



Lifelines

Mid-week news from New Life Christian Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

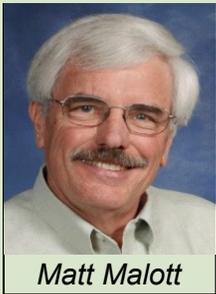
Bible Study — 9:00am
Worship — 9:00am
Worship — 10:30am

OUR MISSION: EXALT God, EVANGELIZE all, EQUIP believers, EXTEND God's love.

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Matt Malott

Great day, great weekend! I hope that you were able to be a part of it. Permit me to recap from my perspective.

Easter Concert. Both concerts were outstanding and the reception that followed each concert was the impressive event we have come to expect. Garnet Eversole and a terrific committee along with a bunch of cake bakers pulled it all together as they do every time. I heard many positive comments. Attendance was really good. We had almost 600 people attend. The entire event was a church-wide effort. As Hugh mentions in his column there were a lot of New Life people who made the weekend successful. Thanks to all who volunteered. And, what can I say about the choir and orchestra? The hours spent in practice and rehearsals paid the great dividend with two fine presentations. Of course Hugh put it all together. I guess one of the things that I appreciate most is that he never presents just a concert. His goal is to provide a worship experience and he did extremely well this past weekend. This just confirmed what I already know, we are so fortunate to have him here at NLCC.

Morning Worship. It was a great morning. We had a really good attendance and a good offering. Thanks. The choir led us to Calvary with their song, "The Anthem of the Cross." I really enjoyed having the brass quintet with us. Hugh has consistently provided us a great variety of talented musicians that add so much to worship. We really enjoy having them and I think they enjoy playing for us.



Good Friday. This Friday the church will gather to remember the day of the Lord's death. The service begins at 6:30pm and I believe it will be a memorable one. I hope you will join us.

Easter Sunday. So this Sunday is Easter Sunday. There are no changes to the times of the services. Many of you will have family visiting. I certainly hope you will bring them with you. We love having your family members worship with us. Also, just as a reminder, every year there is always a massive traffic jam at the corner of 466A and CR 462 on Easter Sunday morning. If you normally come that way you might consider an alternate route. You might try taking 466A all the way to 301.

Easter time is a bittersweet time. We grieve over the horrific death of crucifixion inflicted on Jesus and yet we glory in that same crucifixion because through his death our sins are forgiven. Easter Sunday is kind of the great day of celebration as we are reminded that we serve a risen Savior. I love the words of Jesus found in Revelation 1:17-18, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." The resurrection is absolutely essential. Had Jesus not risen from the dead what he did on earth was pretty much worthless. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church, "...and if Christ did not rise your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." (1 Corinthians 15:17) He is risen indeed!

CHURCH DATA - March 20, 2016

\$ Tithes & Offerings \$		Attendance	
Offering	\$ 7,850	9:00 Service	176
March to Date	\$ 30,750	10:30 Service	161
March Budget	\$ 37,080	Total	337
		One Year Ago	268



TOUCHING Tomorrow TODAY

TTT Target - \$1.25 Million

Received To Date
\$853,054.50

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Hugh Wicks

Thanks to so many whose efforts went into last weekend's Easter musical. From ushers to parking attendants to cake bakers and cleanup personnel, many thanks.

But let me focus for a minute on our choir. Something very special has happened in this group of people. The joy and unity they possess is a model for the Body of Christ. They've been hard at work preparing this music since January, and along the way have grown in love as well as musicianship. Thank you, choir, for a job well done, for the faith, patience and encouragement you display each week, and for helping us all worship at the foot of the cross.

Egg On My Face

Since January I've been announcing our spring Small Group study, "Crash Course On Jesus," which promised to be a powerful look at the character of God's Son. Aand...it's out of print. [I thought sure I'd checked on that minor detail!] So Plan B is a 6-week study of Ephesians, from the same publishers as our Esther study. Should be a great look at one of my favorite New Testament books. Signups start this Sunday; the study begins in April.



**Good Friday Service,
March 25th, 6:30pm**

**Join Us
In Worship**

Easter Sunday - 9 & 10:30am

Women's Ministry Spring Event



Ladies, stop by the Activity counter to sign up for the Women's Connection spring event. Dee Perconti of Rapha House will be guest speaker.

It is an organization which practices excellence in the standards of caring for children who have been rescued from human trafficking.

Saturday, April 2nd

Refreshments in the Fellowship Center: 9:30am

Presentation in the Auditorium: 10:15am

Shop (bags, jewelry, accessories, handcrafted by rescued women and children, learning to support themselves.)



Expansion Project Update



In my role as Construction Liaison I will work with our Construction-Design Contractor, Matthews-Hanna Construction Inc., and Church Elders through the various phases of this project. I will periodically present the membership with updates of our project in the church Lifelines newsletter. An Interior design team will also be established to assist in the selection of furniture, fixtures, wall colors, decorations etc.

In January the Elders met with our design-build contractor to discuss the status of our new church project. We are currently in the "architectural design and site engineering" phase of the project. In this phase the architect takes the proposed church design layouts presented to Church membership last year and develops site and architectural "blueprints" for our project. He then prepares cost estimates to determine that these plans fit within our budget and makes adjustments if necessary. These plans are then submitted to the numerous permitting agencies for their approval. A series of 5 review meetings are currently scheduled during April and May. The estimated cost of this phase is \$73,650.

Representatives from Matthews-Hanna Construction and Christian Financial Resources will be in attendance at the Groundbreaking ceremony on April 10th.

Sunday Lunch News

We will not be going to lunch Sunday after the second service as many folks will be with family or have company. We will resume April 3rd.



Thank you!

Thirty-four cakes and 38 pounds of icing later, the Easter Musical Receptions are over. Thanks to everyone who baked cakes and to the great kitchen crew. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

Garnet Eversole

Prayer Requests

Marty Stewart, recovering from hip surgery.

Jean Ruggiero, broken arm.

Bob Oliver, upcoming heart surgery, 3/31, Cleveland.

Donna Baker, knee surgery, is in the Villages Rehab.

Tom Percival, weak, needs prayer.

Judy Burtnett, recovering from surgery.

Judy Dowling, recovering from open heart surgery.



The choir files in.



Dennis Carlson took care of The "Will Call" table.



At the Foot of The Cross

March 19 & 20, 2016



Some of the helpers, Garnet Eversole, Audra Jones, Connie Wicks, Leda Rabenold, Deb Gourley

Matt Malott



Remarks

Jan Tarr



"By the Way of the Cross"

Brenda Smith



"The Love of Jesus"

Pam Davis



"At the Foot of the Cross" & "Worship the Great I AM"

Debbie Jones, Eldon Daniels, Vicki King



"Grace Flows Down"



Pam Davis, Dee Kilgore, Joy Kowalski, Brenda Markley



Rich Gourley, John Lugar, Fred Davis



Connie Malott, Deb & Jeff Buford