

Join us as we celebrate only Jesus!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Ministry Highlight-Missions

Rene and I were walking through "The Garden", this morning as we read of Esau after Jacob leaves for Paddam-aram. (Genesis 28:6-9) Esau had turned his back on his "Birth-right". He no longer could receive the Blessing, just as God had foretold to Rebekah. The older would serve the younger. The blessing is singular and travels in one seed. Even in a set of twins. It cannot be split. There is one Way and one Door. Even after Esau is told this and cannot get it, though he seeks it with weeping and tears, he sees that Jacob obeys and that the Canaanite women displease Rebekah. Through this, Isaac hears his wife and acts accordingly. Esau thinks, "Jacob got the blessing. Jacob obeyed and avoided the Canaanite women. If I do the same, I will get a blessing." The whole world, and particularly Christians, think along this line. "If I obey and if I avoid sin, then I will be blessed." There is only one Blessing. God ordains it to travel in one family only. It has continued in that line forever. We are all outside of that family. However, John 1:12-13 says "***But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the RIGHT to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.***" What glorious news! We can be in the Family! We can receive the Blessing! Not by obedience or by avoiding sin (if these were possible) but, by the gift of God. He gave us the "right". This word for right, **exousia**, means "the power of choice" (liberty of doing as one pleases/the power of rule). This now made the whole idea of "choosing Jesus" make sense to us. If we believe in Him, He gives us the power to rule over ourselves and to choose Him over our most desired god, our self. There is only one choice. Me or God. I choose God. Thanks be to God alone!

What does this have to do with missions? Well, if you believe, you have the right to join the family. But how will you believe if you do not have faith? Faith is indeed a gift from God but it comes through hearing the Word. How will you hear if someone does not tell you? And how can someone tell you if they are not sent and do not go? This is His Mission. He commands us to tell others... our family, our town, our nation, our world. You choose where you will go and where you will send others. You choose how you will apply your prayers and God given resources. The mission team is here to help you walk through this. We all have to tell others the Good News. We have the Right to be Children of God and inherit the blessing.

NLCC mission team is in a new season. I am moving out of the chair and Ben Wilson has agreed to step in and continue to lead us as we seek to do God's will. I have thoroughly enjoyed the years of service and look forward to continuing with missions and the team in the years to come God willing. The following is a summary of the mission team to this point.

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Ministry Highlight cont.

“Sanctify them in the truth, your word is truth.” John 17:17 ESV

NLCC supports 12 missionary Families. To keep everyone up to date and informed, we post their **biographies and newsletters on the wall at the back** of the sanctuary, and some are posted online through **Connect**.

The Mission team has many “**connectors**”. People willing to partner more closely with the missionary family to connect their hearts with the hearts of the people of the church. Their task is to try and keep everyone up to date and to coordinate needs and requests. In the fellowship area you will find **plastic table bios** with prayer requests and praises from various missionaries throughout the year. Fellowship time is an excellent time to read about the missionaries and share with others about the mission. This provides a means of extending ourselves in the Lord’s work and joining together with the body of Christ through our prayer and God given resources. You don’t need to travel to commit yourself to God’s mission. We have the privilege of participating right where we are, in the work and testimony of the Lord.

Often, we get the chance to have missionaries visit. It is our goal to have each missionary present once a year in person or by a video, often occurring on Rice and Beans Sunday.

“Adopt-a-Missionary”. This is an opportunity for individuals to get involved with specific missionaries as they feel called. New Life firmly believes that it is not only the responsibility of the corporate body to get involved in missionary work, but it is the direct call and enabling of God on each individual to go and make disciples of all nations.

1Corinthians 12:7 “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

We are developing an **Adopt a Missionary webpage**. Look forward to it in the near future.

The mission team is a group of interested, like-minded believers gathering for monthly meetings in the Word, supporting the mission, organizing ideas and supporting local or overseas mission groups. In the process we desire to develop deeper relationship in the body with God and others. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

To God alone be the Glory!!
Lorraine and Rene

“... missions is the overflow of love from the enjoyment of divine fellowship “ - “Overflow,” by Michael Reeves (pg 56)

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This Sunday's Worship Songs:

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)
All Praise to Him
The Love of God
Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

This Week's Schedule of Events

Tues Men's Bible Study— 6:30 am
Tues Young Ladies Study— 7:15 pm
Wed Immerse— 6:15 pm
Thurs Men's Bible Study— 6:30 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study— 10:30 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study— Noon
Thurs GriefShare— 6:30 pm
Thurs Women's Study— 6:30 pm
Thurs Men's Bible Study— 6:30 pm

Meal Teams

March 1 Meal Team 8 - Soup
March 8 Meal Team 1 - Pizza
*Contact Barbara Judkins if interested
in being on a meal team or a helper.*

Fellowship Tip for March

Take a look around, who is NOT here today? Consider checking in with a phone call or text. In addition, if you're reading this from home and need something, make sure to reach out and let someone know.

March Memory Verse

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8-9

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Announcements

Men's Retreat: The 2026 Men's retreat is Friday and Saturday April 10th and 11th. We will be continuing our journey through Ephesians diving into Chapter 4 this year.

2 Easy ways to register! Take a picture of the QR Code on the welcome counter to lead you to the registration website or open our New Life App and click the registration menu option. Just fill out your information and either pay online or select "I'll pay by check" under the "Men's retreat Payment" dropdown menu and you can pay at the retreat.

Registration deadline is Sunday March 22nd! Once registered you should be getting a follow-up email with more information about your stay at Oak Forest. If you have any questions about registration or scholarship funds to attend just reach out to Pastor Paul.

Prayer Outreach: It was great to share what the Lord is doing through his people in the face of evil and injustice. Our country runs with the blood of more than one million children every year, and it is the obligation of those with the cure—the Word of God, the forgiveness of sin, and the Spirit that fills us—to extend the remedy to the nations.

We will be heading out with that wisdom "toward outsiders" on the second Saturday of March. The battle is large and the warriors are few. We want to extend an invitation to join us for prayer at Mill Pond Park at 8:00am to seek our Head and be equipped for spiritual battle.

We will then minister around the park area and on the sidewalk from 8:30 to 11:00am. We have some literature we can hand out and we will have our signs to seed truth to passersby. We will Lord willingly have many gospel-centered conversations around justice, repentance, forgiveness and obedience. Speak as much or as little as the Lord leads, and be in prayer continuously. Put it on your family calendars!

Today's Passage



Jesus

Proclaimed
to the
Colossians

Pastor Tony will be teaching from
the book of Colossians.
Our passage for today is Colossians 4:7-9.

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