

Our Mission:

*"Be Neighbors,
Win Neighbors,
Disciple Neighbors,
Send Neighbors"*

Luke 10:29-37

New Life News

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Easter Morning Memories

New Life enjoys family time before Easter Worship



Jenny Franklin was our 1st prize winner for the jelly bean guessing game. Out of 1,772 beans, Jenny missed only by 38 jelly beans! Go Jenny!!



Kelvin Anderson leads our Easter morning family-time activities.



Jordan & Jacob Rouleau are eagerly waiting for their pancakes.



Aaron Stone enjoyed a very filling breakfast.



Justin, Dick, & Rick Hargett, along with Adam Mathews prepared fresh sausage for our breakfast.



Kaylee Mathews and Elijah Holman won Easter baskets!



Elizabeth Miller, still a young one at heart, receives an Easter bunny. Aww... how cute.

Spring Project Day

On Saturday, May 1st, please plan to join us on the New Life campus for a morning of clean-up/fix-up/spruce-up tasks that will help us prepare the buildings and grounds for the spring and summer season. Your 4-5 hour contribution will make a huge difference and will be much appreciated!



The morning's activities will begin at 7:30 am and will conclude at 12:30 pm with a home

cooked meal prepared by our Hispanic congregation.

If you have ever had the privilege of dining with us at previous project-day luncheons you know this is a meal that you won't want to miss!

If you are able to help, please sign up at the Welcome Center or online at www.newlifefoursquare.com. Your response will help us know how to better plan our projects and purchase supplies.

Saturday, May 1st

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Dave Hendershot,
Senior Pastor

New Life Family Matters

Serving (loving) unto Greatness

by Pastor Dave

“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
“The greatest among you will be your servant.”

-Jesus-

Matthew 20:26-28; 23:11

Jesus' words to us about servanthood and His life were completely congruent. He was in practice what He proclaimed to His followers. His life is an example to us of significance and greatness, as He defines greatness. Jesus said that His primary mission on earth was service to others—to love them by dying in their place. According to Jesus, servanthood is one of the keys to spiritual attainment (Matt 23:11). It is not sinful or proud to desire to make a difference in this world and to have our lives count for something. Contrary to the message and method of this world and our sinful nature, significance comes to us as the fruit of service to others. Our pride and “the world” longs for the recognition that comes from how many people are under us in our work place. But according to Jesus, the more we come up under people to lift them up, the more significance we end up having and the more satisfaction we enjoy.

Serving others is a way of serving Jesus (Col 3:24) I am often amazed at God's heart. His agenda has not changed from the beginning till today; He longs to restore broken people into their original condition – by remaking us into the image of Jesus. Doesn't this truth of God's heart for us amaze you? It amazes me, especially when I consider my propensity toward my own agenda. But God neither gives up on me, nor on anyone else. Do I hear a big, “Thank you, God”? Another amazing thing about His heart is how our restoration is facilitated by joining Him in reestablishing His Kingdom rule on earth through service. As we serve others and try to give away what we have been given, we grow and we gain more than we give (Mark 4:24-25). God's agenda of restoring people is the agenda of New Life Church – we want to see God's activity manifest in us and through us. I often refer to the story of the Good Samaritan as the Biblical pattern of our mission (Luke 10:29-37).

We live out this calling as individuals, but our Christian faith is lived out in the context of relationship with others. New Lifers joining together in smaller, home based gatherings to love one another is the basis of our strategy for caring, support, Biblical instruction and outreach to others. The Samaritan loved the broken, beaten man, and involved himself fully in God's plan to restore him back to health. Our love for one another and our growth spiritually should move us to involve ourselves in the lives of others for the purpose of seeing them introduced to Jesus' love. Home based, smaller meetings of Jesus' Church are the perfect settings to invite others and expose them to Jesus' love in action and to the reality that Christians are just thankful followers of Christ – real people just like them. Jesus' love reaches, receives, restores and releases people. Imagine an invited neighbor, co worker, fellow soccer mom or dad –listening to a small group of New Lifers seeking God through a Bible study. Having questions, yet striving to apply it to everyday life. Imagine them hearing us share our hearts: our struggles, fears, insecurities, etc. Imagine their hearts as they hear us affirm, encourage and build one another up with our words and prayers for one another. Imagine their hearts as they see Jesus' Church loving each other like this when we take meals to one another during a family crisis. Imagine them hearing us appreciate the care we demonstrated to one another. Imagine them seeing us with our arms and hearts open wide to them too, and imagine their hearts warming to the truth that Jesus does love them.

