friend, Debra, in TN-prayers for complications after surgery in Dec.

Brother Steve – 82 yr. old brother, Ray-salvation; prayers for revival & that God be glorified; those he counsels-prayers for wisdom; Israel; Lercher family; his son-prayers for continued faith & success; prayers for Caleb, in residential rehab; prayers for Ashley Berryhill; John MacArthur is on dialysis for renal failure, has other health issues; Kirk Sorenson-prayers for cancer treatment; prayers for relationship intervention for church couple; Dottie Krepps-health

Becky Schmidlin-son-in-law, Gary-cancer; prayers for Becky's challenges; her recovery from mouth surgery

Gene Shull-neighbor, Andrew-salvation; America; Donna's sister, Lois-not doing well; friend, Karen, has cancer; his sister-in-law Maggie-prayers for salvation; Donna is having much hip & back pain;

Barb Nastal- all families; children with cancer; hers & Joe's health; neighbor, Ed-anxiety issues; witness of parents/grandparents to children; Children-those in war zones & those neglected; peace & hope; spiritual protection; for hearts & ears to be opened; prayers for her & Joe for safety & challenges in trips to Tucson; lots of doctor appts. for her & Joe; church body & leaders; witness to town of Pomerene; Barb's son, Richard-has mass in chest, awaiting biopsy results; Barb is recovering from a fall & COVID

Margaret Anderson-18 yr. old great nephew, Weston-challenges while waiting for heart/liver transplant

Elmer Simpson-prayers for salvation for daughter, Amy & his son, Jacob & family; travel mercies during trip to St. Louis

Robin Tannahill-niece, Brandy & her daughter, Anna-salvation; her nephew, Miguel-metastatic cancer & salvation; Robin is having problems with her prosthetic

Betsy Graves-sister Susie-prayers for salvation; Jerusalem;

Lucille Lukens' parents-salvation; due to heavy heart-prayers for young girls

Mya Peralta-her dad's friend has cancer; prayers for her friend, Grace

Terry Hauzer-prayers for family & medical trials; she is having BP & gall bladder issues; had heart attack 4.30

Marsha Robertson-broken marriages; friend, Lynette Roberts-recovery from surgery, pain management

Nicki Medeiros-her sister, Janie-financial situations, son and grandson searching for a church home; unspoken

Renee Cox-young families at church; Immigrant children; her dad is in hospice; one of Sally's students, Nathan-prayers for continued recovery; prayers for kids during spring break; friend Karen, has shingles; Sally's boss, Pastor Charlie McDonough-his sister & brother passed away; praise for Spanish ministry at Sally's church

Kristin Hicks-her friend, Misty Davidson-prayers for strength & stamina through difficult time; JoAnn Mazza-prayers for healing; prayers for Amanda Tucker & family;

Valinda Turrell-prayers for son, Sean-spiritual direction; husband, Lane's, salvation; her sister Barbara Tabor-prayers for salvation & health; her sister, Lisa; Valinda-getting tested for source of blood clots; her friend in Tucson, Becca Nelson-financial/housing situation, recovery from crushed toe injury; Cammy Fancher-recovery from surgery on the 21st; John, Pastor at Community Baptist has bowel blockage, now recovering at home

Kim Martindale-Husband, Marty, perseverance with several health challenges, he's having vein procedure to ease swelling in his legs; daughter-in-law, Tina-God's care & healing; salvation for sisters, Meg & Mickey; resolution to family's trials; Kim's daily walk, struggles due to Marty's health; friend in park-her daughter, LeeAnn Osborn-cancer relapse; friend at park, Coleen-waiting for room at hospital due to BP issues

Kris Garmon-unspoken; her shoulder & neck problems; friend's daughter has serious health issues, getting tests done, salvation; friend, Sherry Wolford-has pancreatic cancer & is starting chemo; her supervisor, Barb-health issues, tests to be done; everyone's health issues, prayers for peace; she has family members with COVID

Lynn Clary-prayers for salvation for her children

Sherry Sunthimer-Michael Lofgren passed away on 4.21 prayers for family

Jeff Hubbert-prayers for physical healing, undergoing physical & mental stress

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Judith Herrera-son, Jay in PHX is in remission from leukemia, keep in prayers brother & sister-in-law in MI-significant health issues while aging; nephew, Robby, in MI-prayers for recovery after double lung transplant & heart bypass; friend, Roe-had surgery, has cancer in ear & melanoma on face

Ron Graves-Jack Webb-salvation; Dave Franke-continued issues with shingles on the brain; friend, Tom-health issues; prayers against Satan's attacks; friend, Clint-prayers for trials; Israel & the peace deal; prayers for our church, Pastor, Elders & country; family & spiritual attacks; unspoken, health issues for some

Gailyn Conser-pray for church leadership every day; borders, government, etc.;

Kathy Simko-salvation for siblings, Chris & Jeff; sister-in-law, Jackie-freedom from long-term opioid addiction, cancer; Ariella Campos-at 9 yrs. old, cancer has returned, but she is still fighting; Tammy Stewart-prayers for healing, recovery from foot amputation, & her walk with the Lord; all kids & adults involved in NL Youth ministries; purity & unity for the NL body

Alyssa Gustafson-family struggles, physically & spiritually; prayers for Alyssa; prayers about worldly influence on 14 & 16 year old family members; n

Ken King-neighbor, Stan Jones-recovery from surgery for growth on pancreas

Anita Choate- prayers for son, Miles, in the Dallas Fire Dept Academy; dad, Guenter Detweiler-lower back pain, sadness, psychological issues, prayers for wisdom for family & care issues; prayers for daughter, Tamra & family during challenges in moving to Houston

