

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"



AUGUST Highlights

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Men's Softball

WEDNESDAY, August 16

Circle of Faith

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Student Ministries



(by John Motz, pastor)

Winding down a busy Summer

The summer has rushed by at breakneck pace, moving from graduation season into VBS mode and on through the Youth camp experience! Highlights all and along with the normal of trips, parades, and summer outings, many have thrown in a move, or are getting ready for a new job, or having/rehabbing from surgery. You might say "I need a break", but it's still hot and school will be starting soon.


A long time ago, God spoke to a people with fried nerves who yearned for peace but it could not be found. *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity."* (Jeremiah 29:13-14) God was speaking through the prophet to His people Israel who were about to be taken away into exile, but it's not a message of despair. Did you hear it? He makes a promise that He will restore and offers an invitation for us to seek Him.

The fall is coming with its opportunities to gather, to grow and to serve but let's take this time to begin to seek His presence and His peace...Continued next page

Pastor John Motz continued

...(our restoration). Towards that end, every sermon during the month of August will focus on helps for intentionally getting our lives back in order. We will kick it off August 6 with a sermon entitled "Rest for the Stressed". If that sounds like something you need, make sure to be there and every Sunday following. Come, make worship a key part of God's getting our act back together!

Summer Sermons




Throughout the Summer, Pastor John preached a 6 part sermon series touching on many of the Reality TV shows that dominate our cultures entertainment landscape. Unveiling the human yearnings or fears that each show plays upon, we then searched for God's answers to those same longings (That's why we called it "Real Reality"). Summers are notorious for weekends away, so if you missed some of the series, you are in luck! Through the wonder of the internet they are all available for you to listen to on your church website. Simply go to <http://www.nelifeatwater.org>, then select the sermon tab at the top of the screen. Next, pick one, click one and listen to the word of God for you!

A Vacation Bible School
to Remember!



A big THANKS to cowgirl Kelly and her crew for the amazing Vacation Bible School this Summer! All the kids were blessed, all the staff did an awesome job of loving like Jesus!! If you are a Facebook user and would like to see some of the sights and sounds of this year's Hoedown happening, join the *Friends and Family of New Life Community church* Facebook page. It's easy and it's fantastic! It is also where you'll find the official VBS video (and it's awesome!).

Circle of Faith



Circle of Faith is meeting Wednesday, August 16th, 10 a.m. at Sheryl Arnold's. Please bring your Bible and an open heart.



VBS THANK YOU!!

Thank You to the 2017 VBS team and ranch hands for saddling up for some boot scootin', rootin', tootin' fun . Without all of you, the week simply does not happen. Until next year, I leave you with this advice..... Never squat with yer spurs on. Happy Trails & God bless you!

Cowgirl Kelly





“Back To School”

Summer has had many great memories here at New Life Community Church and for our students. It's been God, that has touched the growth of the ministry. Our focus has been giving each the tools, to be different in this culture. Our love for Jesus has grown through growing pains and putting our trust in God. Just as we're entering a new school year, it's time to take our spiritual growth and apply it to our life. We are called to be different!

New friends, old friends, nice teachers, scary teachers, new style of dress and a fresh timetable. Going back to school is a day that certain to happen, comes each year. Some love it, others hate it or perhaps you just go through the motions indifferently. Regardless of how it makes you feel you have to go, so how do you make the most of it? How will you make this year at school worthwhile? It's time for you to step up your game and let Jesus take control!

School is an incredible place where you meet hundreds of young people and spend time with them 5 days a week for about 40 weeks a year. That presents an amazing opportunity to witness and share the gospel with so many people. In fact the best people to reach out to these students are students. The way you live and talk to your friends can be very powerful.

Our faith as being Christians truly point us to look at school the ultimate mission field. God prepared us to in advance to stand out and step up when we go back to school this year. These are few scriptures to remind us, what tools we have to live this year in His perspective.

- MEET (Hebrews 10:25): Find out if there are other Christians at your school, and make effort to build a closer relationship with them. Together you could start a Christian club.
- TALK (1 Peter 3:15): Tell your friends what you do on the weekend, tell them about youth group or church and then invite them along. Tell your friends about your faith.
- LIVE (Matthew 5:16): Live like Jesus. Don't get caught up in gossip, materialism, slander or any ways of this world. But be different and people will notice, then you can point them to Jesus.
- PRAY (Colossians 4:2): Pray for your peers, that they might come to know Jesus because prayer is powerful.

My prayer for you is that you make this year special, making a difference! Be bold and stand out for Jesus. Don't waste the time you have now and the opportunities that come at school. No matter where you're at in life, God is using you for His purpose. Jesus died for all our sake and he has sent us out to make disciples of all people.

Jose Fuentes

Treasurer's Report

January	\$15,941
February	\$14,729
March	\$14,376
April	\$23,527
May	\$14,055
June	\$10,799
July	\$23,261

Wow! Giving has certainly fluctuated this summer. One month is a bit low, then the next month is much higher than usual. It certainly reminds me to take nothing for granted. Trust in God and His provision. Just maybe God has big plans for us!

I believe we need to be good stewards to all that is given, and listen to God's direction for His church.

Mary Herbert
Treasurer, New life Community Church

Faith Promise Giving

Faith Promise: Based on money I do not have but for which I will trust God, giving as He gives to me. 2017 Faith Promise giving to date: \$4,958



Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

We Are Family!

Help celebrate these special occasions!!

*Happy
Birthday!*

AUGUST

Birthdays

- 8/1 Glenn Arnold
- 8/2 Mary Herbert
- 8/3 Dennis Friesen
- 8/4 Stella Craft
- 8/4 Lisa Maples
- 8/8 Carolyn Stimson
- 8/10 Jamie Daniels
- 8/13 Sera Campanario
- 8/14 William Bell
- 8/15 Billy Moore
- 8/15 Joshua Davey
- 8/15 Joan Birdsong
- 8/16 Timothy Demma
- 8/21 Shannon Maine
- 8/22 Elizabeth Bray
- 8/22 Amy Valladao
- 8/24 Dolores Maples
- 8/25 Terri Bray
- 8/25 Devon Hill
- 8/26 Bev Daniels
- 8/28 Ryan Cameron
- 8/29 Kathleen Bruns

*Happy
Anniversary*

AUGUST Anniversaries

- 8/9 Dale & Stella Craft

August 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue






Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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		1 Men's Softball 8:30pm 	Men's Study 6:30am			Pay it Forward
6 STUDENT MINISTRIES 6PM	7	8 Men's Softball 6:30pm 	9 Men's Study 6:30am	10	11	12 Call a Friend
13 STUDENT MINISTRIES 6PM	14	15 Men's Softball 9:30pm 	16 Men's Study 6:30am Circle of Faith 10am	17 	18	19 Send Flowers
20 STUDENT MINISTRIES 6PM	21	22	23 Men's Study 6:30am	24	25	26 Invite someone for dinner
27 STUDENT MINISTRIES 6PM	28	29	30 Men's Study 6:30am	31	GOD is SO GOOD!	