Our Home Church Network is one of the central New Testament based vehicles for carrying out our mission to be neighbors for life. Service means love in action. Loving and being loved brings healing and spiritual growth. True spiritual growth will cause us to love like Jesus – servant of all, and as we look more like him and act more like him to the world around us, God will grow us even more – preparing us for the harvest to come.

According to Jesus, servanthood is one of the keys to spiritual attainment, significance and deep satisfaction

May Calendar Events

May 1st

Project Day
7:30 am-12:30 pm

May 15th

Childcare Co-op
4:30-8:30 pm

May 16th

Mommy's Luncheon
(Immediately following
10:00 Worship)

May 24th

Men's Rescue Mission
Ministry
7:00 pm

May 30th

Deck Picnic
(After Worship)
&
Citizen's Nursing
Home Ministry
2:00-2:30 pm

Join the Team, the Green Team that is!

The Green Team is looking for men and women to help expand their existing 2 groups to 3 or 4 groups. At present team members commit to help with mowing and lawn care 2 to 3 hours every other week. With the addition of more teams that commitment could be extended to every 3 to 4 weeks.

The Green Team accepts all levels of experience, and training is available for new members if needed. For more information about how you can help please contact Steve Barr at 301.874.2629 or 240.405.4754, or via email at flipnsteve2000@yahoo.com.



Flower Power

We are in need of men and/or women who would enjoy investing some time and muscle into the care of the New Life flower gardens. If you would be interested in helping our volunteer gardeners water and maintain our flower beds over the spring and summer months, please contact Sharon Cregger at the church office at 301.663.8497 or via email at sharon@newlifeoursquare.com.



Nursery class students have been spotted practicing their tractor-driving skills in preparation for the day when they can join the Green Team.

Go nursery!!!

Rick Bussard claims he wants to join the Green Team when he grows up too!



(We love to tease our friend Rick)



Mommy's Luncheon Sunday, May 16th



Mothers of children ages nursery through 5th grade are invited to attend our annual "Mommy's Luncheon" scheduled for Sunday, May 16th after the 10:00 worship service. Ladies, your children would love to bless and honor you this day so please consider joining us for this very special occasion.

If you would like to be our special guest please RSVP at the Welcome Center or at the Children's registration desk in the lower level of the church.

A Busy July for New Life

Youth Camp will be hosted at Penn Grove Retreat Center in Hanover, PA for Middle and High School Youth from **July 12th to 16th**. Please see Pastors Jack, Kelvin, or Susan for more information or registration forms.

Kids Camp will also be hosted at Penn Grove Retreat Center from **July 19th to 23rd**. Children entering 3rd grade through exiting 5th may attend. Please see Pastor Sharon for registration forms or more information. *Also*, we are looking for men and women to act as counselors for kid's camp. If

you would like to find out how you can help, please see Pastor Sharon or call the church office at 301.663.8497.

A Vacation Bible School Community Outreach Event will be hosted this **July 27th-30th** at Carrollton Park in anticipation of reaching more children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be needing many volunteers to insure this is an effective and safe event for our visiting children. Please refer to your Sunday announcement flyers for more information about how you can participate in this exciting event!

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Join Us for Our First Deck Picnic of the Season on Sunday, May 30th!

Home Church Connections

**Citizen's
Nursing Home
Ministry**

**Sunday, May 30th
2:00 pm**

Families with children
are welcome!
For more information
about how you can get
involved, please call
Tom Gilbert at
301.845.0424.

Small home church meetings are a great way to build friendships while growing in your knowledge of the Word. If you haven't connected with one of our home church groups now would be a great time to connect. Please call the church office at 301.663.8497 or one of the leaders listed below to get information about how you can get started on this great journey of learning, fellowship, and fun!

Todd & Stephanie Watkins- Jefferson
301.834.5426
(Meeting 2 Fridays per month @ 7:00 pm)

Mark & Nicole Lopez de Victoria-Frederick
301.662.7024
(Meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:00 pm)

Tom & Ellie Gilbert/Gene & Sharon Cregger
301.845.0424 301.845.0575
(Meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday @ 6:00 pm)

Vaughn & Betsy Thurman - Frederick
301.473.9992

Group 1:
(Meeting 2 Fridays per month @ 6:30 pm)

Group 2:
(Meeting 2 Saturdays per month @ 5:30 pm)

Mark & Terri Napier - Walkersville
301.845.1020
(Meeting 2 Sundays per month @ 5:00 pm)

**Jack & Alix Gilbert - Frederick
(Young Adult)**
240.446.5808
(Meeting alternate Fridays @ 7:00 pm)