



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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Pastoral Ponderings

Remember His Wonders

Repeatedly in the Bible the people are called to remember the wonders of the Lord. Memorials were made and names of places were changed to be ever-present reminders of the faithfulness of Yahweh. The Passover was celebrated generation after generation to teach and retell the deliverance of the Israelites out of bondage by the hand of God so that no generation would forget.

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds" (Psalm 77:11-12).

Psalm 77 is a great example of this call to think about the Lord (see also Psalm 143:5). The repetition of the parallel lines in verse 11 underscores the importance that we recall and remember what the Lord has done. Then in verse 12, we are called to ponder and meditate. The rhetorical force here in this passage is that we are to contemplate deeply, to muse again and again on His wondrous work and grace toward us.

Asaph goes on to elaborate some of awesome and mighty deeds of Yahweh in remainder of this Psalm. Read the whole thing. It is well worth our time to linger there awhile.

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul exhorts his child in the faith to: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel" (2 Timothy 2:8). It is an imperative command for Timothy (and us!) to continually be reminded of and think about and meditate upon his Messiah, the One that rose to life victorious over death, the King! Paul greatly desired that Jesus would always be at the forefront of the mind.

But we so easily forget; we are readily distracted by other things and take our eyes off Christ. The cares of this world then take the dominant position of our minds. And so, we need to constantly fill ourselves with Him and remind ourselves of the good news of Jesus that we would walk increasingly in his grace.

When Jesus gave us the Lord's supper, He told us to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). The bread and the cup are to help

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us regularly ponder His body broken for us, His blood spilled for our sin, the good news of our salvation in Him. Remember Him! Remember Him!

May we dwell daily on His holiness and goodness as we drink from the clear, deep living waters of Scripture. As we approach the end of another year, perhaps it is also a good time to reflect on our own lives and to be reminded of the faithfulness of the Lord to us throughout 2025. We pray that all remembrance of Christ will enlighten us and increase our hope in Him (Ephesians 1:18) in 2026 and beyond.

Great are the deeds of the One who conquered death and the grave, who brings life eternal to all who believe in Him!

Brian Gates



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.

Announcements.

Fiber Enthusiasts: Mark your calendars to bring in the New Year together! Thursday, Jan. 1, 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.

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This Sunday's Worship Songs:

How Rich Treasure We Possess
O Come Let Us Adore Him
What Love, My God
Speak O Lord
All Glory Be To Christ

This Week's Schedule of 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.*

Meal Teams

Dec. 28 Meal Team 7-Sloppy Joes

Jan. 4 Meal Team 8-Soup

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

Fellowship Tip for December

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.

December Memory Verse

1 John 1:5 - "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."

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Announcements Cont..

Annual 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: Sunday January 25th, 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 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.



Today's Passage



Pastor Paul will be teaching from
the book of Jonah.
Our passage for today is Jonah 3:1-5.

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