Tom Van Wart-friend, Drew, neck cancer removed, but now has cancer in liver

Tim Cesolini-prayers for law enforcement to be led by God
Rebecca Mills-prayers for all youth & Satan's attacks on them; Sonia Garcia passed away at 44 yrs old, prayers for 12 yr old son, Eddie & family; nephew, Ricky-serious injury to foot, having surgery on it, salvation; Jordan Ronquillo-his autistic 16 yr. old brother, Joseph diagnosed with lupus & needs a job, his father, Andy, also has lupus; Cooper's parents-salvation

Tony Herrera-6 yr. old nephew, Jesse-due to genetic disease (BBS9), may be blind by adolescence, also organs may be impacted, people of Ukraine; brother-in-law, Tim-in early stage of dementia, having side effects from medication; friend, Bill Bivens, diagnosed with prostate cancer, prayers for treatment; hostages in Israel; Tony's friend, Bill-son-in-law, Tim needs prayers for emotional issues; USAID issues

John Peralta-pray for the church body; his grandma had accident, blood clot in leg, then amputation & internal

bleeding, prayers for his dad, salvation for family
Vicki King-peace; friends; sister Nancy-had cancer removed from her lip, also heart & other health issues; unsaved relatives; travel mercies for her sister & veterans on trip to see Ark

Lundberg family- please pray for our son Xander to return to the Lord. Please pray for his safety and that our family be reconciled

Janie Howard-friend's 48 yr. old daughter, Kelly-having double mastectomy in April; unspoken; her brother, Jim & wife moving to Sun City to work in a church, prayers for challenges

Bob Medeiros-prayers for Ann Korsness' marriage; son, Nicholas-unspoken; challenges at pregnancy centers; prayers for construction worker, Eric, and his family; Bob, prayers that bone marrow works the way God intended & cells don't multiply; prayers for homeless man, Mike; Bob-recovery from hip surgery on March 27th, prayers for family of upcoming groom-to-be

Brittany Crawford-family friend, Jair Epp-epilepsy, seizures have progressed to grand-mal seizures; extended family member, Faye-stage 2 breast cancer, upcoming surgery

Jan Davis- prayers for Michelle Hamlin & gall bladder issues

Addie Fife-82 yr. old cousin Joann-recovery from illness, also mental health issues, may have dementia, blaming God-pray for change of heart; prayers for her children, David, Debbie, & Stephen-unspoken; prayers for friend's daughter who has addiction issues; friends of 40 years, Doris & Fred Bilsma in WA-Fred is dying from cancer, their daughter had a heart attack; friend's granddaughter-issues of self-harm, prayers for both; friend's granddaughter, Brittany-prayers for success with IVF; new friend, Mary LH Soto has bone cancer

Valerie Miller-taking new med for 3 wks to try to stop breast cancer; prayers for Doug's PTSD during this trial, also for doctors' wisdom in treating Doug's leaky heart valve

Deanna Kehn-prayers for granddaughter & family due to divorce; Ken's sister, Velda-passed away in January, prayers her sister/caregiver, Janice & family; Ken having leg issues again; Deanna is seeing retina specialist for bloody right eye

Aubrey Moon- her uncle Daniel is in ICU in Phoenix possibly due to alcohol. Also prayers for his wife who just had a baby.

Bonnie Barlow-cousin, Carolyn in hospice, likely passing soon

Curtis Drake-prayers for wisdom for Crispin & Brandy Baha with North Fork Youth Ministry on White Mountain Apache Reservation

Cathy Yearout-having knee replacement surgery May 5th

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Steve Adams-prayers for daughter, Patty & husband, Josh; prayers for protection & guidance for President Trump
Scott Lingenfelter-his dad, John is recovering from a stroke, salvation

Barbara Vander Leest-friend, Cathy, passed away from bone cancer

Kathy Steel-Kathy is having hip surgery on June 19th; grandson, Sam-salvation, mental & behavioral issues, & his family dealing with him daily; Emily-is 35, had breast cancer 3 yrs ago with surgery, now has cancer spots on spine; salvation for many family members; prayers for family of Bob & Jenny-their son & daughter-in-law died recently leaving 13 & 15 yr. old kids; a friend in remission from breast cancer now has cancer in multiple body parts & her husband lost his job

Lauren Medeiros-bone spur in foot, creating caregiving issues, prayers for healing; family issues

Marti Moehlau-friend, Kelly, had a serious reaction to the chemo being used to treat her cancer. Doctors likely to try surgery again. Requesting continuing prayers for Kelly & her family; grandson, Doug-difficult challenges next few weeks; husband, Drew-now home from hosp., has acute congestive heart failure & stage 4 kidney disease

Michael Crawford-friend's dad, Peter-fell & is now in ICU; his cousin has Hodgkins Lymphoma

Adele Roberts-Their daughter Cindy's biological mother passed away

Heather Kepner-prayers about life issues for son, Jesse & mom, Jean

Sunshine Cesolini-prayers for upcoming gall bladder surgery, lower back procedure; biopsy results of neck cyst, & results of kidney test; prayers for 84 yr old friend who fell, had brain bleed, now in rehab

Crystal Castagno-prayers their dad, due to work shift, gets sufficient sleep during day

Max Spann-recovery from cancer surgery, now in rehab

Raven Cesolini-prayers for law enforcement to be safe

Stella Gregory-friend, Teresa-struggles in new home & with new neighbor

Jim Cox-he and Janet are looking for a new home, hopefully close to church

Deb Zink-friend, Beth Wilson-husband, Brad had aneurysm & heart attack, prayers for recovery & new life challenges

Beth Rowekamp-brother, Bill's salvation

PRAISES

Giving thanks for our church & where we live!

Kris Garmon-praise for a special visit with Doug & Valerie Miller, & a lovely Women's Fellowship get-together on Saturday

Kim Martindale-husband, Marty, fell, went to emergency, but he's good for another day!!

