



**OUR MISSION:** Connecting Seniors with Christ



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9am & 10:30am

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# Lifelines

*News from New Life Christian Church*

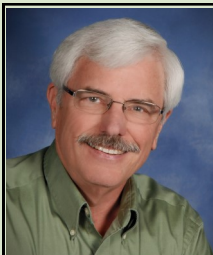
Matt Malott,  
Senior Minister

Mike Thomas,  
Worship Minister

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**Matt Malott**

At the beginning of each of our services Sunday, I interviewed Patti McClain. Patti oversees the “Hands Helping Hands” ministry. The folks in this ministry make a variety of articles for people in care facilities and nursing homes, things like “fidget blankets” and clothing protectors. If you are not sure what those are, you need to talk to Patti. She usually attends both Sunday services and she is not difficult to find.

Hands Helping Hands has also partnered with Kindred Hospice in Ocala and has provided them with over a hundred fidget blankets and clothing protectors. One week during the pandemic they made and donated 100 masks to this hospice organization.

Anyone can be a part of this ministry. They meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 in room 280 of the Fellowship Center. If you have an interest and want to know more I would suggest you give Patti a call at 413-374-2175 or show up at their next meeting which will be on October 19.

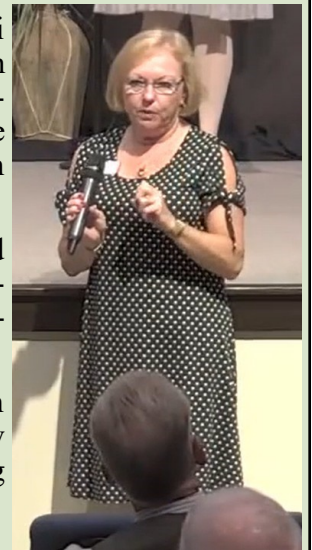
I was reading through some past issues of *Lifelines* and came across an article I wrote from March of 2015. We were making plans to build a new worship center and in the article I talk about how what we are doing is about more than just more room for worship. I talked about how we needed more space, different kinds of space. At that time, we had the one large room where we worshiped and there was a house on the property that we used for smaller gatherings. Building a new worship facility would not only provide more room for worship, but allow us to reconfigure the space we already had into different kinds of usable space. This is exactly what we did and we called the place where we had worshiped, the Fellowship Center.

At first the Fellowship Center wasn't used a lot. There were more days it sat empty than days it was used. We had not had the advantage of having this kind of usable space before. All of that changed rather quickly, and it wasn't long before something was going on in the Fellowship Center almost every day and some days multiple events were taking place. Scheduling became a necessary part of maintaining a sense of order. During the pandemic usage of the building declined, but even then there were still groups who continued to meet and use the facility.

In many ways the church is defined by what it does. In the early days of the church, Acts 2:42 provides a description of their activity, “*They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*” If you keep reading past verse 42 you discover this was an active group of people.

From my office I can see the side door of the Fellowship Center. There is a sense of joy as I see people coming and going. Right now there is a men's Bible study taking place. In a little while, the Living With Loss group will meet. On Wednesday morning the Prayer and Card Ministry uses one of the rooms and the ladies Bible study uses another. On and on it goes.

God has blessed us with that space, which has allowed New Life to in turn bless many more people.



**Offering October 10, 2021**

Offering	\$	12,014
Oct. To Date	\$	34,659
Oct. Budget	\$	61,000
Building Fund	\$	182

**Worship Attendance**

First Service:	137
Second Service:	130
Total:	267
Streaming Views:	147

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Mike Thomas

We had another great Sunday in worship, and it was exciting to have so many guests. Thank you for inviting people to our church, making them welcome, and helping them see what God can do in their lives.

I want to make you aware of the sacrifice that many of our Musicians and Technicians make each week. We are blessed to have these wonderful people in our church, grateful for their faithfulness, and thankful for the passion they bring to our services. Gary Arnold, who has been playing drums since age 13, and has played for New Life for the past seven years, is retiring. Gary has been a tremendous asset to our rhythm section, and we will miss him being there every week, but he will continue to join us from time to time. I am thankful for that.

When you see Gary, please tell him how much he is loved and will be missed as a regular part of the worship team. Change is hard, but it is inevitable. God has provided someone to fill Gary's position, but no one can fill his shoes.

Blessings, Mike



It seems I always start off by saying what a great Sunday it was, however, that's always the case! I love the roar of fellowship in the lobby each week and it is great watching our members fellowship with each other, and more importantly, with all the new visitors we've had lately.

Mike mentioned above that Gary is retiring after being our faithful drummer for many years. I echo what Mike said about Gary and use it for Cheryl as well. "Someone may fill her position but never her shoes"! We have been advertising for the position and we have received several resumes. One applicant is actually going to provide a special music piece during our worship service the end of this month.

God has always provided New Life Church with exactly who we needed for a particular position at that time and I'm confident He will do it again! The Elders have a meeting this week, so I'll report the results of that to you next week.

A safety and security reminder for those of you that have keys to the buildings. Please make sure all lights are off and doors are securely locked, and the alarm is set when exiting the buildings. Thank you! Hope to see you Sunday. Please call on us if you have a need. Remember, we are here for you!

David Wheeler & NLCC Elder Board

Prayer Requests

- Carol Bennett, fractured shoulder
- Debi Carlson & Family, Father passed away
- Lance Davison, ongoing cancer treatments
- Kent Ernst, knee surgery
- Molly Plantz, knee surgery, 10/14
- Tim Rodgers, foot amputation recovery
- John Rodier, hip replaced 10/4
- Joe Trester, ongoing Infusion treatments
- Joel Tuscan, heart aneurism
- Debi Wilcox, awaiting approval for tests
- Cathy Wisinski, Covid, home on oxygen
- Mike Wisinski, Covid, Villages Rehab



This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 112:24

On-Going Care

- Michelle Brantley, hospice
- Kiley Daniels, cancer
- Fred Davis, chemo regimen
- Bob Galster, health issues
- Ray Miller, Your Life Memory Care
- Paul Rabenold, hospice care
- Hugh Ralph, Sumpter Living
- Dick Volbruck, health issues



**Men's Breakfast**  
Tuesday, Oct. 19th, 8:00 am  
Sign up in the Foyer  
followed by  
**Men's Bible Study, 8:45 am**



Next Class **October 30th**  
Mark your Calendars!

Whether you are new to New Life Christian Church or attend regularly, we cordially invite you to attend the upcoming **Next Steps** class October 30th.

You will not only learn the history of New Life and how it started, you will learn how the church is organized, and meet the staff and leaders of our congregation.

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30am, the program will start at 9:00, and conclude with lunch at noon.

For more information and to sign up see David or Pam Perine at the Welcome Center counter.

*Sign up at the Welcome Center!*



Next Luncheon

**October 24th**  
**Napolino's ~ Wildwood**

Sign up at the Activities Counter

**New Life Play List for 10/17**

- This Is Amazing Grace*
- Jesus Messiah*
- Indescribable-Orchestra Feature*
- In Christ Alone*
- You Humble Me*
- He Knows My Name*

