

# New Beginnings

**New Life Community Church**  
"Where new life is found in Christ"

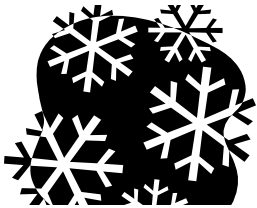
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## Growing in the New Year

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The optimism of New Year's Eve/Day is rooted in the hope that somehow the new year will be better than the last. If that is rooted in simple wishful thinking, then good luck, it might happen. But if our hope is rooted in a new commitment to grow, say in our spiritual lives, then there are a number of things that we can encourage each other to do that will increase our chances of looking back on 2012 as a year of change for the better. Growth takes time, but the passing of time does not in itself cause growth. Again, with out making changes, we may fall into the trap of wishful thinking.

When we think of how we grow spiritually, sometimes considering how other things grow can be helpful. To use the analogy of a garden, let's consider the gardener: A good gardener who desires a good harvest is very intentional about his/her garden. They must prepare the soil, plant the appropriate seeds at the appropriate time, patiently nurture growth both by doing (such as water) what enhances growth as well as removing (such as weeds) that which impairs growth. Intentional attention to such things lead to a flourishing garden. If the gardener ignores the basics of gardening, the year will pass with little to show for it. One leads to celebration, the other to frustration.

**New Life**

### **Community Church**

A Christ Centered,  
Bible based,  
Spirit empowered,  
Prayer dependent,  
Ministry minded  
Church

We will begin the New Year with a series of sermons designed to help us consider new steps to foster growing closer to God and closer to His designs for us. As we gather together, pray that the opportunities to serve, to grow, to connect with others and with God will reveal themselves clearly and we will become more intentional about the other of our spiritual garden. It is my prayer that this New Year will be better, more fulfilling and productive than the last, and the gardens of our spiritual lives will begin to produce the fruit we truly desire.

In His hands,

John Motz, Pastor





## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



### **Circle of Faith**



Circle of Faith will be meeting Monday, January 9th at 11 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. at the church library. Circle of Faith will meet at 11 a.m. from here on out.



### **Ladies Breakfast Out!**

Ladies, you are invited to a breakfast out, Saturday, January 21st at Brooks Ranch @ 10 AM. It's a time for the New Life gals to enjoy a meal and friendship with no other obligations. Make it a priority to take some time for you! Please sign up at the missions table (or call the church office 358-8885), so we can let Brooks Ranch know how to accommodate the number of ladies that intend to attend. Thank you kindly!



## **A Baby Shower!**

New Life Women, mark your calendars for Saturday, January 28 at 10 AM. Stevie Chan is expecting a boy in February and we want to shower her with gifts and blessings. We'll meet in rooms 7&8 at ABC for fellowship, food and maybe a word or two of inspiration. Stevie is registered at Walmart, Target, Babies "R" Us, and Diapers.com. Hope to see you there!

### **Sewing Ministry**

Although the New Life Sewing Ministry will not meet on the third Saturday this month, you're welcome to call Mary Herbert to arrange a convenient day to get together and sew. The group has been making bibs, burp cloths, gowns and blankets to be donated to mothers who could use an extra "blessing" for their baby. Call Mary at 358-4643 to schedule a time or if you have questions.



## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

### **NLCC 2012 Board of Director Members**

Pam Clare  
Dennis Friesen  
Mary Herbert  
Carden Kalcevich  
Mary Monaghan  
Bobby Sheets  
Dick Templeton

### **2012 Women's Retreat**



Redwood Christian Park

### **"Come What May"**

April 27-29, 2012! First come, first serve, so sign up soon! Pick up a brochure at the missions table! Scholarships are available.

## Treasurer's Report 2012 General Fund Giving

January	\$13,750
February	\$14,919
March	\$10,984
April	\$13,805
May	\$14,733
June	\$11,328
July	\$13,109
August	\$11,623
September	\$11,698
October	\$12,664
November	\$11,420
December	\$12,468

We ended 2011 with all our financial obligations met and money in the bank. I praise God for His faithfulness and for His provision for this church!

For those who were not able to attend the All Church Meeting last month, I'll tell you the good news about the Building Fund. Because our church was struggling financially back in 2007 & 2008, \$29,386 was borrowed from the Building Fund. The Board of Directors and staff have been working hard to be good stewards of all that is given and to keep spending within the boundaries of the budget. As a result of this stewardship, we have been able to replay \$10,000 to the Building Fund. It is the intent of the Board of Directors to see that the balance is repaid as well.

It is my prayer that 2012 will continue to bring financial growth to this church (along with growth in our relationships with God).

Mary Herbert  
Treasurer  
New Life Community Church



## Fare Well to Daming

One of the true blessings of 2011 was the opportunity to get to know a young man who God placed in our midst for a time. Daming Liang just showed up one Sunday a little more than a year ago and we have all enjoyed the opportunity to get to know, to love, to bless and be blessed by him. He came to Atwater to train as a pilot, and with graduation about 1 week away, Daming will very soon be returning to his homeland of China. From the moment of his arrival at NLCC, Daming has endeared himself to many with his quick smile, willing spirit and caring heart. He has grown in Christ during this time here, but also encouraged many others in their walk with Christ along the way. Please pray for him in these weeks of transition, and as you can, encourage him as he take these next steps in his journey. We love you, Daming, and we are thankful to God for you.

## New Address!

Earlene Monaghan has moved to Park Merced. Her new address is: Earlene Monaghan, 3050 "M" Street, Room #153, Merced, CA 95348. Let Earlene know how much you miss her by dropping a note to her or stopping by to chat!

## New Board Members

With the New Year, comes the new edition of the NLCC board of directors. Pam Clare and Mary Monaghan were nominated, approved and accepted the invita-

tions to begin serving as the new members of the board in 2012. Dick Templeton and Mary Herbert were re-nominated to new terms on the board, rejoining Carden Kalcevich, Bobby Sheets and Dennis Friesen who continue serving on the 7 member leadership team. Please encourage and pray for all of our board as they seek God's heart for our church and allow their gifts to work together for His good.

With deep appreciation we also thank Jeff Stopper and Lisa Maples who's faithful service on the board concluded at the end of the year.

## Prayer Ministry Changes

Over the years we have maintained a prayer phone chain for sharing prayer concerns with the willing prayers of our church family. In recent years, we've added an e-mail notice system, and expanded the number of folks able to pray for concerns that we are made aware of. During this time, the phone chain has become more and more difficult to maintain. So, at this time we are going to close the "phone chain" venue, while we will continue the New Life e-mail prayer requests, and are establishing a special page on Facebook, a New Life friends and family prayer page. We continue to seek ways to more effectively facilitate a greater awareness of and a greater experience of God's power in prayer. At this time we are looking for someone whose passion is prayer, and who would enjoy helping coordinate this vital ministry. Please contact the office if you are not yet a part of this work, and talk to Pastor John if you feel led to help lead this ministry.

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Meeting Saturdays & Sundays at  
The Atwater Baptist Church  
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6:00 PM Saturday Worship  
9:00 AM Sunday Worship  
Nursery Provided Both Services  
Children's Church (1st-5th grade) Both Services  
Jr. High Class Saturday Worship

