

# Welcome!

## We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

If you would like to know more about New City Fellowship, stop by the Welcome Table to ask questions, learn about our ministries, or fill out a visitor card to be personally contacted.

## Our Mission

New City Fellowship exists to seek the establishment of God's kingdom rule in the lives of people from every ethnic group by discipling the nations in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ through a clear proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone and by doing Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy.



Become part of a house church to know the joy of walking with each other through the ups and downs of life.

## Get Connected!

**House churches are where the primary care for the body takes place.** Groups meet on different nights of the week in different locations around the city. Pick up a copy of the **HOUSE CHURCH BROCHURE** in the foyer for meeting times and locations, or contact Jim Ward for more information: [jward@ncfstl.org](mailto:jward@ncfstl.org), (314) 726-2302 x257.

## FYI

**Worship Service and Livestream at 10:30am**  
**French service at 10:30am in the auditorium**

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**For a copy of the church directory:** \_\_\_\_\_ [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)



Please reserve the parking lot behind the gym for those in our congregation that have a physical need for accessible parking close to the building.



**Baptisms**—if you are interested in scheduling a baptism or to arrange to meet with a pastor contact Emily Hedlund: [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org), (314) 726-2302 x243

# Sermon Text

## Matthew 13:24-43

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

<sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables;  
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

# New City Fellowship

TODAY IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

*O Give Thanks*

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:27-31 (ESV)

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

*They That Wait*

*My Desire*

*Jesus I am Resting*

## Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Yawhe Tobelemi*

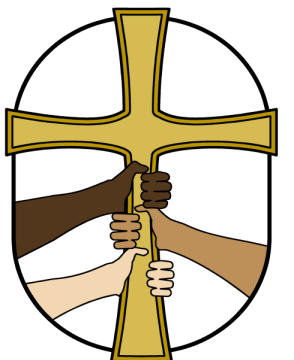
## Offering and Announcements

## New Members

## Sermon

*Come Over Here*

## The Lord's Supper



# What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...

## Adult Ed Classes

Adult Ed classes take place from 9:15am-10:00am Sunday mornings, both in person and on Zoom. There are currently three classes being offered:

**Parenting:** *14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*

**The Myth of a Christian Nation:** *How the Quest for Political Power Is Destroying the Church*

**Galatians For You**

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)

## Pastor Noel Ordination Service

Next Sunday, September 19th, we will have an outdoor service at 10:30am with the French-speaking congregation to celebrate and ordain Pastor Noel Sengele. We are in need of about 6 volunteers to help us set up chairs and tents at 9am. Please let us know if you're able to help. Thank you!

For more information or to volunteer contact Heidi Vincent: [hvincent@ncfstl.org](mailto:hvincent@ncfstl.org)

## New House Church Forming

If you have found it difficult to attend an evening house church, we have a solution for you! The Daytime House Church plans to begin meeting on Thursday, October 7th at 10:30am at the home of Jeffrey and Sandra Clay. All families, couples, and singles are welcome! We would love for you to join us.

For more information contact Sandra Clay: [slclay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slclay@sbcglobal.net) or Cathy Silva: [catherine.silva@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.silva@gmail.com)

## Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School takes place from 9:15am-10:00am. If you'd like to sign up, please register your child online using the QR code. This year we are offering ONE form to register ALL kids age 0 through 5th grade.

For more information contact Marianne Dean: [mdean@ncfstl.org](mailto:mdean@ncfstl.org)



## Baptisms

Our next baptisms will be held on Sunday, September 26th. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please let us know!

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)

## NCF Sunday Morning Worship Services

As a church we will follow local and CDC guidelines. Therefore, masks are currently required in the building for those ages 2 and up. Soft masks appropriate for small children are available at the nursery check-in table. A large section of the gym is open seating and another section of the gym is reserved for social distancing. In addition, we have a livestream service available in the cafeteria with masks and social distancing for those who wish to avoid crowds. If you have any questions, the deacon at the Welcome Table will gladly assist you!

**Our chief goal is to allow as many of the people of God as possible to safely return to worship and fellowship.**

## Upcoming All-Church Vision and Mission Meetings

This fall, we will begin a review of our New City Vision and Mission Statements, as well as our Core Values and our Outreach Ministries. We will discuss and pray through this together in House Churches as well as larger group meetings.

If you are in a House Church, you will discuss these topics during your usual meeting times. If you are not in a House Church, we will provide small group for you. **Sign up for a small group here:**



### New City Fellowship: Our Vision

**Wednesday, September 22nd + Thursday, September 23rd**

House Churches and Small Group Meetings (Zoom or in-person) discuss and pray.

**Wednesday, September 29th**

An open congregational meeting (livestream and in-person) to discuss and pray.

### New City Fellowship: Our Mission

**Wednesday, October 6th + Thursday, October 7th**

House Churches and Small Group Meetings (Zoom or in-person) discuss and pray.

**Wednesday, October 13th**

An open congregational meeting (livestream and in-person) to discuss and pray.

### New City Fellowship: Our Core Values

**Wednesday, October 20th + Thursday, October 21st**

House Churches and Small Group Meetings (Zoom or in-person) discuss and pray.

**Wednesday, October 27th**

An open congregational meeting (livestream and in-person) to discuss and pray.

### New City Fellowship: Our Ministries

**Wednesday, November 3rd + Thursday, November 4th**

House Churches and Small Group Meetings (Zoom or in-person) discuss and pray.

**Wednesday, November 10th**

An open congregational meeting (livestream and in-person) to discuss and pray.

**Childcare for in-person meetings can be provided if it is requested in advance.**

**If you need assistance with childcare contact Amy Jensen: [ajensen@ncfstl.org](mailto:ajensen@ncfstl.org)**

**For more information contact Emily Hedlund: [ehedlund@ncfstl.org](mailto:ehedlund@ncfstl.org)**

# infants, kids & teens

## baby & preschool

During the sermon portion of the worship service we provide staffed preschool rooms for babies who are crawling through children 4 years of age (or beginning kindergarten). The nursery rooms are located at the top of the stairs from the foyer. You can register your child before the service at the "Baby & Preschool Sign Up Table." Parents are free to spend time in the nursery rooms with volunteers if they believe it will help their little one adjust to new surroundings. We are excited to welcome them! **Parents - please do not send kids to the nursery without you! Older siblings can NOT drop off children - drop off must be done by a parent or responsible adult.**

A room has been provided for nursing mothers up the stairs in the foyer and to the far end of the hallway as you turn left. The sermon will be streamed to speakers there. Water and snacks are available.

## children

New City Children's Ministry Team is committed to offering both in-person and virtual options for the discipleship of our children. Because of the on-going challenges of keeping children and volunteers safe amidst Covid-19, adjustments and changes to our programs happen often. Please make sure you are subscribed to the weekly children's ministry emails to receive updates, opportunities, and timing. If you do not currently receive these emails, contact Marianne Dean.

For more information contact Marianne Dean: [mdean@ncfstl.org](mailto:mdean@ncfstl.org)

## teens

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) will resume meeting on Monday, September 13th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) will resume meeting on Thursday, September 16th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

For more information or to volunteer contact Otto: [otto@ncfstl.org](mailto:otto@ncfstl.org)