

Our New Life Mission:

*“Be Neighbors,
Win Neighbors,
Disciple Neighbors,
Send Neighbors”*

Luke 10:29-37

March



Upcoming Events :

- March 4 New Life Christian School’s Open Enrollment begins
- March 12-14 Ladies Spring Retreat @ Middle Creek Bible Conf.
- March 14 Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 19-20 Youth 30-Hour Famine
- March 20 Childcare Co-op (4:30-8:30)
First Day of Spring!!!
- March 22 Rescue Mission Ministry (7:00 pm)

Rescue Mission Ministry

New Life men are invited to spend approximately an hour at the Beacon House, located on South St., **Monday, March 22nd** ministering to and encouraging the residents. The service is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm. For more information about this outreach ministry please call Dave Gust at 301-898-9734 or Tom Gilbert at 301-845-0424.

Thanks to all who made a donation at our recent blood drive. Together we were able to bless our community, via the Red Cross, with 14 units of blood.

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Interested in finding out more about New Life Christian School?

Join us for our March 4th Open House event from 7:00-8:30 pm.

For more information about the school or to register for the Open House please call 301-663-8418.

NLCS open enrollment season begins March 4th.

Foursquare's Response to Haiti

In a recent Foursquare Missions International publication Dave Stone, area Missionary to the Caribbean reports, "In the midst of suffering and devastation, the Haitian people aren't just lying around waiting for a handout. They are very resilient, doing what they can to get their lives back together. We met a family from the church that has 18 people living under one tent. We met a young mother who survived the quake but lost her three-year old daughter as well as her home. One young lady took us to see her house. It was destroyed, but her family escaped. Others weren't so lucky. As we climbed the ruins of houses, buildings, and a church, we came across 7 bodies that were lying in the rubble. The destruction went on for blocks.

At this time FMI is meeting the immediate needs of our Foursquare family there with food, water, shelter and trying to secure temporary housing. The Foursquare Relief and Compassion team is also mobilizing personnel that is planning to meet the needs of the community. They will need medical teams, construction, and ministry teams. They will need our help! Preparations are being made to set up a base camp in Port-au-Prince for our long-term response. This will include the purchase of food, water, and housing for those who have been displaced. Also, they will need to purchase trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles, as well as building and medical supplies. The initial need for this first phase was \$250,000 — which we have met! Total Foursquare giving as of February 9th was \$439,000!!!

Since FMI is planning to stay in Haiti long after the cameras are gone, your gifts will help as we walk with Haiti from responding and rebuilding all the way to restoration. You may send your gifts through New Life Church via Sunday offerings. Please mark your offering envelopes accordingly.

The rebuilding of Haiti will take years. Lives have been changed forever. In the midst of this terrible

crisis, God has a wonderful plan. As we partner together, we will see the church rise up with new strength and renewed passion. Doors of opportunity are open before us to reach the lives of the Haitian people like never before. This is the time for the kingdom of God to push back the darkness and let the light of His glory shine through.

Please pray.....

- That there would be no flooding as the rainy season is quickly approaching.
- For those serving on the front lines that they would move forward with wisdom, skill, protection and an intense awareness; powerful anointing and spiritual sensitivity.
- For those grieving lost family & friends.
- For the safety of children in Haiti.

To get a closer look you may view some recent updates by visiting the following website:
<http://fmi.foursquare.org/articles/657.1.html>



**Ladies
Spring
Retreat**

March 12th - 14th

*"Keeping A Princess
Heart"*

*in a
not-so-fairy-tale world*

**Please keep our ladies in your
prayers during this weekend.**

New Life Family Matters

By Pastor Dave

Rescued, received, restored, released – by Him, for others.

“For we were slaves, but in his unfailing love our God did not abandon us in our slavery. Instead, he caused the kings of Persia to treat us favorably. He revived us so we could rebuild the Temple of our God and repair its ruins. He has given us a protective wall in Judah and Jerusalem.”

