

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, (314) 726-2302 x257.

FYI

Worship Service and Livestream at 9:00 AM
French service at 11:00 AM in the auditorium

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For a copy of the church directory: _____ 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, (314) 726-2302.



Sermon Text

Matthew 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

"You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive."

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

Tambira Jehovah

Call to Worship: Philippians 3:7-11 (ESV)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Humble King

Promises

God is Good

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

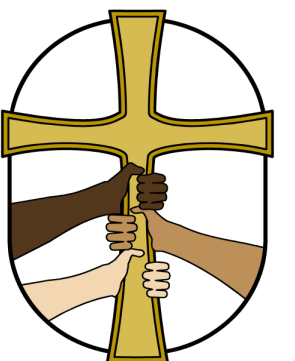
Offering and Announcements

Session Announcement

Sermon

Before the Throne of God Above

The Lord's Supper



What's Happening at New City Fellowship ...

Adult Ed Classes

Adult Ed classes are scheduled to begin Sunday, September 12th from 9:15-10:00am. Three classes will be 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

Classes will be offered both in person and on Zoom. Please sign up by September 5th using the link in the Friday email or the QR code.

For more information contact Emily Hedlund: ehedlund@ncfstl.org



Young Adult Group

Are you new to New City and would like to meet more people? Are you single and would like to meet some Christian friends? Are you married and would like a date night? The McGee's would like to host you on Saturday evening, September 11th at 6:30pm for a time of fellowship, refreshments, and fun. The address is: 82 E. Sherwood Dr. St. Louis, MO 63114. Due to the recent rise of Covid cases, we will meet outdoors.

For more information contact Jo McGee: (314) 520-1422

Communicants Class

Do you have a child in 3rd - 5th grade who you think might be ready to begin taking communion? Sign them up for Communicants class! They will learn about God's design for the church, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper, and other matters related to entering into worship alongside the body of Christ. The class will take place during the Sunday School hour.

For more information contact Marianne Dean: mdean@ncfstl.org

Youth Group Volunteers Still Needed!

The Youth Ministry STILL needs volunteer leaders to join our teams! We are still seeking one female and one male volunteer for weekly, Thursday night middle school youth group AND we especially need two women and two men for weekly, Monday night high school youth group. The time commitment for weekly youth group is about 2 hours per week during the school year. We also need Sunday school teachers for both middle and high school. Outside of Sunday mornings, the time commitment for this is very small.

For more information contact Otto Scott: otto@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.

10:30 Service Returns Sunday, September 12th

Mark your calendar! With the start of Children's Sunday School and Adult Ed, we plan to return to 10:30am worship service on Sunday, September 12th.

Sign up for the Friday Email for more updates and details:



TOMORROW - Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is currently under a critical need for blood - meaning on average, they are down to less than a 3-day supply of blood at area hospitals. They have seen a dramatic decrease in donors both at a local and national level. They are calling on all eligible donors to step up and help ensure life-saving transfusions are available to patients in need. Please consider making an appointment for our blood drive here at the church TOMORROW from 1pm-6pm. As a way to say thank you, all donors will be entered in a random drawing to receive four free Cardinals tickets and a parking pass to the game against the Cubs October 2nd.

To make an apt www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: NCFSTL or call 1-800-Redcross

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is scheduled to begin Sunday, September 12th from 9:15am-10:00am. Please help us get ready by registering 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



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

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