

Join us as we celebrate only Jesus!



# 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 13+ 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

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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 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 Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. Across the Lands
2. There Is One Gospel
3. Holy Spirit
4. There Is A Fountain

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### This Week's Schedule of Events

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| 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   |

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### Meal Teams

July 5 Meal Team 8 - Tacos

July 12 No Meal

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

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### Fellowship Tip for July

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.

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### July Memory Verse

Matthew 11:28-30- "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."

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## Announcements

**Building and Grounds:** I am looking for someone(s) to mow at the building. Primary area is the boulevard on the east (Highway 35) side (a walk-behind mower would be adequate). Occasionally there is need around the perimeter of the large parking lot on the west side (a riding mower would be preferable for this section).

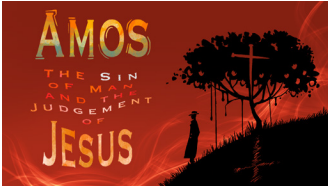
**NOTE:** Gas powered mower storage inside the building is forbidden by insurance company regulations. Correspondingly, mowing volunteers would need to transfer their mowers to/from the building. Please contact Jim Judkins to volunteer. 715-338-8837 Thank you.

**Women's Bible Study:** The Thursday evening women's Bible study is starting up again August 6 at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing a 12-week study of 1, 2, 3 John & Jude: Established in Truth...Marked by Love by John MacArthur. Cost is \$7.50. Please sign up in the lobby, or contact Colleen Firkus 612-889-7581.

**Baptism Service:** Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> is our annual outdoor Baptism Service. We will be meeting at the ARC in Osceola at 10:00am for our regular Sunday Service, alongside the swimming pond, and then end Service by celebrating God's Saving work symbolized in water Baptism . 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. Just reach out to any of the pastor/elders to make that desire known.

A picnic lunch has been generously donated for all who attend.

## Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from  
the book of Amos.  
Our passage for today is Amos 5:1-6.

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