Betsy Graves-praise for children who morning of 27th asked Jesus to be their Saviour & asked to be baptized!

Anita Choate-praise for answer to prayer for financial help for We Care!

Bob Medeiros-praise there are no more symptoms of facial neuralgia!!

**RANGER BOB SHARES THE WORD -****Searching the Scrumptious, Stirring, Simmering, Strong, and Sensible SCRIPTURES**

Romans 5:4-5 *"And endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

Recently, I was thinking about the Resurrection, which led me to God's promises, which led me to hope, which led me to faith, endurance, and lastly, and most importantly, to God's love.

Sometimes circumstances in my life have a way of thwarting my hope. Recent things like my very slow recovery from hip surgery, my recent hospitalization with dizziness, headaches, nausea, and tightness in my chest, and my loneliness after my wife passed away. Also sins I struggle with. All these things can be a stumbling block. But, when I look on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I can see how God keeps His promises. And then, when I look back at my 63 years of experiences with God, I remember [and know] that He is faithful and can be trusted. I need not dwell on my current circumstances, but I can focus on my Heavenly Father and His love, mercy, grace, and FAITHFULNESS.

I need to anchor my hope in God's faithfulness. I can have real, confident expectations.

God's love is reassuring, His Word [Bible] is powerful, the Holy Spirit is my Helper. I have all I need. My hope holds fast, not because of anything that I do, or don't do, but on what Christ did on that first Easter.

A BELATED HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!!!

Notes From Ranger Bob **Servant/Pastor**



- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**

“N”

The Outreach Team [NLOTS] would like to thank the saints at New Life Family Worship Center for their prayers, support, and contributions.

“L”

Also, a great big thank you for the helpers that have joined the Outreach Team recently and in the past, including Steve Edgar, Curtis Drake, and Ron Martens. Last summer Joy Yakolev and her friend, Blanca, from Tucson, helped the Outreach Team. Kathy Simko has also helped in the past.

“O”

It is encouraging that God has put on the hearts of some of the people at New Life to help with the important ministry of Outreach, and that they have obeyed Him.

“T”

An exciting development recently transpired in Tucson. Ranger Bob was able to hand out 8 Children's Bibles to 3 different families. The children ranged in age from 7 to 14, to 45. It seems that Ranger Bob has convinced some adults that the NIV Jr. Bible is a good book to read. It is very similar to the regular NIV Bible but with simpler words. Still a good translation.

Ranger Bob, Pastor/Servant for the Lord

thanks

- **New Life Kids/Students**

The New Life Kids “Fireflies” Class just wrapped up a magnificent inaugural year! We learned all about Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, starting with John the Baptist all the way through Jesus Christ's ascension back to heaven! In these photos, the children are learning about how Jesus taught the parable of the talents from Matthew 25:14-30. ~ Miss Kathy



Many kids received certificates of promotion on April 23rd! What a great year it has been!

Check out the pictures from the carnival on page 11!!

Looking forward to seeing the Kids & Students again in the Fall! Be sure to watch for announcements about the start date and registration!

Praises, Progress & Projects

- **Hats for Hope**

Hats for Hope provides handmade crocheted hats for cancer patients, hospital patients and those going through major illness. If you, a loved one or friend needs a hat, they are free and available in many colors for men and women. If there is a child that needs a special hat, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

- **Pilgrim's Progress**

Lessons remain available as an ongoing instructional resource via podcast. The source textbook is identified in the intro; and if purchased, anyone can go through all of the remaining episodes to complete the Pilgrim's Progress online class. To access the podcast, go to <https://www.newlifebenson.com/news>.

- **ATENS Ministries**

See page 11 for a letter from the ATENS. In it they note how long their ministry has been feeding and blessing others, and also a health challenge for Tammy. **Guys-be sure to read the end of the letter!!

- **Intended Hope**

Katie Maakestad will be coming to New Life to speak on Sunday, May 18th. As one of the Founders, Katie will give us an update on the organization as well as share opportunities there are to assist them. Currently they are looking for volunteers to work at "Old Things New", sorting and pricing donations, construction help for a remodeling project at the ranch, and also construction materials. They have occasional craft events, too, so watch for any updates! See pages 9-10 for a copy of their latest newsletter and see page 15 for their mission statement.

- **Providing Peace-Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Three years ago, the Prayer Shawl Ministry made its first appearance at NLFWC. We have been given the opportunity to present 113 shawls to date, hoping that the recipients have found peace, comfort and love. We are now utilizing supplies to also create Prayer Scarves. The concept is the same-we pray into every stitch that is formed.....pattern is still knit 3, purl 3....representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and special blessings are prayed into each scarf. So far, approximately 10 scarves have been freely accepted. They are in a bin near the Information Center for anyone to take as desired, so take one for yourself, take one to keep in your car to gift to a friend or family member who is enduring a hard time, or if you see a homeless person in need, please gift it to them. We are hoping our Outreach ministry will take and gift one to the people they make contact with.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry praises God for the many blessings and successes in this ministry. We are grateful for your support and prayers. We also much appreciate the generous yarn donations we have received. Currently, we are overstocked with yarn and cannot accept any more at this time. We will let the church know when this situation changes. Again, thank you for your support, love, and blessings!!! God is good...all the time!! Any questions, please contact JoAnn Mazza at (706) 974-9525.

- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**



We are women of all ages who come from different churches, backgrounds, walks of life, and enjoy studying God's Word. Come explore the pages of **Judges & Ruth** with us. The book is \$13.00. On June 11th we will begin in the book **Treasures of the Parables**. The study group meets on Wednesdays from 10:00am-12:15am. If any questions, please contact Donna Goldsmith at 404.402.8567.

