

# New Beginnings



**New Life  
Community Church  
A Christ Centered, Bible Based,  
Spirit Empowered, Prayer Dependent,  
Ministry Minded Church  
"Where new life is found in Christ"**

## Living Better After Easter

By John Motz

Every year we build up to the celebration of Easter, and every year we then move along. We hope that something of the resurrected Jesus has a way of rubbing off on us, changing us going forward. It is interesting to me that the gospels also share the disciples' excitement and struggle of what to do next. In the final chapter of the Gospel of John (21), we read how following Easter Sunday the disciples had returned home to the familiar surroundings of the Sea of Galilee area and we're out one night fishing. In the early morning hours, overwhelmed with a large catch of fish! John has an "Ah ha" moment, "It is the Lord!" he says, and with this everything changes! But what was it that clicked? Was it the sound of His voice? Was it His net casting directions that jogged their memory (Luke 5)? Was it the magnitude of the catch? I'm not sure, but John noticed something that revealed Jesus to him in that moment.

This noticing Jesus is the key for moving forward. Working on a new habit of being attentive, trying not to let good things pass by unnoticed. It is easy to get numbed by the normal, distracted by the chaos, or beaten down by the discouraging way life sometimes goes. But the ability to see His fingerprints on our circumstances, or to recognize His blessings even while confronted by the difficulties changes everything for us. Jesus is Raised! We have an everlasting Hope!! May we have eyes to see it!!!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## **WOMEN'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, April 27th**

**11:00-1:00 PM**

**Rooms 7 and 8**

**Special Guest- Annette Macias  
(A special donation will be taken)**

**Please bring a salad to share.**

**Childcare will be provided!!**

**Sign up at the mission's table.**

## **Hope Mountain, Philippines**

Steve and Ellisa Rough will visit New Life on Sunday, April 21st. A collection has begun of needed items for the children of Hope Mountain. If you want to make a donation, you may drop it off at the church office (Tues.-Fri. 9-4) or leave at the mission's table on Sunday. The Roughs will be taking the items with them back to the Philippines. Below you will find a list of suggested items you can donate.

- Art & craft supplies
- Personal journals for children
- Adult coloring books (kid friendly)
- Word search puzzle books
- Scrapbook storage boxes for school supplies (up to 15" okay)
- Whiteboard markers
- Chewable vitamins (multi-vitamins) kids
- Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)
- Anti-fungal cream (Lotrimin)

## **Roof Volunteer Project**

For the next three weeks we will be working on the walkways with the anticipation of the roofers completing the



job in May. If you would like to be part of this team please show up at 8am on Saturday, April 13, 20, and 27. Contact Bobby Sheets if you have any questions. 209 769-8562

## **BRAD STINE**

Comedian Brad Stine will be returning to NLCC on Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm. Come and bring the family for a night of wholesome, clean entertainment! The funds raised will help pay for the new roof.

Tickets (\$30 each) will be available in the Narthex before and after the worship service on Sunday. You can also purchase tickets using the Tithe.ly app or by contacting the church office at 209 358-8885.



## Youth Happenings!

New Life Family,

April brings exciting updates from our vibrant youth groups! The high school youth group, Revive, and the middle school youth group, Paradigm, have been bustling with activity. We're thrilled to report that our Palm Sunday Youth Takeover was a fantastic success, thanks to the dedication of all involved. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to making it memorable. Additionally, we're delighted to share that the memorization of 1Corinthians 13 is progressing splendidly, with most of the kids mastering verses 1-4. Please note that there will be no meetings for either group during the first two weeks of April. For further updates and happenings, remember to check our Instagram page.

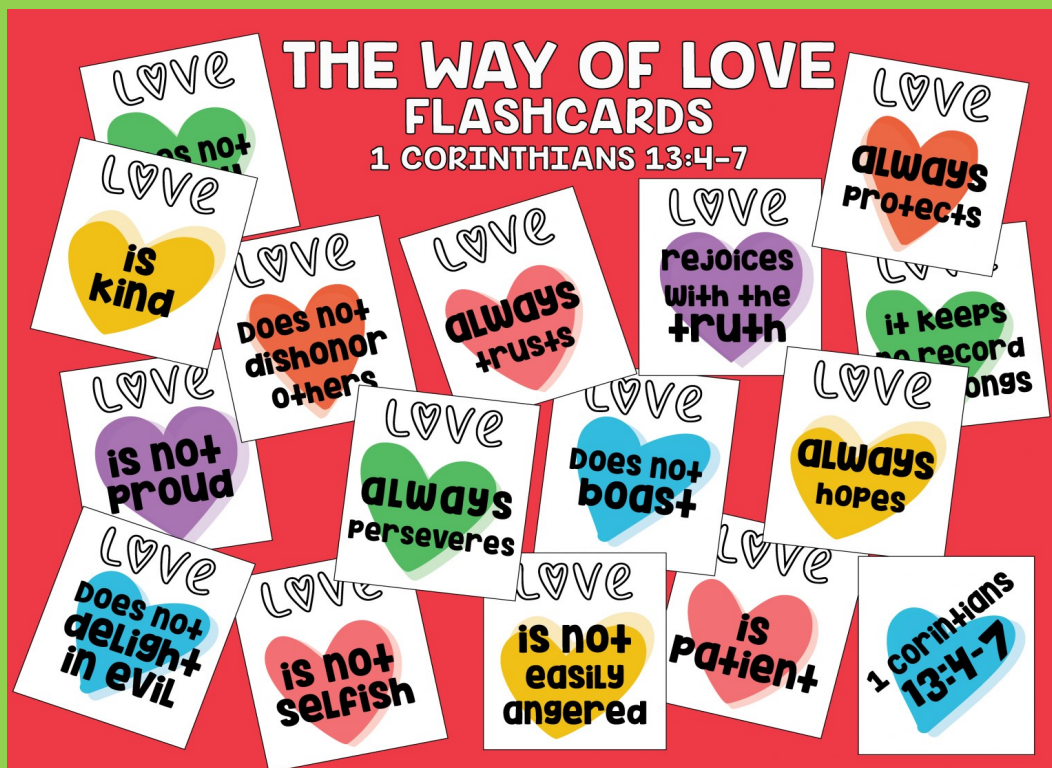
Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Blessings,

Val

"If you don't have time to invest in a young person to lead them in the right way, someone with more time will lead them in the wrong way."

Frank Clark







## Ladies' Bible Study

Max Lucado- A Love Worth Giving

Begins: Wednesday, May 8th

Ends: Wednesday, June 26th

10:00-11:30AM

Meeting in the Fellowship Room (next to the Narthex)

Pease order your book soon. Contact Debbie B. if you have any questions. 209 756-0952

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:12-13

## We Are Family!

*Help celebrate these special occasions!*



### **APRIL Birthdays**

4/3 Katie Koehn

4/4 Christie Johnson

4/4 Robert Santistevan

4/7 Autumn Dai'Re

4/8 Sara Coate

4/9 Ila Slate

4/11 Autumn Brumett

4/12 Sandy Rentfrow

4/13 Debra Frago

4/13 Reagan Button

4/14 Emily Casner

4/14 Kurt Wetzel

4/16 Joanna Campanario

4/17 Athena Gonzales

4/20 Jason Stephens

4/24 Gracie Santistevan

4/24 Mario Benitez

4/25 Pam Boesch

4/25 Tyler Button

4/26 Sue Peters

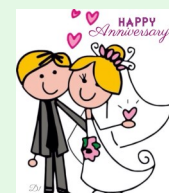
4/26 Jeremy Retzlaff

4/26 Shawn Conour

### **APRIL Anniversaries**

4/4 Hector & Elizabeth Ayala

4/20 Tim & Janey Martin





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Grief Share</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b>	<b>2</b> <b>No Youth Meeting</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Men's Study 7am</b>	<b>4 Women's Virtual Devotion every Thursday 6:45am</b>	<b>5 "D" Street Shelter 5pm</b> 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>No Youth Meeting</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>No Youth Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Men's Study 7am</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Roof Volunteer Project 8am</b> <b>Cancelled due to rain!</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Guest Speaker Joshua Hopson</b> <b>Revive 5-6:30pm</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Paradigm 6pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Men's Study 7am</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Board Meeting 6:30pm</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Roof Volunteer Project 8am</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Guest Speakers Steve &amp; Ellisa Rough with Hope Mountain Ministry</b> <b>Revive 5-6:30pm</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Paradigm 6pm</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Men's Study 7am</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Brad Stine 7pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Roof Volunteer Project 8am</b> <b>3rd Annual Ladies' Spring Luncheon 11:00am</b> 
<b>28</b> <b>Guest Speaker Val Dai'Re</b> <b>Revive 5-6:30pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Paradigm 6pm</b>				