



Lifelines

Mid-week news from New Life Christian Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

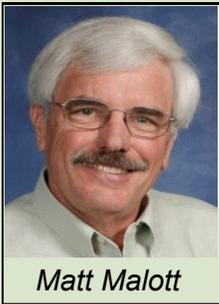
Bible Study — 9:00am
Worship — 9:00am
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OUR MISSION: EXALT God, EVANGELIZE all, EQUIP believers, EXTEND God's love.

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Matt Malott

I hope you were in worship Sunday. I thought our service was just one of the best. Good crowd, good offering. Giving to both the general fund and TTT was really good in April. As you can see in the data box below you out-gave the budget by over \$3,000 and we are only a little over \$4,000.00 away from breaking through the \$900,000 mark in TTT. Thanks! We have eleven more months to reach our goal of 1.23 million.

Hugh and I were talking Monday morning about the music. Both of us thought it was really good. Every song had a powerful message. When the choir is on the stage it adds so much to our singing. Hugh talks often at choir practice about the privilege of being a part of leading our church in worship. Thanks to our choir for accepting that responsibility of leading us in worship. You make a difference.

Barry Murphy's testimony about his 38 years of handing out crosses that you can carry in your pocket was once again moving and challenging. I was thinking as he was speaking what an impact the simple act of carrying a cross in your pocket and looking for opportunities to give it away makes in the lives of people. As Barry said, it is something everyone can do. Barry and Betty have generously supplied crosses that you may take to carry and give away. Thanks, Barry, for providing the crosses and some suggestions on how we might use them



At the conclusion of the first service Erv and Anita Shedrick came forward to identify with NLCC. It is always great to welcome good people to New Life. If you don't know Erv and Anita, I hope you will make an effort to look them up and introduce yourself.



I am really happy that at last we are able to have Rajan Ipe from Kerala Christian Mission in India at NLCC. KCM is one of the missions that is supported on a monthly basis by New Life. Rajan will be with us the entire day this Sunday. At the beginning of each worship service he will

briefly introduce himself and the mission. He will speak to the Bible class at the 9:00 hour and then he will present the work of KCM at 6:30 Sunday evening.

Kerala Christian Mission was begun in 1977, and over the past 40 years Rajan and his team have started about 38 churches. While the churches are supported at first by mission funds, Rajan has always followed the belief that the churches should be self-supporting. I don't know the exact count, but far more than half of the 38 churches support themselves. The mission is involved in far more than starting churches. You will be amazed at all the things that KCM does. If you would like to get a preview of this mission, a video is available at <https://vimeo.com/11940109>

I want our church to believe that we take the stewardship of the money given to us very seriously. When you see and hear of the work of KCM, I believe you will agree that supporting KCM is a very wise investment.

CHURCH DATA - April 24, 2016

\$ Tithes & Offerings \$		Attendance	
Offering	\$ 7,111.00	9:00 Service	139
April to Date	\$ 40,458.50	10:00 Service	146
April Budget	\$ 37,080.00		285
		One Year Ago	294



TOUCHING Tomorrow TODAY

TTT Target - \$1.25 Million

Received To Date
\$895,887.50

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Hugh Wicks

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” [2 Corinthians 4:18] Our 5 senses are amazing gifts from God, as they enable us to experience His beauty, power and love all around us. However, they can also pull us away from God as we tend to focus too much on this world. The apostle Paul reminds us that the world we see is passing away, and the world that matters is not yet visible.

What’s your favorite part of creation? The sunset? The stars? Perhaps the song of birds, or the smile of a loved one? Let me challenge you to use that as a springboard, to anticipate the beauty of eternity that words can’t even describe. Listen as the apostle John tries: “At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.” [Revelation 4:2-3] As the popular Christian song says, “I can only imagine.”

First Sunday Food Drive Day



This Sunday is the day to bring your donation of non-perishable food items for Caring Hands Food Pantry in Wildwood. If you are one who doesn’t care to shop and would rather write a check, make it out to Caring Hands and drop it in the offering. The staff at Caring Hands uses it to purchase perishables and other items they are short of. Thank you for your support.

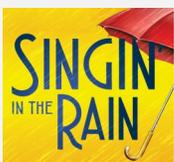
WELCOME!

New Members

**Anita & Erv
Shedrick**

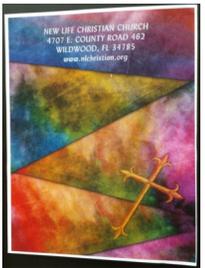


Last Sunday to Sign up for Theater Trip



There are 14 tickets left for “Singin’ in the Rain” at the Garden Theater in Winter Garden, Saturday, May 28th. The bus will leave from New Life at 12 noon. Tickets are \$35 per person which includes the bus trip and theater performance. Sunday, May 1st is the last Sunday to sign up so see Glen Schroeder to reserve your spot.