- **We Care Pregnancy Center Update:**



- This is our 8th year of operation.
- \$4500 raised from 2025 Baby Bottle Drive. **Bottles are still available!!
- Our recent Baby Clothes Giveaway, on April 11, reached 55 families.
- Our volunteer Coaches are averaging 2 client appointments per day.
- Like to shop? You can shop at Eden's Echo Farmstead from May 12th-17th & a portion of sales will be given to We Care!!
- The "8th Annual Walk for Life" will happen on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The location being considered is Benson High School Track. Details and registration info will be on the Center's website at <https://wecarebenson.com>
- We just remodeled our Center. Feel free to stop by and see us at 143 S Quarter Horse Ave. Our current hours are Monday and Friday, from 9 am to 2 pm. Our new phone # is 520-402-2013.



Volume 8
April 2025

Love the abused and transform the systems that create and allow domestic violence

One of our friends shares this story of her journey out of abuse:

(See last month for the first part)

I AM SOMEBODY, Part Two

As a result of being in the hospital “God brought me to my senses,” and I was using my brain. I knew I had to get away to save my life, as well as my boys. I started hiding money and thinking of ways to escape.

So after another exchange of blows this time he cut my arm bad. I was able to leave. I got on a bus leaving the state with a bag of change, no food, no clothes. But I was safe. I got a job and saved money, figured out how to get my sons with me.

But my husband got arrested. My oldest son was with him and I was the only one who could get him out. I had to return. I was able to get my son out of jail, but my husband was released also. Things blew up after his release, during which he broke my jaw the second time. I had surgery, leaving me with plates on my jaw. My husband was picked up again for murder. This time he wasn't getting out. I was safe. We left town and all things behind. I had my sons!!!

MOVING FORWARD

I started trusting people and God. He began answering prayers and showering me with His blessings. I learned about forgiveness and it is powerful. He gave me His peace, unconditional love and grace. That was the most powerful experience I could ever have received. Jesus showed me His gift of forgiving.

God gave me a scripture years ago *1st Corinthians 15:10*

“But by the grace of God, I am what I am and His grace to me is not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that is within me”

MY LIFE TODAY

By God's grace to me, all the drugs I did, the alcohol I drank, along with the violence in my past, I was not destroyed. God has a plan for me. I'm not saying I don't have issues because I do. But I do know who is in control of my life these days. HE loves me and gives me peace, most of all His forgiveness my Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

As I said in the beginning, “I AM SOMEBODY” I AM THE DAUGHTER OF THE KING

“He saves your life from the pit, and crowns your life with loving devotion and compassion”
Psalm 103:4



Join us for our next Craft Day!

Cake decorating with Deann Elsmore!

May 13, 1-4 at Old Things New

Each person will leave with one layer cake and one cupcake.

All materials provided.

Space for this class is limited, and the deadline to register is May 8th.

Cost is \$30.

Intended Hope Art and Craft sale

to support our ministry

April 12, 2025 at the San Pedro RV Park,
1110 S Hwy 80

Donations of your crafts welcome!

You can bring them to Old Things New on Friday 11th,
or just bring them to the show on Saturday.

Contact Kathy at 520-686-0001



We have been busy this year, providing safe housing for endangered women, and conducting classes to educate first responders about domestic violence.

So far we have helped 137 women and 2 men escape domestic violence and find the resources they need to start new lives.

Program Needs:

Intended Hope is looking for

Volunteers to work at Old Things New, sorting and pricing donations.

Volunteer construction help for a remodeling project at the ranch.

Construction materials: paint, lumber, electrical, etc.

Contact Katie at: 520-221-0179



**American Flag repairs
done at Old Things New
to support Intended Hope
call 920-254-5447**

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."
Genesis 50:20

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Armor Bearers.

March 19, 2025

Spring 2025! We began the year thankful & excited for all God had already planned for us, schedule wise, for what is almost **35 years** of Aten Ministries. Our spring itinerary was full of marriage retreats beginning the first weekend of February through the 2nd weekend of May, Mother's Day; we and our staff were and still are preparing and praying. And we aren't surprised really about the number of retreats scheduled by local American churches due to the continuing attacks on marriage & family within our own Body of Christ. We applaud those pastors and churches for prioritizing ministry to their individual couples & families. What a privilege it is for us to be a part of these opportunities. God meets with us...but when He moves, usually so does His counterpart.

This past April, I was in Israel for a small solidarity tour for pastors and Tammy stayed home to do things she normally doesn't get to because of our time on the road. When I returned, she mentioned to me that she was feeling numbness in her thumb & index fingers on both hands...kind of like you hit your funny bone; that tingling numb sensation. It came and went for a while, but then it stayed and never stopped. That's not a good thing for anyone, but especially a pianist. She began to experience a few other things over the next few weeks and even her right shoulder began bothering her. Well, after changing doctors and getting X-rays they narrowed the problem to her neck. There seemed to be some bone spurs present and so she was scheduled for physical therapy to see if anything might help. Her shoulder seemed like a "frozen shoulder" for those of you who know what that is. After 6 weeks of PT, there was no change, but the numbness was getting worse. An MRI was ordered, finally, and immediately she was sent to a neurosurgeon. There was a disk and spurs extruding into her spinal cord...and had already begun to bruise it. Surgery was planned asap to replace & repair. This surgery was outpatient! But let me tell you that recovery is not outpatient! And all this happened the first week of February; right as we were to begin the whirlwind of marriage retreats all over Texas and Oklahoma. Timing!

I know God knew our predicament and that He was going to carry us through every retreat together, even though Tammy was unable to speak for long periods, so she didn't teach. Thankfully we have a staff and team that can go on autopilot! We just watched God do the impossible. We had a 4-day revival at the end of all these, that took us from Amarillo to Carrizo Springs...that's almost Mexico! Somehow, God completed what He started!

