



New Life Christian Community

Join Us As We Celebrate
Only Jesus

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"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

Ministry Highlight

Coffee Ministry

Have you ever found yourself invited by a friend to coffee? Or maybe you are the one extending the invitation to another? To me it represents comfort in that moment of hospitality, sharing a cup of kindness together.

It reminds me of the following words of Jesus to His disciples in the Gospels as His earthly ministry drew to a close:

"For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward. " (Mark 9:41) "...I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink" "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35b, 40)

This gracious encouragement from our Savior to show love, mercy & kindness through hospitality to the "least of these" may seem radical. Yet, we see in the Old testament where the Law required the Israelites to treat the alien, foreigner & stranger with kindness.

This edification is echoed later in the New Testament when we are called to *"not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares..."* (Hebrews 13:2) Again, we are reminded of this in 1 John 4:11 -12 *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us."*

We see this practiced in the days of the early church - where they *"shared all as one"* (Acts 4:32) and throughout Church History - when many hospitals, food shelf programs, & schools were founded largely by churches!

When it comes to the Coffee ministry team, I have found that providing a warm cup of coffee - or tea - on a Sunday morning is just one way to serve those around us by extending hospitality and providing a warm welcome as an ambassador of Christ.

Yet, the Coffee ministry can be quite an undertaking for the team members that volunteer to serve. They come in by 8AM on Sunday morning to prep or do clean-up

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early in the afternoon until 1pm. Thus, if you see someone making coffee, feel free to thank them for the giving of their time & energy!

Lastly, may you and I recall that as we serve the body - or drink our coffee or tea - it is all for the glory of God!

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." ~1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV.

~ Ana Smith
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P.S. If you would like to join the Coffee ministry, or have questions, feel free to email or text me!

P.P.S Also please note that the coffee ministry team members serve on Sundays. So, if you host a group or lead a Bible study, would you wash the used coffee mugs & coffee pots afterwards? Thank you!

If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months, we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship and a meal after service today where we would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.



Have you visited the Resource Center lately? Our shelves hold so many great books to help you grow in your knowledge of and love for God and to help guide you in your daily walk with Him. Perhaps you'll find a book to read with a friend or form a book group with! We also have many great resources that you may want to consider for your gift-giving needs for the young or old and all ages in-between. Come check us out after service today.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

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	Ladies Bible Study– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

September Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

September Fellowship Tip:

The weather is still beautiful, take advantage of this by inviting others over. Don't overthink or undervalue hospitality. In love, share something you have and share something about the Lord.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Sept 13 Meal Team 5 –Breakfast
Sept 20 Meal Team 4 –Baked Potato/Salad Bar
Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a meal team or a helper.

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. Only A Holy God
2. Come Thou Fount
3. Christ Our Treasure
4. He Will Hold You Fast
5. There Is Hope

➤ **Immerse:** We had a great kick-off to our **Wednesday** evening Immerse study last week. Even if you missed, you are invited to jump in at any time for this mid-week gathering of the saints, young and old, to explore the depth and riches of God's grace towards us in Christ Jesus our Savior from the book of Ephesians. See you there, **6:15-7:30pm**.

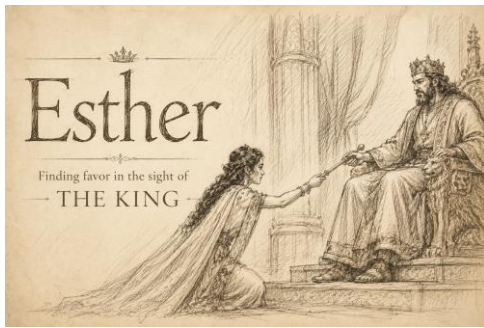
➤ **Calendar Changes:** A few calendar changes to keep in mind: First, **Hall of Men** is now moved to **Sunday, September 20th** and **Preaching Guild** will skip this month and resume the third **Sunday on October 18th**.

➤ **Celebration Of Life:** Reminder: The Celebration of Life service for Pete will be **Sunday, September 27th at 3pm** here at the building with a meal to follow. Barb and the family would love to have you all there.



New Life Messaging

New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, consider joining by downloading our app or through a link posted at the top on our website. Feel free to ask any of the Elders for help.



Today's Passage:
Pastor Paul's message is from the
Old Testament book,
Esther 1:16-22

SERMON NOTES: