



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

GriefShare Ministry

GriefShare is an important ministry that has been sponsored at New Life for approximately 12+ years now. What is GriefShare you might ask? It is a Christ-centered and biblically based program designed to help people who are grieving the loss of a beloved person or persons in their life. These precious, hurting people are gently presented with hope and healing that can only come from God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For us personally, it was the loss of our son Brent in 2015 and our daughter Jennifer in 1983 that brought us to GriefShare. Although the emotions and pain of grieving are identified in seven basic stages. We can say from our own experience, we all will go through them differently from an emotional aspect. GriefShare helps you to get through your own unique grieving process.

After Brent's funeral, I quickly began feeling the distance of family and friends because my pain seemed to never want to come to a place of peace within me and they too were having a difficult time understanding why my grief wasn't ending on what they thought was an appropriate time frame of grieving. Even God seemed distant to me but only because of my anger towards Him. This is not an uncommon feeling for the grieving.

Despite my initial anger with God, GriefShare made a huge impact on me personally by bringing me closer to the Lord, to know that I can lean on Him, knowing only He utterly understands my heart. Only God willingly follows the grieving to the depths of our despair and helps us to rise above our pain through the blood of Jesus.

Psalms 71:1 says, *"Forsake me not when my strength is spent. In you, O Lord do I take refuge."* It was when I really read this verse from my heart that I realized I *needed* God to get me through the pain of losing our son. It wasn't until I had asked God to use me in His service that I was able to face my grief with a purpose.

Now today as we anchor and facilitate the GriefShare program, We genuinely believe God put us exactly where we needed to be to better serve His purposes. We still have our moments where we cry, remembering the pain of our losses, but that's okay. That is all part of the healing process, however long that may be. It's in the valley you meet God and from there, He lifts you up and brings

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you closer to Him by giving you the hope you need to press on with your life.

All the facilitators have gone through the GriefShare program and speaking for us, it is undoubtedly a valuable resource for gently bringing people through their grief and to build a deeper relationship with God. Time and time again, Dale and I as well as the others who facilitate in this GriefShare program for adults, see where God is working and using us in such a mighty way.

The people who created GriefShare explain it best, “We stress the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ as the foundation for healing. The pain of grief is one of the most intense feelings a human being can face. The emotional damage cuts to the soul. True healing of this kind of pain can only come from God’s presence in the life of a person experiencing it. This presence comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Although the message of Christ cannot be forced on anyone, participants in the GriefShare groups will hear this concept presented in a sensitive but clear manner through video presentation and discussion facilitated by loving and caring people in a 14-week cycle that meets on Thursday each week at 6:30 pm right here in the building. We feel it is our responsibility to point people hurting from grief to the only source of true healing, our Lord Jesus Christ. GriefShare views the Bible as the “owner’s manual” for life. It is not uncommon for participants to repeat the sessions multiple times because the benefits are ongoing.

We are happy to announce that the GriefShare program has been enhanced to benefit the participants. Participants are not charged to be in the program; however we gladly accept donations to cover the materials we purchase for the participants. Please, as a New Life family, join us in praying each week for the participants and the facilitators of GriefShare. If you are lead to inquire about serving as a facilitator just reach out to us and we would be happy to share more with you.

Blessings of peace in Jesus Christ, Robin Mattson

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This Week's Schedule of Events

Tues Men's Bible Study-- 6:30 am
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 Men's Bible Study-- 6:30 pm

Meal Teams

July 6 Meal Team 3 - Italian
July 13 No Meal

*Contact Barbara Judkins if interested
in being on a meal team or a helper.*

Fellowship Tip for July

Have you committed yourself to invest in the work of gospel ministry here at New Life and want to learn more about what it means to become a partner? Take a moment and talk to one of the pastor/elders and they would be glad to begin that process with you.

July Memory Verse

Isaiah 66:22-23, "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord."

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Announcements

Annual Baptism Service: Sunday August 3rd is our annual Baptism service being held at the ARC in Osceola. If you have not been baptized and you're moved by God to now pursue baptism as a public proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ, please reach out to any one of the pastor/elders to make that desire known.

New Life Directory: One helpful way to keep connected with fellow brothers and sisters in this body is through the New Life Directory. Printed copies are available for purchase in the resource center for \$2. Our goal by this fall is to have an updated supplement page with further corrections and additions of new families. If you are not in the current directory and would like to be added or if you are already added but want to make corrections or additions please send your updated information to this email: nlccdirectory@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Griesbach.

Meal Team Ministry

Are you looking for a way to use your talents or time to serve God?

Consider joining a Sunday Meal Team. If interested, please, Contact: Barbie Judkins (309) 269-0556, Barb Manship (612) 804-9793 or Rosie Swisher (763) 458-1261



Today's Passage



Jesus

According to Samuel

Pastor Tony will be teaching from
the book of Samuel.
Our passage for today is 2 Samuel 19:24-30.

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