We are now home for a little Spring Break and have a week of rest, sort of, before the retreats resume next weekend. We covet your prayers for her recovery as spinal cords do not heal well, if at all. And if they do it's a slow go. Her condition is already better, but there's still some finger numbness and issues with the shoulder. She did play the piano a little yesterday but is still unable to sing with me yet. Time, time, time...and patience! Thank you to you who prayed for us, brought meals and helped in any way. Husbands, you know the superpower behind most you do comes from that woman God created - just for us. Without them...well...you know.

And when we are weak, He is strong. Here's just a few words in pictures of some of the incredible moments God gave us in February. So thankful for all these churches, pastors & wives who helped tighten Cords!
Armor Bearers...you are making a difference.

Thank You! - Sherman & Tammy

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• **CCMA (Christian Cowboy Ministries of Arizona)**

CCMA Cowboy Camp 2025 was incredible. Seven young men attended this ranch camp at the Diamond Butte Ranch in Young, AZ and received one on one training with respected, full-time cowboys. They jumped in with both feet handling their ropes and receiving training from world-famous trick roper Tommye Flenniken. Then they were taught the finer points of horsemanship by renowned colt starter Kenny Haught. The M Lazy S crew then led the group to gather in the nearby mountains and taught the boys how to work together at a branding. They were taught how to be part of the ground crew and how to rope and drag to the fire. Of course there were plenty of laughs and competitions culminating in a ranch rodeo. However the emphasis of the camp was a deep dive into 1 John 4:4, this year's theme verse. Every morning started with devotions and ended with a sermon. On the last day one of the young men was baptized in a horse trough. This definitely has us excited for the upcoming CCMA Cowgirl Bible Camp at the same location May 1-4. Please be praying for the 10 young ladies that will be attending!

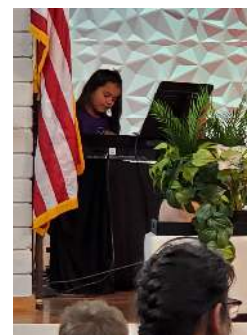


March & April Event Highlights



**Talent Show Highlights
March 2025**

**Thank you to everyone who
contributed monies to our
missions!**



**Peter Cesolini was baptized
on March 30th**



Will & Patty Tompkins were baptized on April 13th

More March & April Event Highlights



**The New Life Kids Praise Team sang on
March 30th and April 27th**



We had to bid farewell to Debbi Sue, and then she was off to Idaho.



**Resurrection Sunday was a blessing-
A beautiful SonRise service, delicious food at the brunch & kids dressed up in their Sunday best to sing about Jesus!**



Ladies gathered at Karren Meier's home on April 26th for the Women's Fellowship & while there, we sang Happy Birthday to Pastor Steve who enjoyed some birthday cake the next day!



Carnival Highlights!



Vacation Bible School is Almost Here!!



Tuesday, May 27th - Friday, May 30th
9:00AM-12:00PM

Marvel at the unforgettable wildlife, culture, and beauty of Australia while discovering that from the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God—wonderfully designed to know Him and live for Him!

AGE RANGE-3 years (potty trained) to sixth grade.

Register online at <https://www.newlifebenson.com/events/vacation-bible-school--96/2025-05-27>

Or pick up registration forms in the church foyer

****Students can sign up to help at above website!**

What's Happening in May?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**

Intended Hope

This is a Non-Profit Corporation that brings freedom, hope, healing, and new beginnings to survivors of domestic violence. We are also dedicated to transforming society to respond to and stop this form of trauma and abuse. We do this through offering education and training in hospitals, schools, law enforcement agencies, churches, other non-profits, clubs, and governing agencies. Our mission statement is "to love the abused and transform the systems that create and allow abuse."

- **Church Ministry of the Month**

The Altar Team

- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

All meetings are in the library -

Tuesdays at noon and again at 5:00pm, Fridays at noon

- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**

Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library



- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am we meet in the church library to pray for children and their schools, our nation, each other and other needs. Please join us-Everyone welcome.

- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**



Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-12:15pm., led by Donna Goldsmith. It's a study of the book

"Judges & Ruth", a Joy of Living Bible Study. See page 8 for more info. The cost of the book is \$13.00.

For more info and/or to order a book, contact Donna.

- **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 1st at 9-10AM (Pastor Steve is leading this one), 12-1PM & 6:30-7:30PM

- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**

Fridays-May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th at 9:00AM. Ranger Bob is recovering from surgery; please watch for updates.

- **Hospitality Meeting**

Sunday, May 4th after church

- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**

Join us on Sunday, May 4th after the PM service. Destination-Taco Bell!!

- **New Life Ladies' Breakfast**

Saturday, May 10th at 7:30am & cooked by the men! Must sign up by May 4th!!

- **Happy Mother's Day**



Sunday, May 11th

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *also*, and he praises her:" Prov. 31:28

- **We Care Pregnancy Center Fundraiser**

Mon., May 12th – Sat., May 17th at Eden's Echo-a percentage of sales will be given to We Care!

Address is (817 W 4th St., Benson-next to Farmhouse Restaurant)

- **Intended Hope Craft Day-Cake Decorating**

Tuesday, May 13th from 1-4pm at Old Things New. \$30/person. Must register by May 8th-call Kathy Stevens to register at 520.686.0001.

- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, May 19th at 6:00PM

- **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 26th

- **Vacation Bible School**

Tuesday, May 27th-30th at 9:00AM

**Online registration at newlifebenson.com/events & sign-up forms are available in foyer.

- **We Care Pregnancy Center-Walk for Life**

Saturday, May 31st at 8:00AM.

Details and registration info will be on the Center's website at <https://wecarebenson.com>



- **New Life Women's Fellowship**

Date TBD



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What's Happening in June?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**
In Faith-Bryon and Emelda Rush
MISSION: *InFaith* has a simple mission: we want to enable people, empowered by the Spirit, to love others because Jesus first loved them. It's that simple. We have people across this nation reaching their local communities on a mission to testify about Jesus. The Rush's area of ministry will be with prisons and the military.
- **Church Ministry of the Month**
Card Ministries!
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**
Fridays-June 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 9:00AM
 Ranger Bob is recovering from surgery, so please watch for updates.
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**
 Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library
- **"Fundamentals of Faith" Class**
 Sundays after the AM service
- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**
 Tuesday mornings at 10:00am we meet in the church library to pray for children and their schools, our nation, each other and other needs. Please join us-Everyone welcome.
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**
 All meetings are in the library-Tuesdays at noon and again at 5:00pm, and Fridays at noon
- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**
 Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-12:15pm.
 Led by Donna Goldsmith - On June 11th, we will begin a new study titled, **"Treasures of the Parables"**.
 The cost of the book will be \$15.00. See page 8 for more info and/or to order a book, contact Donna.
- **Hospitality Meeting**
 Sunday, June 1st after AM service
- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**
 Sunday, June 1st after the PM Service-Wendy's
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Monday, June 2nd at 10:00AM
 See page 8 for more info.
- **Free Concert with Steve & Skylar Weatherford**
 Sunday, June 8th at 6:30PM
 They will also sing during the AM service, followed by lunch
- **Elders Meeting**
 Monday, June 9th at 6:00PM
- **Men's Breakfast**
 Saturday, June 14th at 7:30AM. Don't forget to bring sons, grandsons, friends, etc.!!
- **Happy Father's Day**
 Sunday, June 15th
 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not!
 How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Rom. 6:1-2
- **Elders Meeting**
 Monday, June 23rd at 6:00PM
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance**
 Sunday, June 29th during Fellowship at 10:30AM
 **Date subject to change
- **New Life Women's Fellowship**
 Date TBD



Celebrations

May Birthdays

- Prisco Capangpangan-1st
- Reagan Van Wart - 5th
- Mike Anspaugh - 5th
- Renee Cox - 6th
- Ryland Coleman - 9th
- Greg Yearout - 10th
- Teddy Beeler - 10th
- Kathy Steel - 10th
- Betsy Graves - 13th
- John Peralta - 13th
- Jackie Nichols - 14th
- Noah Fancher - 15th
- Mya Peralta - 16th
- Blair Fagan - 17th
- Pamela Martens - 18th
- Paige Aker - 19th
- Nikolay Yakovlev-19th
- Becky Schmidlin - 21st
- Gene Shull - 21st
- Jennifer Lundberg-22nd
- Vicki King - 22nd
- Bryson Malboeuf-23rd
- Steven Adams - 24th
- James Cox - 26th
- JoAnn Mazza - 27th
- Greg Boone - 28th
- Michael Lofgren - 31st



May Anniversaries

- Don & Deb Zink - 3rd
- Dan & Laury Blakeman - 7th
- Steve & Nancy Donaldson - 16th
- Bill & Donna Goldsmith - 24th
- Johny & Joyce McCormack - 25th
- Bob & Stacy Kowalczyk - 30th
- Randy & RJ Shelby - 31st

June Birthdays

- Haley Reider - 1st
- Amie Stinemark - 2nd
- Patrick Rundhaug - 4th
- Conner McAbee - 7th
- Margaret Bohmfalk-8th
- Trenton Malboeuf - 8th
- Lincoln Lukens - 8th
- Anita Choate - 11th
- Claire Parke - 11th
- Whitley Skaarer - 11th
- Chase Van Wart - 12th
- Kyra Todd - 12th
- Tony Herrera - 13th
- Todd Beaucage - 14th
- Joel Garmon - 15th
- Grace Francis - 16th
- Robin Roberts - 17th
- Robin Tannahill - 17th
- Camden Malboeuf-19th
- Xander Lundberg—21st
- Coralyn Ball - 21st
- Marsha Robertson-24th
- Trent Nichols - 24th
- Drew Moehlau-25th
- Joy Yakovlev - 26th
- Noah Goeglein - 26th
- Emberlee Essary - 27th
- Canyon Housley - 27th
- David Francis - 28th
- Jazmin Torres - 30th

June Anniversaries

- Ken & Vicki King - 1st
- Joel & Kris Garmon - 2nd
- Ken & Deanna Kehn - 4th
- James & Janet Cox - 5th
- Jim & Janie Howard - 16th
- Doug & Valerie Miller - 18th
- Scott & Jennifer Lundberg - 23rd
- Nick & Haley Reider - 27th
- Greg & Cathy Yearout - 28th
- Stephen & Barbara Vander Leest - 28th



May Memory Verse

¹⁰ Upon You I was cast from birth;
You have been my God
from my mother's womb.
Psalm 22:10 (NASB 1995)

June Memory Verse

¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I
have walked in my integrity,
And I have trusted in the
Lord without wavering.
Psalm 26:1 (NASB 1995)

Volunteer Opportunity-Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

No skill level requirement, will be placed with a foreman to assist.

May 5th - 16th

Volunteer times: Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00

Any days available, doesn't have to be all of them

Intended Hope Renovation

Contact: Katie Maakestad 520-221-0179

She will tell you where to go.

When We Feel Helpless

When you feel trapped, call on the Lord for rescue and wait for His deliverance.

Psalm 50:14-15

→ **In adventure movies**, we often see people trapped and helpless, frantically looking for an escape. Real life can sometimes feel that way too, and as we begin to look for a way out, our prayers become filled with requests for deliverance—in the form of physical healing, changed circumstances, or additional provision.

Did you ever consider that even more important than physical rescue is spiritual liberation? (See [Ephesians 6:12](#).) First and foremost, Jesus Christ delivered us from the power and penalty of sin. He knows we're helpless in the face of sinful habits, uncontrolled emotions, and ungodly thoughts. He wants to free us from these sins.

