



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

Glory In The Father

"Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name, worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness." -Psalm 29:1-2

In Psalm 29, David's hymn of praise to the Lord is a call for all of creation, including the angels (*heavenly beings*), to place glory where it belongs...with the Lord. As a demonstration of the Lord's awesome power, David provides seven descriptions of God's voice. He sings that the Lord's voice is over many waters, powerful, full of majesty, breaking the cedars of Lebanon, flashing forth flames of fire, shaking the wilderness, and causing the deer to give birth while stripping the forest bare. As a final, definitive example of God's power in the psalm, David provides a breathtaking image of the Lord:

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever."
-Psalm 29:10

Imagine, all of earth engulfed in the flood, and our heavenly Father sat, just as he sits now...enthroned, controlling every wave, rain drop, current, cloud, and the outcome of all of creation. I ask, brothers and sisters in Christ, when was the last time you slowed down and broke away from the insane daily pace, to simply find yourself completely enamored with the awesome power of our Lord? Oh, how sweet is it to marvel at our heavenly Father's voice and rest in the fact that He is to receive all glory. But I ask, are we listening? Just as Pastor Tony has highlighted most recently in his teachings through Colossians, the genesis of idol worship begins the very moment that we seek to grab hold of even the slightest amount of glory. For just as David exclaims in Psalm 29, all glory and strength belongs to the Lord alone. Mankind does...not...possess...strength. All strength comes from the Lord; no other sources for strength exist.

"May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!"
-Psalm 29:11

David finishes Psalm 29 with an intimate picture of the Lord's love for mankind, and acknowledges God's power makes distinctions between the faithful and the unfaithful. But we cannot take David to mean that we have the strength or ability to accomplish this on our own accord, by our own acts. As God's children, saved by the grace of Christ's death on the cross, we are called to be faithful, and in our faith God intervenes on our

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behalf to lovingly provide strength, peace, and the gift of eternal life with Him! Pray with me, brothers and sisters in Christ, that we might find ourselves bound in God's grace, faithfully seeking Christ and properly placing glory where glory belongs!

—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 books that you may want to consider for your Christmas gift-giving needs for the young or old and all ages in-between. Come check us out after service today.

*Wishing Everyone a Safe
and Joyously Blessed
Christmas!*

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Tues	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Tues	Young Adults Study– 6:30 pm
Wed	Immerse– On Break
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– On Break
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– On Break
Thurs	GriefShare– On Break
Thurs	Women's Study– On Break
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– On Break
Double check with your leader if you are still meeting this week.	

December Memory Verse:

1 John 1:5 (ESV)
*"This is the message we have heard from him
 and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in
 him is no darkness at all."*

December Fellowship Tip:

As we enter this season of Advent,
 share with someone a tradition, book
 resource, or specific passages to meditate on
 that help you stay centered on Jesus during
 this busy time.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Dec 21	Meal Team 6 ~Baked Potato Bar
Dec 14	Meal Team 7 ~Sloppy Jo/Hotdogs

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

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

Joy To The World; God Made Low; Angels We
 Have Heard On High; The First Noel; Come
 Behold The Wondrous Mystery

- **Christmas Eve Service:** Christmas Eve Service **this Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00pm.** Let's celebrate our most gracious Savior who emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men to bring salvation to all who would call upon His Name!
- **Fiber Enthusiasts:** Mark your calendars to bring in the New Year together! **Thursday, January 1st, 2026!** You are invited to bring your projects and celebrate Annette's birthday (12/30), encourage Linda Sandmann (home until mid-January), share some holiday cheer, and get ahead on, get a start on, or get inspired for your knitting, crocheting, needle work, mending, etc., etc. project. Anytime Noon - 5pm at 280 Spring St, Osceola. Mary Griesbach's. Q's? Call or text 715/431-0729. Bring a friend, bring a daughter (or son!) - snacks provided.
- **Annual NLCC Partnership Meeting:** New Life Partners, keep in mind our upcoming Annual meeting **Sunday, January 11th at 12pm.** This meeting holds importance in many ways and your presence is needed. Those who are not yet partners please know you are welcome to stay and celebrate God's faithfulness to this body and pray together for His continual guidance and care for the year to come. If you're interested in partnership just ask any of the elders to begin that process.
- **Ministry Team Fair in January:** There are lots of new faces here at New Life eager to connect and use their gifts. To aid in making those connections, we're organizing a Ministry Team Fair after service on **Sunday, January 25th**, where you can meet all the ministry leaders and get to know some of the practical ways you can be involved and serve. In the newsletter you will find some of the main formal ministry teams listed. A good handful of these teams need more help or perhaps are looking to pass the baton of leadership off to another. In addition there may be other helpful ways to serve not listed under one of these teams such as: website maintenance to keep info up to date, sound board help during services, or for those with extra room in your vehicle, giving Sunday rides to service, etc. More details to come. It's a month away, but please join in seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit for ways He would have you, or together as a family, joyfully put into practice your gifts for the building up of the body and for the glory of Jesus, whom we ultimately serve.
- **The cookbooks have arrived!** If you already paid you can pick up your book(s) at the Resource Center. There are additional cookbooks as well for anyone that didn't pre-order. They are \$12 each and would make a great gift for your budding amateur chef or chefs who just love great recipes to add to their collection.



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Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
Colossians 2:14-15

SERMON NOTES: