

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

The days are getting longer though for now it seems imperceptible. By January's end, it will be quite obvious. And we welcome the light because light is good! Humans are naturally drawn to light whether the light of a new day, fireworks, Christmas lights, even a glowing candle or bonfire. In the Bible, "light" is spoken of often, representing many wonderful things such as God's holiness, His presence, spiritual truth, knowledge and understanding, purity, guidance, and more. Light illuminates the darkness and helps us see the path ahead. The Word of God is meant to do that ... "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). We rely on the Spirit of God within us to reveal God's truth and give us deeper understanding - light! On our own, we can't understand anything of any eternal value and live in darkness.

This is why I love to read other Christian books that the Holy Spirit can also use to help me see God in truer, real-life ways. It could be fiction, biographies, study helps, books about every topic that relates to life in this world through a biblical viewpoint, or books about other believers' journeys and struggles. I own way more books than I can ever find time to read and sometimes feel guilty about that. Thankfully I have received encouragement (more than once) from elder Brian Gates who has told me about Umberto Eco, an author and scholar who possessed a vast library of over thirty thousand books, most of them unread. Mr. Eco viewed his books in terms of the possibilities that exist within them, the things he didn't know and had yet to learn. God knows what I need to learn and when I need to learn that lesson. I can trust Him with the unread books on my shelves.

New Life has a wonderful Resource Center, filled with books of all kinds (and some musical CD's) to help you to know and connect with God in new and deeper ways. We have books for children of all ages, women, those interested in church history, missions, Bible study, spiritual disciplines, fiction, young people, biographies, and many more topics. All resources are available for purchase; we are not a lending library despite the name "resource center." We can also special order books such as Bible study guides, large print Bibles, etc. if you have such a need. Books also make great gifts! We'd love to help you find a book to meet your interests, or feel free to come peruse the shelves yourself. There is a volunteer on duty every Sunday before and after the service. Besides reading and musical resources, we also sell homemade cards made by our own Barb Manship. The proceeds from card sales

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## Ministry Highlight cont.

go to the Missions Ministry. We also sell current church directories for \$2.00 as well as the New Life cookbook for \$12.00 (if you didn't already prepay for a copy.) We also have a few free books that have been approved and donated to the church body. There is much to come check out!

Lastly, New Life is holding another Ministry Fair coming up on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Resource Center ministry needs a few more volunteers. If you love books and God's Word, enjoy talking about books and helping people connect with ways to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and share Him, then please come talk to us at our table! And may this new year of 2026 find you loving and trusting our Lord and Savior more and more, every day.

*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. In addition, you're invited to join us for our meal after service. We would love to meet you and get to know and for you to get to know us more.

## Greeting Card Ministry

Do you know someone that needs encouragement, support, or celebration? Please remember that New Life has a ministry just for that! Contact Lynn with your request via email: [lynnjimnelson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjimnelson@gmail.com) or call her at 651-373-1426.



## New Life Connect

"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, please send an email (see emails to the left) to one of the pastors. They would be glad to set you up with an account. All you need is an active email address.

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## Check out New Life Online [newlifechristiancommunity.org](http://newlifechristiancommunity.org)

### This Sunday's Worship Songs:

Christ Our Treasure  
All Creatures of Our God and King  
There Is Hope  
Lord Have Mercy

### This Week's Schedule of Events

Tues Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am  
Wed Immerse – On Break  
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– On Break  
*Double check with your leader if you are still meeting this week.*

### Meal Teams

Jan. 4 Meal Team 8 - Soup  
Jan. 11 Meal Team 1 - Pizza

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

### Fellowship Tip for January

Often January is a time for new beginnings. Reflect this month on the "new beginning" you have in Christ by sharing with someone the story of how God has worked in you to bring you to saving faith in Jesus, and by His grace, what He is currently doing in your life to draw you to treasure Him above all things.

### January Memory Verse

Proverbs 24:13-14 - "My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off."

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## Announcements

**Annual Partners Meeting:** Next Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Partners if you have any questions about what will be on the ballot for vote please reach out to any of the elders or questions about the 2026 budget reach out to Colleen Firkus.

**Ministry Team Fair:** Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>

There are lots of new faces here at New Life eager to connect and use their gifts. To aid in making those connections were organizing a Ministry Team Fair, after service on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please carve out some extra time after service to pass through the fair and pray about ways the Lord would move you to serve the body of Christ.

**Immerse:** Our Wednesday night Immerse Discipleship Classes will resume Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting from 6:15-7:30pm. Bring the whole family!

**Thursday Men's Bible Study:** Men, looking for an evening bible study to get connected with? Consider joining with the Thursday evening men's bible study. We've been on break but will resume study Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the banquet room picking up where we left off in Daniel. Questions, just reach out to pastor Paul.



## Today's Passage



Pastor Paul will be teaching from  
the book of Jonah.  
Our passage for today is Jonah 3:6-10.

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