May we follow the example of the psalmist, who encouraged crying out to God for rescue (Ps. 50:15). Admit your helplessness to Him and to yourself. Confess any fears, self-reliance, or unbelief in your life. Then turn your gaze toward the Lord.

Let the Holy Spirit fill your spirit with the truth of Scripture. Meditate on it and commit yourself to following His way. Then trust God and wait on Him to change you from the inside out. A day will come when the helpless feeling is replaced by the joy of being free. When it does, give God the glory.

-taken from **IN TOUCH - DAILY READINGS FOR DEVOTED LIVING, April 2025/pg. 40**

By In Touch Ministries



Mya is taking donations in exchange for beautiful hand-crafted bookmarks to help in a dance studio fundraiser. Watch for announcements of available dates!



Inquiring Minds Want to Know:

Shared by Kathy Steel

- Why are there flotation devices under airplane seats instead of parachutes?
- Why do they put braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- Why, when you transport something by car, is it called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?
- Why do they have interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?



Recipes to Share

Wow-Them Wontons

(Recipe shared by Barbara Vander Leest)

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (12 oz.) wonton wrappers
 1 lb. Jones Dairy Farm sausage links
 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Colby cheese
 ½ medium green pepper, chopped
 ½ medium sweet red pepper, chopped
 2 bunches green onions, sliced
 ½ cup ranch salad dressing



Instructions:

1. Lightly press wonton wrappers onto the bottom and up the sides of greased miniature muffin cups. Bake at 350 for 5 minutes or until edges are browned.
2. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the cheese, peppers, onions and salad dressing. Spoon a rounded tablespoonful into each wonton cup. Bake for about 6-7 minutes or until heated through.

Takes: 30 mins. Makes: about 4 dozen

Comment: These fancy-looking appetizers are ideal when entertaining large groups. The cute, crunchy cups are stuffed with a cheesy pork sausage filling that kids of all ages enjoy. We keep a few in the freezer that we can easily reheat when a late-night snack attack hits.

Handy Helpful Hints

(Also shared by Barbara Vander Leest)

- To clean a glass iced tea container, fill with hot water and add a dishwasher soap tablet. Let soak and rinse.
- Use toothpaste to clean your rings. Just use an old toothbrush to scrub and rinse.
- To clean the fan screen above your stove, use Oxiclean granules and a dishwasher tablet. Let soak, rinse and dry.
- For scratches on side by sides, use some Pledge on a soft cloth.
- Christmas droopy? Add some sugar water to the plant's dirt and it will perk up.

Moments of Divine Serenity

By Valinda Turrell

At this very moment, I am enraptured by the high-spirited birds dancing on the moist blades of grass, which have turned a vibrant green with the water droplets sprayed by the governed hose.

The serenity bestowed upon me in these moments of calmness and tranquility fills me with gratitude to God, for whom I am thankful.

Serenity, to me, is observing the world around me and recognizing the divine Creator of these beautiful, pleasant moments. The gentle sway of the tall oak trees pleases my visual senses, while the calm chattering of the birds flying from tree to tree seems like conversations of love. This serene creation set before me stills my thoughts, and my heart finds solace in the ease of these still moments.

I give God my full awareness, captivated by this tranquility, entering into a time of worship with my Creator.



I LOVE MY
GRANDMA



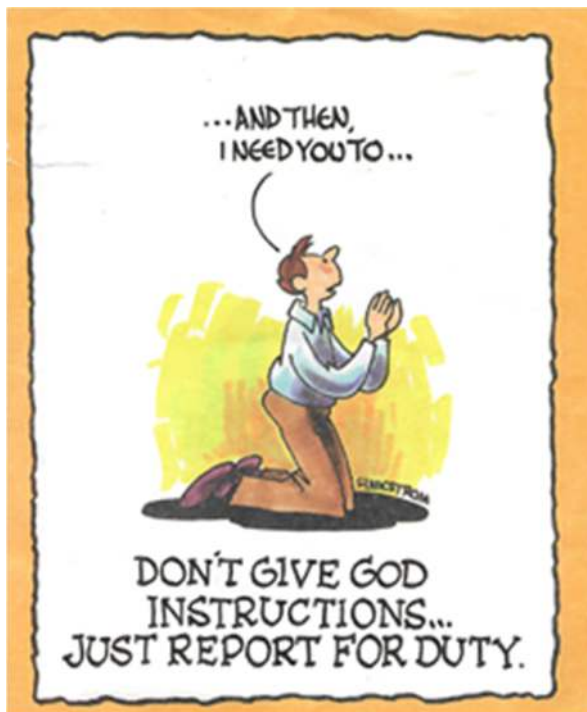
I LOVE
YOU MOM



Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

T O W A R D M A K E
 Y O U Y O U L L G L
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Always
Say
A
Prayer

Jesus didn't die so that you don't have to.
Jesus died so that you would know how to.

Jesus didn't die *instead* of you.
Jesus died *ahead* of you.

Jesus didn't rise so that you don't have to.
Jesus rose so that you would be able to.

Jesus didn't rise *instead* of you.
Jesus rose *ahead* of you.

Death and resurrection isn't about
substitution, it's about *participation*.

Substitution keeps people in a suspended
state of spiritual adolescence. Participation
liberates people to fully partake in the divine
nature.

Jesus said, "Follow me".

— Dean Johnston

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE?

- **Nursery helpers & Children's Church teachers**-Sign up sheet for nursery helpers is in the foyer & nursery. See Kathy Simko if any questions.
- **Helpers for Vacation Bible School**-VBS will be May 27th-May 30th. See Renee Cox or John Peralta if you can help.
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)** wants you to join them in reaching out to bless those in the community and church. See page 7 for more information. If you are interested, see Bob Medeiros.
- **Any ideas?**
Do you feel called to serve in any other way? Please don't hesitate to let us know!

