



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

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."- Hebrews 12:1-2

What a glorious Savior we have! He rescued us from our sin and the wrath to come; He redeemed our life from the pit of despair and destruction; through His sacrifice He shed His blood, atoning for our sin and reconciled us to the Father; He has placed His own Spirit to dwell within us; He lives to make intercession for us and has promised to come back for us that we would be with Him forever! What a truly glorious Savior we have been given!

But every follower of Jesus Christ has a continual problem we all must learn to battle - we have a propensity to take our eyes off of Jesus Christ our Lord, Whom we love so much! As a hymn writer once succinctly wrote, "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love". Why?! For those who have been purchased by the shed blood of Jesus, this logically this makes no sense that we would ever do this. We have tasted and seen that the LORD is good! We even resonate with the Apostle Peter after Jesus tells the disciples that they will all scatter and fall away from Him when He is arrested; Peter answered him, *"Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."* (Matthew 26:33) Yeah! And yet, we all know about the three denials that occurred before the cock crowed. Peter also had forgotten that he had walked on water while looking to Jesus, but quickly began to sink when he grew afraid of the wind and took his eyes off of Jesus. Our spirits are certainly willing *and* our flesh is certainly weak.

The passage above from Hebrews uses the metaphor of a race being an example of our life lived. We are called to live our lives not in a dead sprint, expelling all of our efforts at once, but in a slow slog of a race, we are called

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to run *with endurance*. It takes wisdom, patience, diligence in remembering this call to run with endurance. And yet, note that we don't look to the finish line, but that we look to Jesus! He is where we are to set our gaze! The elders pray for every believer at New Life to be captivated *by* Christ in order that we would be conformed *to* Christ, to the praise of His glory and grace! To be captivated by Him has to come from us gazing upon Him in the revealed Word of God. His Word continually helps us to *not* drift in our focusing on Jesus. In His Word is found reminders from God to not forget Him, but to remember Him - *"then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."* (Deuteronomy 6:12); *"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today,"* (Deuteronomy 8:11); *"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old."* (Psalm 77:11)

Let us love one another in the Body of Christ by helping each other to continually set our gaze, our minds, our hearts, our emotions, and our desires upon Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings!

- looking to Jesus,
pastor jeff



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.

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This Week's Schedule of Events

Mon	Prayer Night/Barton's- 6:30 pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Wed	Every Man's Battle- 6:00 am
Wed.	Immerse- 6:15 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study- 10:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study- Noon
Thurs	Ladies Precept Study- 6:30 pm
Thurs	GriefShare- 6:30 pm
(Adults & Youth meet separately)	

Meal Teams

Jan. 26	Meal Team 7- Sloppy Jo/Hotdogs
Feb. 2	Meal Team 8 - Soup

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

Fellowship Tip for January

Did anyone say Chicken Soup? Cold and flu season is upon us and it doesn't have to be all negative. It provides the body of Christ more opportunities to care for one another in love, even simply through a pot of warm chicken soup and a short prayer at the door reminding one another our Lord is good to us.

January Memory Verse

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Matthew 3:11

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Announcements.

Video Ministry: The video ministry is looking for a switcher and camera operators, this is a great way to serve the Lord by serving our brothers and sisters who are unable to attend the service in person. You can talk to anyone on the team to learn more or contact Jim Mabee at 651-470-4172.

Cookbook: Hey New Life! I have received a few recipes for the cookbook but we still need a lot more! Please feel free to email any recipes to me at evelyn.g.jacobson@hotmail.com.

We will also be putting out some blank recipes sheets next Sunday for anyone who would prefer to hand write them.

You can also reach out to the others on the cookbook committee! Our committee consists of Myself, Rosi Swisher, Cory Mattson, Katie Severson, and Anna Abraham.

Young Adults Genesis study meets this Tuesday, 6:30pm at the Melling Home! 1821 184th Ave. Somerset, WI 54025. Parents, singles, empty nesters, we invite your presence to join us as we look unto Christ in Genesis and encourage your intentional investment in the lives of our young people. See you there!

Hall of Men: Dudes, Dads, and little men, Hall of Men is back tonight @ 6:30pm in the Banquet room. We will take encouragement through a presentation of the life of a man of the Faith who's life, by God's Grace, was lived for the Glory of God and the strengthening of the Church of Jesus Christ in his own generation. See you there!

Today's Passage



Jesus

According to Samuel

Pastor Tony will be teaching from
the book of Samuel.

Our passage for today is 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

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