



Lifelines

Mid-week news from New Life Christian Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

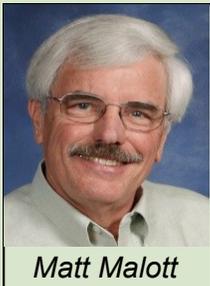
Bible Study — 9:00am
Worship — 9:00am
Worship — 10:30am

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

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Matt Malott

You always hope that Easter worship will be special and I believe we accomplished that yesterday. One man told me on his way out, "I think that was the best Easter service that I have ever attended, and I have attended a lot of them." I think one of the things that made it so special was the many different elements that all came together. Our choir began our worship and set the tone of the day with their song, "Jesus is Lord." Faithful Expressions interpreted the song "Rise Again" and did their usual great job and the orchestra not only accompanied our singing but also provided a special rendition of "Amazing Grace." At the end of second service it was great to welcome Nick and Pam DiGiore to the fellowship. It was a super day!



We had a record attendance of 435! If was our first time ever to be over 400. We also had a really good offering. Thanks! I looked back at New Life's very first Easter, April 16, 2006. Our attendance that day was 40.

On Friday about 175 people gathered to observe Good Friday and remember the death of Jesus on the cross. I really appreciated Marco and Darla Martinez and John and Judy Lugar sharing with us about how the cross is an object of forgiveness. Hugh and Cheryl De Jonge played a duet and Cheryl also did a solo. We ended the service with what I thought was a reverent and meaningful observance of the Lord's Supper. Many people remarked about how much the service had meant to them.

I told Hugh this morning (Monday) that the past 10 days have been as good as any ten consecutive days I can remember. We had five services in those 10 days and every one of them was really good; 2 great concerts, Palm Sunday worship, Good Friday service and yesterday, Easter worship. And, we are not finished yet! On April 10 we will celebrate the groundbreaking for our new worship and office facility.

Speaking of groundbreaking, let me remind you again of the schedule for that day. We will have one worship service at 10:00am. We plan to have the groundbreaking at 11:30. It will take place behind the house. Following the festivities we will enjoy our annual Church picnic at noon. There is a signup sheet on the counter in the foyer of our building. If you haven't signed up, I hope you will do so this Sunday. You don't have groundbreaking for a new building very often. I hope you won't miss this one.

I am looking forward to welcoming Sal and Dee Perconti this weekend. They were with us a few weeks ago to present the work of Rapha House, a mission that works with the victims of human trafficking throughout the world. New Life has supported Rapha House for two years now. Dee will be speaking at the Ladies' luncheon on Saturday and on Sunday Sal will give us an update on the mission. The Percontis just returned from Cambodia where Rapha house dedicated a "safe house" for those who are rescued. It will be great to have their "first hand" report.

CHURCH DATA - March 27, 2016

\$ Tithes & Offerings \$	Attendance
Offering \$ 10,506	9:00 Service 199
March to Date \$ 41,256	10:30 Service 236
March Budget \$ 37,080	Total 435
	One Year Ago 336



TOUCHING Tomorrow TODAY

TTT Target - \$1.25 Million

Received To Date \$857,752.50

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Hugh Wicks

New Small Groups Forming

Three new small groups are forming for our study of Ephesians, which begins next week and runs through mid-May:

- Thursdays at 6:30pm – Dale King, Leader/Darrel & Jean Fyffe, Hosts [Village of Santo Domingo]
- Tuesdays at 10am [Women’s Group] — Janie Utterback, leader/Margaretta Post, host [Village of La Zamora]
- Fridays at 10am [Women’s Group] – Darla Martinez, leader [meets at NLCC]

What a great letter! Here’s a brief excerpt reflecting Paul’s heart for the church:

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

[Ephesians 1:17-21, NIV]

I hope you can join us for this 6-week study. You can sign up for any of our groups this Sunday or by emailing hwicks627@gmail.com.

Prayer/Card Ministry

The Prayer/Card Ministry meets on Wednesday from 9:00 - 10:30 in the fellowship building. Volunteers are Welcome. You can just show up or contact Richard Dowd at 352-633-3559 for additional information.

Dennis & Debi Carlson	2
Tom & Diane Newkirk	4
Bob & Marilyn Koogle	6
Matt & Connie Malott	6
Larry & Darlene Wood	17
Eldon & Janet Daniels	25
Ray & Sylvia Miller	25
John & Debbie Winchester	25
Paul & Leda Rabenold	28
Bob & Nancy Hutchinson	29



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob Hutchinson	1	Frank Ruggiero	13
Paul Rabenold	1	Ron Young	16
Richard Dowd	5	Marlene Nellans	18
Barb Trembly	5	Steve Crawford	18
Eileen Manley	6	Cheryl De Jonge	21
Marilyn Koogle	6	Margaretta Post	23
Joanne Broderick	7	Barb Zupek	23
Linda Lashley	9	Bill Brown	27
Wink Daniel	9	Rich Gourley	29
Barry Burtnett	10	Ruth Stoltzfus	30
Dennis Carlson	11		



Elder Meeting Notes — March 17, 2016

Christian Financial Resources will conduct a free seminar on Wills, Trusts, Medical Directives and Estate Planning on June 6 at 6:30 pm. Special emphasis will be on laws specific to the state of Florida. The seminar is free and attendees will receive a free will and medical directive.

In order to keep the church informed of the progress of our expansion project, Bill Stoltzfus, our new building liaison, will be providing construction updates from time to time in *Lifelines*.

The new church pictorial directories are now being prepared by Lifetouch, our directory company. Directories are expected to be received for distribution by May 10.

Women’s Connection Spring Event

This Saturday, April 2

9:30am—Refreshments in Fellowship Center

Program follows in Church Auditorium



Dee Perconti will speak on behalf of Rapha House, a mission to children who are victims of human trafficking and slavery. Following the presentation items made by those rescued from exploitation will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to Rapha House (cash if possible). If you are not registered but would like to come, call Marilyn Volbruck (352) 217-1382.

Theater Trip



The Social committee has arranged a bus trip to see “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. The number of tickets is limited to 56 so first come, first serve. A meal is not included so you may either eat before you come or bring a lunch with you on the bus. Signup begins this Sunday, April 3.

WELCOME

New Members



Nick & Pam DiGiore

Prayer Requests

- Marty Stewart**, recovering from hip surgery.
- Gaye Cahoon**, hospitalized, low hemoglobin.
- Bob Oliver**, upcoming heart surgery, 3/31, Cleveland.
- Donna Baker**, recovering from knee surgery,
- Tom Percival**, weak, needs prayer.
- Judy Dowling**, recovering from open heart surgery.