We Need You!!!



NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP NOW HAS PODCASTS!

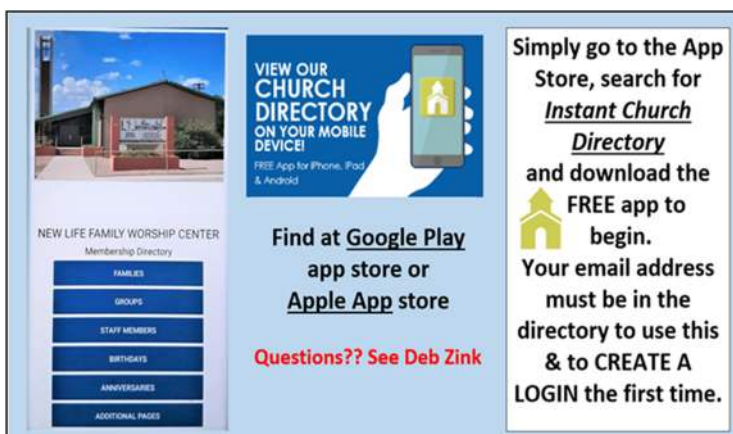
Check it out by going to newlifebenson.com, click SERMONS, then select a message to look at. Under "Sermon Notes" you will see that message's outline, a Study Guide, and a Podcast.

They are also on the church app - select a message, then click Listen.

Questions? See Deb.

Attention:

The church directory is an online directory and to be included in it, information from all participants, including an email address, is required. Please note that your email address can be hidden and therefore not available to everyone that accesses the directory. It is only required for your access. If you want to be in the directory, please see Deb Zink. To get the app, follow these steps:



NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
Membership Directory

- FAMILIES
- GROUPS
- STAFF MEMBERS
- BIRTHDAYS
- ANNIVERSARIES
- ADDITIONAL PAGES

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!
FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

Find at **Google Play** app store or **Apple App store**

Questions?? See Deb Zink

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory** and download the **FREE** app to begin. Your email address must be in the directory to use this & to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time.

The NLFWC's app has many benefits, particularly for those that want to keep in touch from a distance. Look at all it can do below. Please note that the Prayer Wall is not regularly updated as the focus is on the written list that everyone, including non-techies, can use. However, all requests posted here are communicated with the office, so they will be forwarded to the prayer chain, if desired, or added to the weekly list. To get the app, follow the instructions below or see Deb Zink.



What Can Our App Do??

- See (and hear) messages
- Take & save notes during messages
- Give/tithe
- See events
- Prayer Wall
- Access the complete Bible
- CONNECT and volunteer

Want the app? Scan the code here, on the TV in the foyer, or get it on the website at <https://www.newlifebenson.com/> & see what else is there!!

CAUTION: With technology, there are many risks nowadays. We are confident in the apps/programs that we use for our website, for recording and communicating with our members, for tithing and financials. It is, however, very important to watch for and report suspicious emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and to not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.






Again, do not hesitate to express any concerns you may have.



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Services Needed/Available & Classifieds

- **New Life Family Worship Center**
Would really appreciate any help concerning cleaning of our Worship Center.
- **Homicide/Suicide Support Group**
Surviving the loss of a loved one to suicide or homicide doesn't have to be a journey traveled alone. Support meetings offer a safe, confidential and nonjudgmental atmosphere where survivors can feel free to express their emotions or just listen. We help one another through an open sharing of personal experiences. Please call for information about upcoming meetings in the Benson area.
Sue Dupee-Survivor and Cochise County Victim Advocate
520.977.3870
azemcnc@gmail.com
- **A-1 Port-A-Pots**
A-1 Port-A-Pots is a family-owned and operated business that has faithfully served the residents of Cochise and Pima Counties since 2008. We rent Portable Toilets and Hand Wash Stations for construction sites, special events or whatever the need may be. A-1 also installs, repairs, and maintains septic systems. If you have a need for either service, please contact our office at 520.586.2115 or email us at info@a1portapots.com. Check out our website at a1portapots.com for photos and other information.
- **Pet Sitting Provider**
Going on vacation or have an emergency and need someone to care for a house pet, horse, goats, or ???
Stella Gregory is your person—give her a call at 520.208.0017 for information.
   
- **Volunteers Needed**
 Volunteers are needed for the **DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Thrift Store** in Benson. If you are interested, please see Nicki Medeiros or Vicki King.
- **Be Cautious When Buying a Used Car!**
Ron Graves advised that after the terrible hurricanes to the east, many used cars with flood damage may be put on the market. Do research to find out where they came from & have them checked.

Websites of Interest

1. **New Life Family Worship Center: Sermons and lessons:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/NewLifeBenson>
2. **Crosscards:** <https://www.crosscards.com/> A great source for Christian e-cards, wallpapers and more.
3. **The Voice of the Martyrs:** <https://www.persecution.com/> Write letters to those in prison, receive prayer updates; this site offers many opportunities to edify those that face persecution on a daily basis.
4. **Samaritan Ministries:** <https://www.samaritanministries.org/> Not insurance but Christian Sharing!!! Help brothers and sisters in Christ with their medical needs.
5. **Intercessors for America:** <https://www.ifapray.org/> Informs, connects, and mobilizes intercessors to pray for our nation and our leaders. Desire to reach Christians in churches and communities nationwide with information and tools to unite them in effective prayer.
6. **Bible Gateway:** <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Great source for all of your Bible needs and searches.
7. **Christian Radio Stations-Benson, Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Willcox and Tucson:** K-love: <http://www.klove.com/>
The Spark: <http://kwrbb.org/>

Comments/suggestions welcome - Did we miss your birthday? Anniversary? Is your name misspelled?

Any news/events or a monthly feature suggestion? Are you on the email distribution list?

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