



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

Pastoral Pondering

Shine Like The Sun

We were driving as a family, heading South as the sun began its glorious ascent from the horizon on the East. Our home is tucked neatly in amongst strong, solid oaks and rich, healthy maples, so we rarely see the sunrise as a family. Perhaps the beauty and glory that God intended the sunrise to display has not yet been lost on our children through that bane of sinful men, familiarity. May we all delight in every single sunrise and never let a single sunrise pass without being reminded that God set the sun on its course this day, as on all other days.

One of my daughters gave words to what seemed to be tapping on each of our hearts – this sunrise was beautiful. As we observed the brilliance of what the light of the sun is and does, that same blessed daughter remarked that the sun was making my face shine (as I was thinking to myself that the sun was awfully bright and I should have brought sunglasses).

Praise the LORD for the beauty that He has placed all around us in His creation, and the examples He gives us in scripture to point our hearts to Christ and His glories, AND the opportunities He gives us as parents to present these truths to our children in every day familiar things!

God, by His Holy Spirit, has presented to us many ways in which Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light in the darkness, how the sun testifies to His faithfulness and promise and glory and how Jesus will actually make the sun unnecessary when He returns by His awesome light.

The 3rd and 4th graders are studying the gospel of Matthew on Wednesday nights. (insert plug for Immerse, Wednesday 6:15ish. It is not too late to start coming and looking again at the true light, Jesus our King, with your brothers and sisters!)

In [Matthew 13:43](#), Jesus concludes the explanation of a parable about the Kingdom of heaven by saying ***"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."*** After pronouncing sure and certain judgement on sin and lawbreakers, the unrighteous, Jesus holds out a profound and glorious promise. The righteous will shine like the sun. This is incomprehensible. No wonder Jesus concludes this verse by saying ***"He who has ears, let him hear."*** Shine like the sun?

Those who were once His enemies, those whom Jesus Christ has redeemed for His sovereign good pleasure, will actually shine like the sun. But if we hold to a high view of Jesus as the Son of the living God, when we consider the overpowering awesomeness of the true light of Christ, when He is no longer veiled but reveals His full Deity in glory, how could those who spend eternity with Him not shine like the sun!

We reflect Jesus now, though marred and tarnished, as we grow in conformance to him. This is strong encouragement to continue looking toward the light each day. But we also look with joy to

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the day of the Lord. God, who began a good work in His people, each one of them, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Look, brother and sister! Take heart, father and mother! Come closer, son and daughter. Has it been many days, or months, since you basked in the light of Christ? Do you wonder where you are going in this present evil and dark world? Are you experiencing the frailty of this sin-ridden frame, your physical body?

Those who belong to Jesus the King of the kingdom, have a promise as sure as the daily ascent of the sun. You are not far from shining like the sun, in the presence of your Lord and Savior, your light in this darkness, Jesus Christ.

~Sam Umlauf



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If you haven't visited the Resource Center lately, Come check it out! 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! Not sure what you want, our resource center helpers will be happy to help you out. Come check us out after service today.



welcome

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.



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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Tues	Young Adults Study– 6:30 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

March Memory Verse:

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV)

"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."

March Fellowship Tip:

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..

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Mar 8 Meal Team 1–Pizza

Mar 15 Meal Team 2–Chili/Salads

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

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. We Come, O Christ, To You
2. Holy, Holy, Holy
3. All My Boast Is In Jesus
4. There Is Hope
5. Christ Our Wisdom

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- **Immerse:** Wednesday Night Immerse Classes will not be meeting this week. Enjoy Spring Break.
 - **Young Adults Study:** Young Adults Study will be gathering at Greg and Cory's home **this Tuesday 6:30pm**. Address: 649 220th St. Osceola.
 - **Building Maintenance Help Needed:** Men, we have 2 upcoming repair needs for our building and are in need of help to do research by gathering a few quotes and obtaining options for repair. At **11:45, after service today**, Jim Judkins will be in the green room to share what the project repair needs are. Thank you for considering!
 - **Toward Outsiders:** 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 **Saturday, March 14**. 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! -Michael Melling
 - **2026 Men's Retreat:** The 2026 Men's retreat is **Friday and Saturday April 10th and 11th..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!** If you have any questions about registration or scholarship funds to attend just reach out to Pastor Paul.
 - **Easter Week Soon Here!** Easter is on the horizon and here are 2 special services you won't want to miss. **Good Friday Service April 3rd at 6:30pm.** This service helps us to enter into the upper room with Jesus and His Disciples the night of the Passover meal, learning the significance of each element served and the sacrifice that was needed to be made for our sin. **Our Easter service, the following Sunday** will begin at **8:00am, April 5th** breaking our fast and again partaking of the bread and the cup in celebration! This leads into our favorite meal of the year, an Easter Brunch! Our Easter Morning Breakfast will be a potluck meal. Please plan to bring a dish to pass if you are able. Look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome counter. **Our regular service begins as usual at 9:30am.**



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Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
Colossians 4:10-14

SERMON NOTES: