



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
[Mark 1:12-13](#)

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

Be Still

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10

Is anxiety or worry a proper response to this world's problems? I ask this question because it seems I am seeing more and more people in the office who present with physical ailments that are really secondary to stress or anxiety. GI complaints, insomnia, fatigue, depression, high blood pressure and heart disease many times can be directly related to stress in one's life. Today the knee jerk reaction is to take prescription medications or to self-medicate with alcohol, overeating, excess spending or drugs. None of these actually get to the root of the cause.

As we continue to move towards a Presidential election, we will be bombarded with negative campaign ads directed at each individual candidate. We will have direct access to their so called closets with all the skeletons. I am personally thankful that I don't have to worry about that because Christ has removed my closet which was really a warehouse. It's going to be getting really ugly with more mudslinging than we have ever seen. It will be easy to become either numb or become more anxious about the future or our country. I have already heard people say they are leaving this country if a certain candidate wins.

On the foreign front we hear news daily about ISIS, illegal immigration issues, global warming, building a wall, etc. Then we can add the natural disasters like hurricanes, tornados, wild fires, droughts and earth quakes. Scientist are saying that we are getting closer to a large earthquake involving the San Andreas Fault which could be the largest earthquake in our history.

On the personal front we are confronted with loss of jobs, divorce, debt, family drama, loss of a loved one, and deteriorating health. Then what is a person to do when faced with all of the above. Worry?

If one looks at all of this, it is easy to see why people are worried, concerned or anxious ... unless you are a follower of Christ. [Psalms 46:10](#) is one of my favorite verses. It reminds us to "Be still", meaning stop what you are doing including worry and anxiety. In this hectic world it is clear that we need to take time out to contemplate whom we believe is in charge. Is it our government, ourselves or the Creator of all things? Jesus himself as God took on human form and walked this earth facing the same trials as we will see soon in Mark as he now goes out into the wilderness after his baptism to face temptation.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

May 25 **Wednesday Nature Walk**
6:30 p.m. Taylors Falls
Historic Train Depot

May 25 **Mission Wednesday Sewing**
1:00-4:00 p.m. NLCC Building

May 26 **Men's Bible Study**
Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

May 26 **Evening GriefShare Mtg.**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room at NLCC Building

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

May 22 Meal Team #3
May 29 Meal Team #4
Jun 5 Potluck Sunday - #2
Jun 12 Meal Team #5
Jun 19 Father's Day Meal - #6

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



Please stay and join us!

May Memory Verse: 1 Mark 1:6-8

"Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'" (ESV)

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Psalms goes further to state "know that I am God". This means placing your faith in God and his promises. We need to remind ourselves we are not god and therefore relinquish control to God himself. He is the same from the beginning to the end. He doesn't change and he keeps his promises unlike us. That is the cure for anxiety and stress. We no longer have to worry about the outcome of this upcoming election, ISIS, natural disasters or health issues. We know He is in charge and will be exalted among the nations and the earth because He is God in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

I am hoping that as a body when faced with trials and tribulations we will take time out together to be still and know that He is God and will worship Him knowing that in the end whatever we are facing He will be exalted. By doing this worry and anxiety will be cured without doctor visits, medications, alcohol or drugs.

In Christ, Greg Mattson

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



It's that time of the year again for the Baby Bottle Campaign to support *Options for Women/Tri-County. Options for Women* is a non-profit pregnancy center located in Osceola. The Center has provided counseling, ultra sounds and a means to purchase

much needed baby items with "Mommy Dollars" earned by following through on prerequisites established during counseling sessions. In the future some changes are being made to make a concerted effort toward increased education in an effort to reach a greater number of our younger population. In the past God has blessed *Options for Women* with the generous support of New Life members and your support has been greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in participating with this year's campaign will find a basket with the empty baby bottles on a table as you enter New Life. These bottles are to be filled with your spare change and then returned to New Life by Sunday, June 26th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be addressed to Sandy Erickson.



A special word of thanks to Faith Gustafson for her faithful service with our last fundraiser (the Beanry Coffee sales) for our Mission Trip to Mexico.

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More Announcements & Events:



Wednesday Night Activities

Every Wednesday this spring, the entire family is invited to join us on nature walks throughout the St. Croix Valley region. Our time will be spent learning more about and worshipping our Creator as we study His handiwork and caring for it along the way. Please join us this Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 pm at the Taylors Falls Historic Train Depot. No special knowledge, skills or equipment is needed, but a heart ready to love the Lord and perhaps a pair of comfortable shoes is encouraged.



Once the weather warms up this summer the Erickson's and Nelson's have once again graciously offered to the New Life family to gather at their beach on Sand Lake. At that time, we'll do the Nature Walks and Beach Nights on alternate Wednesdays. See Sara Gallagher or Julie Minell with questions.



Missions update: Please continue to pray for our missions abroad. Pray for marriages to endure and persevere through new trials and hardships. We praise God from whom all things come, and for his mercy and grace that is upon us. We thank Him that His Spirit goes before those who minister to prepare a people's heart to receive His gospel message and goes with those ministering to deliver His Word.

The New Life Missions team will be embarking on a short term mission trip to Mexico from July 8th to the 17th. We have raised almost half the funds needed for the Wednesday Ministry day for the Mexican people. We thank those who felt lead to give. A donation site has been established for family, friends and acquaintances to contribute into the Tapestries of Life mission trip. Any money collected above Ministry day will go to gas money or individual costs of going on this short term mission. We trust God to provide. Thank you for sharing the costs. This is a life changing experience all may benefit from. God be with in your decisions. (www.youcaring.com/new-life-comm-church-tapestries-mission-trip-2016-565303)

We have ladies sewing every second Wednesday from 1 to 4 at the church. All are welcome to help. We still have a long way to go in just 6 weeks. Our next sewing date is Wednesday, May 25th, which is this coming Wednesday.

We are seeking any ideas for fundraising, we have 3 weeks for our money to be sent in to Tapestries of Life. Please pray for funding of \$70,000 for the cafeteria roofing. Thank you for praying as a church for those locally going on this mission that their hearts be ready for this mission work. Please see Lorraine Milner with questions or ideas.