Ezra 9:9 NLT

As I write this article I am 37,000 feet in the air on a plane bound for BWI. Deb and I are returning home from a short vacation to the northern Arizona city of Flagstaff, where we attended the wedding of Andrew Taylor, the son of our best friends, Rich and Maggie. Pastor Rich performed the ceremony in their recently completed church facilities. It was a sweet wedding with lots of college friends and family from around the country. Spontaneous laughter, enthusiastic, joyful applause and passionate prayer flavored the ceremony from beginning to end. Andy and his new wife, Ruthie, will begin their married life in Panama working to help three orphans. It is a joy to know that this bright, young couple has made a decision to serve the Lord. In my opinion, it doesn't matter what they choose to do, so long as they choose to serve the Lord – on this decision, all other decisions are based.

The congregation that Rich pastors now meets in a former Pep Boys auto parts store. After meeting in a school building for the past 44 months, Canyon Chapel (Flagstaff Foursquare Church) is again blessed with a beautiful, permanent meeting place. Due to one unforeseen setback after another, an 80 week journey to build a brand new facility on 13 acres of prime property on the edge of a wild life preserve became a walk of faith necessitating trust and perseverance as the city government decided not to let them build until a series of ever-moving hoops were jumped through. Eleven months ago, Rich and the church leadership were approached about the availability of an empty auto parts store just off the famous Route 66. Located on Fourth Street, it is a prime location, but giving new life to an auto parts store was not on anyone's spiritual radar. After doing a walk-through of the building, the leadership team saw potential in this facility constructed to industrial codes and decided to pray and come back together to talk in a couple of days before they wrote off this “opportunity.” While they prayed, God spoke to their hearts to give new life to this building (this story sounds vaguely familiar to the N.L. story and an old barn). Unanimously they agreed to bid on the building (the owners accepted their much lower bid than the quoted price), and leave the outcome to the Lord. The rest is now history as the congregation of Canyon Chapel has moved into their new meeting place.

This story is a great illustration of God's activity of rescuing and restoring broken people into fully alive human beings who love Him and the people who surround our everyday lives. An abandoned building is given new life as new owners see its value and set their hearts to the task of restoring it to usefulness and productivity. Hard work and perseverance are rewarded as obstacles and set backs are overcome and what was considered worthless is brought back to life.

Rescued, received, restored, and released... such is the heart of God for people. As the scripture written above clearly defines, He has given us “new life” so that we can participate in the process of rebuilding and repairing lives (not buildings). Such “new life” brings Him great pleasure and honor. Spring-time awakens a hope deposited deep within our hearts –the hope of eternal life (think quality, not just quantity) in the here and now of life on the planet. Join me in being fully involved in His ongoing work of bringing new life to our neighbors –sounds exciting and fun!

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First Day of Spring —
March 20th!



HOME CHURCH MEETINGS

Have you connected?

If you have not connected with a small group we would like to encourage you to consider doing so—and anytime is a great time to jump in! The friendships that are built during these times of fellowship, food, prayer, and study are a blessing that every believer should embrace. Listed below is some brief information about the groups that are already meeting. Please feel free to call the church office at 301-663-8497 or any of the leaders below for more information.

Todd & Stephanie Watkins—Jefferson

301-834-5426
(2 Fridays/month)

Mark & Nicole Lopez de Victoria—Frederick

301-662-7024
(Alternate Monday Evenings)

Mark & Terri Napier—Frederick/Walkersville

301-845-1020
(Sunday—2x month)

Vaughn & Betsy Thurman—Frederick

301-473-9992
Group 1: (2 Fridays/month)
Group 2: (2 Saturdays/month)

Tom & Ellie Gilbert/Gene & Sharon Cregger

301-845-0424 301-845-0575
(2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings)

Jack & Alix Gilbert—Frederick (Young Adult)

240-446-5808
(2nd & 4th Friday Evenings)