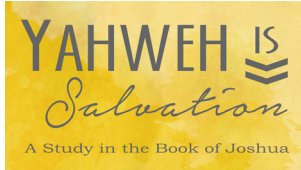


Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be continuing in the Book of Joshua. Our passage for today is Joshua 4:11-18.

Sermon Notes



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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

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Ministry Highlight

Though it may seem like our Children's Ministry is on a break for the summer, there is a lot going on! For one thing, this ministry is never on a break because the entire body is part of our ministry to children on a daily basis. At New Life, children are a vital part of our body. They are welcome in our worship service and parents are encouraged to keep children with them. Having young children (and sometimes older children) in church is HARD work. But I want to be a parent that loves my children so much that I am willing to sacrifice for them—for a season of life—because it will get easier. Having our young kids in church is about them SEEING people worship. It's about them SEEING people gripped by God and His holiness. If our children never see us tremble before the greatness of God, how will they learn what that's like? If our children do not visit the place where we fear the Lord, show our affections for Jesus, see our tears of joy and pain, and show our silent reverence for God, what would the spiritual impact be on our children? The answer would be heartbreaking. Our children need to SEE and EXPERIENCE hearts that love God and long for Him. Children in the worship service can watch our response to God—they see and hear our pastors, they watch us listen, they watch us sing and praise, they join us in prayer and song. Children might not understand the sermon, but they will start to hear important words: holy, compassion, grace, glory, dependency, love, and forgiveness just to name a few. These words are essential to their understanding of who God is! (Adapted from Bud Burk, Children Desiring God)

We do a great job of welcoming children into the worship service at New Life, but we all know that sometimes it is a really hard job and our kids don't cooperate or someone is crying, etc. Sometimes it is hard for us grown ups to not be distracted by kids. I would encourage all of us to see the important work parents are doing in the service. It's embarrassing to be the parent of the loud kid or the one who has to walk their child out of the service. Next time there is a parent that has to leave because of a crying or disruptive child, what if the rest of the congregation immediately turned to the Lord in prayer? Ask for comfort for the crying baby, ask for wisdom for the parent that might have to discipline, praise God for His children, and pray for the parents who are raising the next generation of believers.

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Prayer Card

If you are in need of prayer or would like to share a praise report, please share it below and drop it in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

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- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall.
- Share this only with the pastors and elders.

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If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front immediately following the service.

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Ministry Highlight Cont.

Our children's ministry also provides Busy Bags for families to use during the Sunday service. Our nursery ministry offers a nursery on Sunday mornings for infants–pre-kindergarteners as well.

We have several important events we are getting ready for. Our Vacation Bible School (for ages 3 and up) will be held August 2, 3, and 4 from 6-8 p.m. We encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors as we head "Down Under" to learn about God's monumental love and learn what it means to have rock-solid faith. We are looking for many adult and teen volunteers for this event!

This fall, we will be back with our Immerse programming. During Immerse, we provide education for our kids. Immerse is on Wednesday evenings—stay tuned for details regarding starting date and time. It takes a great number of volunteers to make this program run smoothly. Please start praying for Immerse and also pray about what your involvement might be. Right after VBS, we will be asking for volunteers. Please prayerfully consider serving the body in this way.

If you have any questions about children's ministry and New Life, please don't hesitate to ask.

Cara Gilbertson

July 12th is a No-Meal Sunday, and The Manship's have graciously offered to host the Fellowship Meal at their home. It will be setup as rain-or-shine event. Please bring a chair and an attitude to celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ among us. Pete and Barb will be serving brats and dogs with chips, water, and the condiments.



Upcoming Events

- July 7 Church Softball @ Alliance, 7 pm.
- July 8 Beach Fellowship @ Sand Lake.
- July 9 Men's Bible Study, The Book of Acts, 6:30 a.m. @ the building

July Memory Verse

1 John 2:15-17

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world---the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life---is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

Beach Fellowship

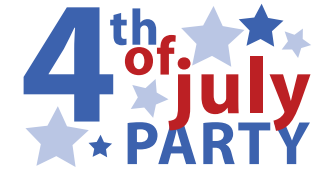
Wednesday evenings at Sand Lake begin this Wednesday. Everyone is invited. You may come any time after 5:30 and park in Roger and Sandy's driveway (1131 190th Street (County Road Y) — Dresser).

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The New Life Missions Team will be holding a Garage & Bake Sale on July 9th and 10th. Please come shop our sale at 209 East Ave. S, in Dresser. All proceeds will go towards the mission trip next summer. If you would like to donate gently used items or baked goods, please see Mindy Havlish.



Due to ongoing construction this summer, we will only be serving a meal every other Sunday. We WILL be serving today.



Kathy Cotter is hosting her annual Independence Day party with fireworks on Saturday, July 11th. (She has been hosting this for years and the fireworks are spectacular, but this is the last year she's doing fireworks and she's inviting the whole church!). All food is provided along with water and juice, and serving begins at 6:30pm. If you prefer other beverages, bring your own, along with a chair or blanket for the fireworks. Fireworks begin at dark, which is now between 9:30 and 10pm. Kathy would like an RSVP so she can plan on adequate food. Her phone is 715-410-9794. Address is 2592 20th Avenue, Osceola. She's 1/2 mile south of East Farmington.

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