



New Life Christian Community

Join Us As We Celebrate
Only Jesus

"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

In Whom Do We Rejoice?

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgement is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of the one who sent me. If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his abiding word in you, for you do not believe in the one whom he has sent."

~John 5:30-38

Spend time reading the above passage from John...then read it again, and again, and again. Here we see Jesus providing a sharp correction to the Jewish Authorities in telling them that they did not have the Father's word abiding in them. Here, as religious leaders, Jesus points out that the very scriptures they were supposed to know and understand have fallen on deaf ears and hardened hearts because they have failed to believe in the testimony pointing them to their Lord and Savior...standing directly before them. He even doubles down on that sentiment by pointing to John the Baptist and showing their folly in the fact that they "were willing to rejoice for a while in his light", yet were seeking to murder Jesus for claiming to be the Son of the Father. The irony of that is that John specifically provided testimony that Jesus' claims were true...so they were directly ignoring the testimony of the one in whom they were rejoicing.

Brothers and sisters, it can be easy to dive into scripture and look in on a moment like this and think to ourselves, "Wow, how foolish can a person be. The Jewish Authorities were face to face with their Savior, and they not only denied him...they ended up killing him. What fools!" But we must pause and recognize that every time we hold to the words of an author, a blogger, a video minister, a brother, a sister, a pastor, a famous Christian...we are doing the very same thing as them. Jesus alone deserves that honor, as his is the only testimony that matters. It is His testimony in which we must rejoice, and the only one in which we can find everlasting hope and eternal life!

"I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?" ~John 5:43-44

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Let us not rejoice in idols or be spellbound by false glories, wandering aimlessly and without hope; rather, let us heed His testimony and find ourselves at the foot of the cross, rejoicing in the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ, Zack Fugate



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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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! 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.



If you haven't already, join us on New Life's Messaging App where you can comfortably and safely share information with one another. The new app platform is located under the *Community* tab then you go to the NL app: *New Life Messaging Online Portal*.

From there are several groups to join i.e.: Prayer Requests, Megaphone, M' Cheyne Bible Reading Plan & others. Check us out! Need help? Reach out to one of our pastors or elders to get started.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Sun	Preaching Guild– 6:30 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– On Break
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

July Memory Verse:

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy, and my burden is light."

July Fellowship Tip:

Take a moment this week and reach out to one of our missionaries. You and/or your family would be such a blessing by just sending an email, card, making a phone call, or a video chat.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Jul 19	Meal Team 1~Pizza
Jul 26	No Meal

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

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

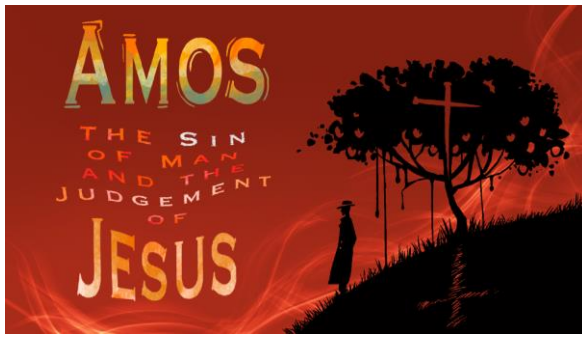
1. God of Creation, All-Powerful, All-Wise
2. How Rich a Treasure We Possess
3. O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus
4. I Will Trust My Savior Jesus
5. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

➤ **Preaching Guild:** Brothers don't forget, Preaching Guild **Tonight @ 6:30pm** and **Next Sunday is a Hall of Men also at 6:30pm.** In both gatherings we treasure the Person and Work of Christ our Savior in His Word and the evidence of that work in the lives of His people. See you there!

➤ **Summer Good News Club:** CEF is coming to NLCC this month as part of their Summer Good News Club, a 4-day event for kids 5-12. This year it will run from **Monday July 20- Thursday July 23, from 12:00-1:30pm.** They do a fantastic job of teaching bible lessons, sharing missionary stories, practicing bible verse memory and more. We are looking for volunteers to participate alongside the club as well as donations for a snack for each of the four days. Please contact Ben Wilson (651-497-7136) if you are able to help with your time or snack donations! And of course, bring your kids and invite your neighbors!

➤ **Ladies Prayer & Praise Brunch:** **Saturday, July 25, 2026 8:30AM** at the building There will be coffee & tea provided. Please feel bring a breakfast food item to share such as scones, muffins, fruit, etc. Reach out to Ana Smith for more details.

➤ **Annual Baptism Service:** Our Baptism Service is just around the corner, **Sunday August 2nd.** If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ and are humbly walking with Him but have not yet been baptized, please prayerfully consider making this public proclamation of faith this year, in obedience to Christ's command and as a testimony of Christ's present and ongoing work in you. Make sure to sign-up at the welcome table and reach out to any of the pastor/elders to make that desire known. Also, a picnic lunch has been generously donated for all who attend.



SERMON NOTES:

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
Old Testament book,

Amos 5:13-20