

Mindscape 1

20 SEPTEMBER 2026 / 10:30 AM / NEW FAITH CHAPEL / PASTOR LANCE WITHAM

Overview

The service centered on renewing the mind through the Holy Spirit, replacing worldly lies and sinful patterns with truth in Christ.

Announcements

- Stephanie announced an NFC Women walk at Crosswinds Marsh on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., plus a fall craft night in the fellowship hall on the first Tuesday in October.
- Pastor Lance announced the fall holiday craft show on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with more than 30 crafters; attendees were encouraged to share its Facebook advertisement.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Darlene Schlusky and her friend Sandy, who has been sent home on hospice, while Darlene provides care.
- Pray for Jen Monroe's father before his heart catheterization on Wednesday and for Sue Swick, who is recovering at home from colon and heart issues and has additional tests planned.
- The congregation mourned John Easterling's death and prayed for Shonda, Kathy, and the family as they meet with the funeral home and make arrangements.

Sermon Themes

- Pastor Lance used emancipation from slavery as an analogy for freedom from sin: believers may be legally free in Christ while still living according to old patterns.
- Romans 12:2 framed the message: believers should reject the world's behavior and customs and allow God to renew their minds.
- Mental strongholds were linked to general experiences, traumatic experiences, and temptation. The proposed response was to take thoughts captive, surrender them to Christ, and replace them with what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise.
- The sermon emphasized that temptation is not itself sin, God provides a way out, and repentance means turning away from sin and toward Christ.

Action Items

- ☐ Attend, invite someone to, or pray for the NFC women's walk at Crosswinds Marsh on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ Share the Fall Holiday Craft Show Facebook post and personally invite 2–3 people to the October 17 event (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.).

- ☐ Pray daily this week for Sandy and her caregiver Darlene Schlusky, for Jen Monroe's dad (especially Wednesday), for Sue Swick, and for John Easterling's family.
- ☐ Choose one recurring negative or tempting thought and, each time it appears this week, surrender it to Jesus and replace it with a Christ-centered truth.
- ☐ Choose one unhelpful media/input to limit this week and replace it with one daily renewing practice such as Scripture reading or worship.

Praise & Worship

- Phil Wickham - Battle Belongs
- The Radiant Faith Choir - The Lord Is My Strength (Sung by NFC Choir)
- Bethel Music - King Of My Heart
- The Church Will Sing - Make Room
- Worship Together - See A Victory

Bible Study

- Ephesians 2:1
- Romans 12:2
- Philippians 3:8
- Colossians 2:8
- John 16:13
- 1 Corinthians 2:16
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Romans 6:11
- Philippians 4:8-9

These verses together show that believers are made alive in Christ, called to reject worldly thinking, and invited to let God renew their minds with truth so they can live free from sin's authority and focus on what is good and true.

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 2:1, Romans 12:2, Philippians 3:8

A few major factors that contribute to creating strongholds in our lives:

1. General Experiences.
2. Traumatic Experiences.
Romans 12:2a, Colossians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
3. Temptation.
1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 6:11, Philippians 4:8-9

Outline

Opening and Worship

- Pastor Lance welcomed the congregation and opened the service with worship and announcements.

Women's Activities

- Stephanie described the Tuesday evening walk at Crosswinds Marsh at 6:00 p.m.
- She announced a fall craft night in the fellowship hall on the first Tuesday in October, with attendees invited to bring a snack or drink.

Community Event

- The fall holiday craft show is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the church.
- More than 30 crafters were expected.

Prayer and Bereavement

- Prayer was requested for Sandy, Darlene Schlusky, Jen Monroe's father, and Sue Swick.
- The congregation remembered John Easterling, who died the previous morning, and prayed for Shonda, Kathy, and the family.

Renewing the Mind

- Freedom in Christ was contrasted with continued dependence on old habits and beliefs.
- Strongholds were attributed to general life experiences, traumatic experiences such as abuse, divorce, and death, and temptation.
- The message concluded with a call to repentance, surrender, praise, and ongoing transformation through the Holy Spirit.