



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

Only Jesus Can Derail This Crazy Train Ride

I was getting a long overdue haircut last week and we began discussing the world's current affairs. I was reminded of the song "Crazy Train" by the great theologian Ozzy Osbourne with the lyrics, "Crazy, but that's how it goes, millions of people living as foes; maybe it's not too late to learn how to love and forget how to hate." The song goes on to describe ongoing chaos such as wars and mental illness, causing people to become mentally numb, and concludes by asking the question of who and what's to blame.

It does feel like we've boarded the crazy train where things that used to be common sense are no longer common. We can't define what a woman is and, in fact, people now argue men can get pregnant which must be a new class in medical school. It certainly wasn't offered at the University of Illinois when I was attending medical school, or perhaps I missed it when I went to the gym to play basketball with other men.

I think every generation looks back and wishes for the good old days but, as we've seen in **Ecclesiastes 1:9**, "***There is nothing new under the sun.***" As we've seen repeatedly through Scripture, it appears Israel has been on the same crazy train we find ourselves on. It should be noted that, just as it is today, it occurs every time God is removed and attention placed on things of the world. It's not surprising then that we now find ourselves out in the wilderness, confused and lost over the simple things like what is a woman, and with support heartily supported for abortion now including up through full term in 9 states.

When looking at everything going on, including war, another attempted Presidential assassination and political unrest it would be easy to become numb and complacent. As believers, however, this should not catch us off guard for the Word is very clear stating in **2 Timothy 3:1-7**, "***But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.***"

I don't know about you, but I can find myself in some of the above conditions and am reminded that we are indeed in the end times. As followers of Christ, we are called to get off the crazy train which is the way of the world. Jesus is the only answer to the problem. Although everything looks chaotic, we know that this is temporary in that our future home is eternal where pain, chaos and suffering are gone, and we spend eternity with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No more crazy train rides for us!

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I know that many of you reading this may be suffering with the recent loss of a loved one, marital issues, dealing with a medical illness which may be life threatening or facing a severe financial burden, but I want to conclude by saying that God states in **2 Chronicles 7:14** *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* God's healing of our land will derail the crazy train once and for all.

Greg Mattson



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.



Busy Bags
Available by the Door



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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 gift-giving needs for the young or old and all ages in-between. Come check us out after service today.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Sun	Preaching Guild– 6:30 pm
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	Ladies Bible Study– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm
Fri	Young Adults– 7:00 pm

May Memory Verse:

John 6:35 (ESV)

"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

May Fellowship Tip:

Looking to be more connected online? If you haven't already, download our NewLife App to access our online messaging platform. Get church updates, announcements, prayer requests, and more. Make an account today and get connected.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

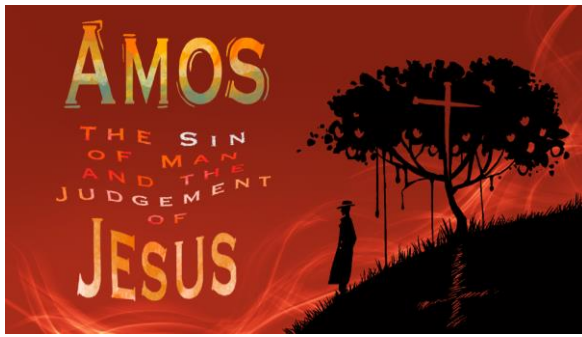
May 10 Meal Team 2~Salads
May 17 Meal Team 3~Italian

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

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. All Praise To Him
2. Come Thou Font
3. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
4. Our God Will Go Before Us
5. Beneath The Cross

- **Preaching Guild:** Meets **this Sunday evening 6:30pm**. Fellow brothers, if you are willing to be challenged to dive deeper into the scriptures, lean more on Christ, and grow in the practice of preparing and giving of a sermon, consider attending tonight!
- **Building & Grounds:** We are in search for a Building and Grounds Ministry Team Leader. Our hardworking, resourceful, and faithful brother, Jim Judkins would like to hand-off the baton of leadership to another committed brother (or temporary co-leadership with Jim with intention to fully pass off role later.) Being in this role does not mean you have to have repair skills, though helpful, but more so, the ability to delegate tasks, manage regular maintenance schedules, be a point person for repairs done by contractors, keep the elders updated on larger upcoming needs, etc. Having a team of committed men alongside a ministry team leader can make this 13,000 sq ft building easily manageable to keep it in working order. The more repair and maintenance tasks we can do "in house" saves costs in the budget immensely. Please reach out to Jim if you are willing to join a team and/or learn more about stepping into this ministry leadership role.
- **Immerse 2025-26:** Wednesday night Immerse 2025-2026 season is now completed, but our labor of discipleship in the Gospel continues. With a free evening, and as the summer season waxes on, consider posting on the New Life App megaphone, inviting others to join places your planning to explore while hiking, or a book you plan to read with others, or a gathering around a bonfire; whatever it might be, strive to make good use of the time to spur one another on to deeper trust in Jesus.
- **TRI County Baby Bottle Fund Raiser:** Consider supporting our local Options for Women |TRI-COUNTY. You can help support by simply grabbing one of the empty plastic baby bottles, taking it home and filling it with change or dollars. Then be sure to bring it back by Sunday Service on Father's Day. This fundraiser contributes significantly towards the total operating expenses for the year, so it's a really important fundraiser! Your support will help provide free pregnancy tests, counseling, ultrasound services, clothing, and baby supplies for the mothers who are most in need from our community. You can pick-up a bottle after service today from the welcome counter.
- **Young Adults:** Join us **7pm on Friday, May 15th** Lux Coffee! Come hang out! We may do some games and/or Bible study. 546 W N Shore Dr, Ste 300, New Richmond, WI 54017
- **Calling All Mom's:** Happy Mother's Day!! Your welcome to take an annual flower home with you today and enjoy the blooms all season.



SERMON NOTES:

Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the
Old Testament book,
Amos 2:9-16