



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
Mark 1:40-45

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



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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Pastoral Pondering

A Time to Pray

Prayer has come up in some conversations lately, and it is not an issue we should or can ignore. As we saw last week in Pastor Tony's message and as we see throughout Jesus's ministry, prayer is not only the center point; it is the point. We each need to take time to pray alone and with each other, and let God handle what we put at His feet. As a body, we see God working and answering our prayers. We have a group of people going on a mission trip to help finish an orphanage that will help the least of us and with all of the missionaries we know and support we need to keep them in our prayers constantly. I hope these thoughts cause us to make prayer a priority.

Prayer is a beautiful thing so why do I struggle with it sometimes? The struggles I have had with prayer are because I feel I am poor with words and my thoughts tend to wander. I feel that the words I speak are not adequate enough for God. How I have been so wrong. God is not looking for some elegant speech, but a heart-felt surrendering of one's own soul. It should be just a conversation with my Creator. My struggles are getting better and I find myself talking to God more and more every day and I love it.

Romans 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

Prayer has been on a lot of peoples' hearts at New Life lately. As the body grows so do the prayer concerns. The great thing with a growing family is there are more family members to pray for those needs. We all need our time alone to get on our hands and knees with our heads bowed and talk to the Father one on one. We also need to come together as a family and pray for each other. There are burdens in our lives that we cannot face by ourselves so we need to turn and reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ to give an encouraging word, a shoulder to cry on, or just to have a listening ear. I think just as important we need to rejoice in the praises of what the Lord has done in our lives to encourage others.

Psalm 138:1-2 "I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word."

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If you are in need of prayer or would like to share a praise report, please share it below then drop this card in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

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- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Jul 14 Men's Bible Study
Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

Jul 14 Evening GriefShare Mtg.
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room at NLCC Building

Jul 16 Fishers of Men Fishing Tourn.
6:00 a.m. at the Nelson's

Jul 30 Faster Pastor Race
Cedar Lake Speedway,
New Richmond

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

Jul 17 Meal Team #2
Jul 24 Meal Team #3
Jul 31 Meal Team #4

Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.



Please stay and join us!

July Memory Verse: John 17:20-21

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (ESV)

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As a church we are blessed that we have two pastors that are so fervent about prayer, not only for their own lives but also for the church family. We need to take their example and the example of all the other prayer warriors we have, to grow into a church that prays without ceasing. If you have not heard, we have an awesome prayer team that will meet with anyone before or after church. They are true prayer warriors.

Colossians 3:16-17 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Dear Heavenly Father, we come together to worship your glorious and awesome name. May the songs we sing be music to your ears, and the prayers we pray honor you. We lift up New Life to you and surrender our control over to you, for this is your church not ours. May our Bible studies, small groups, and our meetings all be centered on you and your will. Continue to bless this church with people who are hungry for the truth. Thank you for sending Your Only Son to die for our sins. Thank you for being the gracious God you are. Thank you for being the Light in this dark world so when we miss step we can find you to run back to. Lord I pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessings, Paul Gilbertson

Prayer Ministry

This announcement is for everyone! We are excited to invite anyone who can join us for prayer before the Sunday morning service - every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Join us as we pray in the large classroom across from the kitchen. We are praying that Psalm 107:13-18, would describe the longing of each of our souls at New Life: *"they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron."*

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Announcements & Events:

Faster Pastor Race

Tickets for the Faster Pastor Race are available today! See Julie Minell. Children 5-under are free. Ages 6-16 are \$6. Ages 17+ are \$12. The race is Saturday evening, July 30th, at Cedar Lake Speedway in New Richmond. Come cheer on Pastor Tony as he seeks to reclaim the title of the Faster Pastor.

Fishers of Men Tournament

Men of New Life: Please join us for New Life's first Men's Ministry event this coming Saturday, July 16th. The tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. sharp on the beach at Jim and Lynn Nelson's house. Please feel free to arrive by boat from the landing. Registration will be \$5 per fisherman and all proceeds will be donated. There will, however, be prizes awarded at weigh-ins. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Zack Fugate at 715-379-2918.

VBS Help Needed

New Life VBS is soon upon us with it being just over 4 weeks away and we still need a few more volunteers! A team of teens will be teaching, but we need a couple people who can commit to being at VBS every night to help with snacks and others who can provide the treats. Please talk to Erika Rice as soon as possible. VBS is August 10-12 from 6-8 p.m. A huge thank you to all who have already stepped up to commit their time!

We also could use everyone's help to spread the word to our community about VBS at New Life. Any child who is 4-12 years is welcome to come, so be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Child Evangelism Fellowship

CEF is looking for a few volunteers to help at their booth at the Polk County Fair July 29-31st (entrance fee will be paid for.) They need greeters, face painters and people to share the Gospel using the Wordless Book. Training is scheduled for July 16th, from 9 am-noon. Talk to Erika Rice to sign up or get more info.