The Pictorial Directories are due to be mailed from Lifetouch on May 2nd. If they arrive as planned, the directories will be available in the church foyer on Sundays May 8th and 15th.



We will be compiling a list of seasonal residents who have gone north for the summer and mail theirs out to them. (Seasonal people, don’t forget to bring yours with you when you come back in the fall. There will be just one copy per household.)

In order to streamline the process of handing them out, please make every effort to pick your directory up on the 8th or 15th.

Women’s Fellowship Groups

The Women’s groups have been reassigned for May, June and July.



This group went blueberry picking

Darla Martinez will send out lists to each hostess with group members’ contact information. You should be hearing from your hostess within the next week.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ron & Sharon Jennings 14
Terry & Eva Brune 23
Chuck & Cindy Costolo 24

Karen Harms	3	Terry Brune	15
Gary Arnold	3	Sally Pass	16
Dale King	3	Bob Koogle	18
Tom Newkirk	4	David Roth	18
Bob Branson	10	Bill Edwards	19
Bev Settlemire	10	Janet Daniels	20
Dennis Trembly	11	Vicki King	20
Charles Kunze	12	Sylvia Miller	25
Del Baker	12	Gordon Ewerks	26
Audra Jones	13	Ruby Andres	28
Dee Kilgore	13	Ron Davis	30
Darlene Wood	14		



Prayer Requests

Carmen Wray, seeing a specialist in Gainseville.
Barry Burtnett, recovering from hip surgery.
Med Barr, radiation treatment.
Bob Oliver, recovering at home from heart surgery.
Judy Dowling, recovering at home.



Expansion Project Update

Bill Stoltzfus

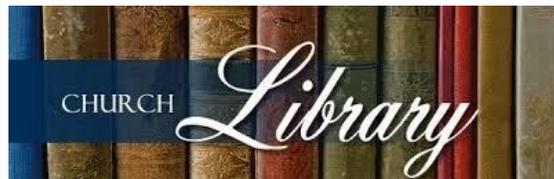


Thanks to all of you who attended the groundbreaking service on the 10th. Although you are not seeing construction activity while we are in the planning stages, please know that much progress is being made towards our new worship center. Our Architect is busy working with his engineers and subcontractors to develop a set of

plans that will be submitted to the planning agencies for approval. Some of you have offered suggestions or concerns and we have asked if they can be included in his final plan.

Another issue is the Church annexation into the city of Wildwood. When we built the original church, as a condition of using city water and sewer services, we were required to annex our property into the city when it became feasible in their growth plan. This is part of a comprehensive land development agreement between the City of Wildwood and Sumter County and is not expected to have any significant impact on our church. Dale King and I have been attending a series of meetings with the City as they proceed with the annexation. These meetings will continue into the month of May and must be completed before we can submit our new building plans for permitting approval.

Next month we anticipate another meeting with the Architect and Contractor to review the cost of the project being proposed. The cost of \$2.675 million in the Proposed Expansion flyer is an estimate based on the size of the building. When we get a more accurate cost figure, we can complete our final plans for its financing. You all can help us by completing your pledges and/or making additional contributions to our TTT fund. This fund plus our loan approval will determine if we can finance the building as proposed or if we must modify the plans to fit our financing limit. Please contribute generously as the Lord prompts you.



As we anticipate the construction of our new building we are wrestling with the challenge of where we will store the items that are currently stored in the fellowship center after it goes away. One of the biggest challenges is the Church library because of the large number of books on our shelves. So, we are looking at this

situation as an opportunity to sort through the volumes and downsize the library. We have marked all of the books that we intend to keep, and before we find a good home for all of the rest of the books we are offering you the opportunity to take any of the unmarked books that you might want. The books will be marked by this Sunday, May 1, so stop by anytime you are on our campus and take a look at what is available.



Will and Trust Seminar

New Life will host a will and trust seminar on Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm. The seminar is free, but you must register. It is being conducted through a cooperative effort of Christian Financial Resources (CFR) and Financial Planning Ministry of Irvine, CA. Some of the topics that will be covered in the hour-long session are:

- The differences between a Will and a Trust
- Living Wills
- Estate laws peculiar to the State of Florida
- The Advance Healthcare Directive for Florida
- The Financial Power of Attorney for Florida

By attending this seminar you are eligible to receive a free will and healthcare directive prepared by the legal team of Financial Planning Ministry. There is no obligation nor will there be pressure exerted at any time. As Christians we are called upon to be good stewards of our possessions, and that would include our estate after we go to be with the Lord. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.