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### **Vision Statement**

*New Life Family Worship Center* desires to be a thoroughly biblical church that seeks God's presence and leadership. To that end, we are committed to proclaiming God's perfect law and His glorious gospel of grace in Jesus Christ throughout the world and to, "defending the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor 10:31).

### **A Word From Pastor Steve**

There is a rumbling in the Spirit here at New Life and I think we are going to see some great things from the Lord. What's He got in store? Well...we'll just have to wait and see. And while we wait, we can continue to grow in and through Him on a daily basis. He has been so good to us, in so many, many ways. We owe Him all that we are. May we continue in His Way.

Palm and Resurrection Sundays were the two most attended services we have ever had at New Life. Why? Was it the great Resurrection Sunday Brunch? No, but it was great. Was it the palms we handed out on Palm Sunday? No, because we didn't hand-out palms this year. Was it because of the eloquence of the speaker? Most certainly not. I am hardly eloquent and really not very personable. Let me tell you why I think it is. I think we continue to flourish because we honor the Lord's Word and continue to allow it to mold us. Yes, we have plenty of issues, warts, and imperfections, but we continue to run the race. And that is what it's all about, ever striving to follow God's will for us.

When people outside our family come to New Life, they will often comment about all that is going on. Now being busy isn't necessarily a positive. But I think our "busy" is being busy for God and that is the best busy. When people outside of New Life come here, they will often comment on the love they feel in the congregation. When people outside of New Life come here, they will often tell of feeling as if they are home. These are all reflections on you and God's workings in our lives.

I say all that so I can say, "keep up the good work, New Life!" Don't allow complacency to creep into our walk. Push, strive, press on towards the prize. Let's finish this race well and glorify God with all we have. God bless – see ya Sunday.

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### Words From the Word #33

**1 Peter 4:8:** “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” Peter instructs the churches under his authority on love in their time of great distress. I don’t suppose much more can be said about love that hasn’t been said 1,000-fold, and I don’t want to beg the issue, but I do want to emphasize what Peter says. Here, Peter turns from the vertical aspect of living a holy life before God to the horizontal aspect of living a loving life before men. And he’s primarily concerned about relationships with other Christians. You say, “Well, isn’t he concerned about evangelism?” Yes, but you remember the words of Jesus that if we love one another, by this shall all men know that we are His what? Disciples: that is the substance of our witness.

And so, Peter introduces us again to this matter of loving. It is an essential word for us and notice the importance he gives it. In verse 8 he says, “Above all,” first in importance, in terms of relationships is love. After you have strengthened your relationship with the Lord through developing intense times of study of the Word of God, and communion with the Lord so you think with a biblical mind, and a spiritual attitude and you have a flowing prayer life with God that readies you for any crisis, then your first concern should be to turn to those around you and keep fervent in your love for one another.

There’s tremendous richness in this term. It sounds very much like Paul’s words in **Col. 3:14**, “But above all things put on love which is the bond of perfection.” Paul in **Philippians 2** says, “Love everybody the same.” The verb here in verse 8, by the way, is a participle, and modifies the verbs of verse 7. It’s as if to say that if you’re sound in mind, serious and watchful, of sober in spirit, and having sweet communion with God, then as you look where that ought to flow, the first thing should be that you keep your love fervent. This is a corollary to a biblical balanced mind and spirit. I love the word “fervent,” *ektens*, because it’s an anatomical word. It means to be stretched, to be strained. It is used of a runner who is running at maximum output with taut muscles straining and stretching to the limit. It is used in some extra-biblical literature of a horse straining the great muscles in running full speed. It means intense, strenuous, reaching as far as you can reach to the limit of your capacity.

This is not, by the way, the first time Peter has used this. Back in chapter 1, do you remember verse 22? “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren,” in other words, since you’ve become a Christian and since being a Christian means you love the brethren, “fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again,” he says. It’s as if he’s saying: now that you’re a Christian and have been born again, the obvious reaction is to love one another, and to love one another not complacently, not marginally, not minimally, but stretched and strained, intensely. This is a fundamental Christian truth. He is not calling for a mushy kind of sentimentalism which some used to call “sloppy agape.” He’s talking about a demanding love. He’s talking about an intense love. He’s talking about a sacrificial love.

You say, “Well, how do I stretch? How do I get intense? How do I strain?” And the answer is by crossing the barriers of human emotion. That is to say, loving the unlovely, the unlovable, loving your enemies, loving those who have not treated you kindly, loving when it doesn’t seem rational, doesn’t seem reasonable, loving to the point of sacrifice that it costs you something, costs you much, maybe costs you everything. The kind of love that requires all your spiritual muscle, stretching to love the unlovable in spite of insult, in spite of injury, in spite of being rejected, in spite of being treated unkindly, ungraciously, in spite of being treated with hostility, in spite of being misjudged, mistreated, and misrepresented. That’s fervent love. It’s the kind of love that’s, I think, wonderfully defined in **1 Corinthians chapter 13**. We all know that great text but let me remind you. **4** “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up [arrogant] **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never fails. It can take anything, from anybody, anytime. It believes the best. It hopes for the best. It endures the worst.

And why should we love each other this way? I’ll tell you why. Listen very carefully. Verse 8, because “love will cover a multitude of sins.” And I’ll tell you, beloved, if as a church, we ever get to the place where we’re running around poking at each other because of our sins, we’re shattered. We are not perfect, and as long as we’re in this fallen flesh, we will sin. And the only thing that is going to ride over the top of that and keep us together is love. Love is always hiding, kalupt. Love is always hiding a multitude of sins, which is its character. To put it simply, love forgives, and forgives, and forgives, and forgives, and forgives. And if we don’t have that in the church, we’re in real trouble.

## Meet Our Elders (aka Shepherds)



**Steve Medeiros**

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Steve is one of the elders here at New Life. He and his wife Nicki have been married for nearly 42 years and have one daughter, Tiffani. He and his wife were both saved by the grace of God at First Baptist Church of Clovis, New Mexico in August of 1992. After serving in several different positions including, school superintendent and minister of education, God called Steve and Nicki to plant a church in Southern Arizona. Steve feels as if he is now doing what God has prepared him for his entire life.



**Mike Cox**

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Mike and his wife Renee have been involved with New Life from the very beginning. They have been married for over twenty years and have three daughters. A local businessman who loves the Lord and his family, Mike is often seen tinkering on our church's sound system or working around the property.



**Roger Choate**

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Roger and his wife, Anita, are both native Arizonians. They have been married 32 years and have three children and three grandbabies. Roger is a retired firefighter and Anita is retired from office work. They enjoy traveling, camping, and the outdoors, but mostly love visiting family. They both serve in many areas in the church and in the community.



**Ron Graves**

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Ron is a native Arizonan who carries on the family tradition of cattle ranching. He and his wife Betsy have been married for over 40 years and have two grown children and six grandchildren. While Ron is out working the ranch Betsy divides her time between helping him and loving on her grandchildren. They have both served our church faithfully since its beginning.

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**Tom Van Wart**

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Tom Van Wart, originally from Canada, met his wife Ashley while attending college in New Mexico. Since then, they have moved back to Arizona, where Ashley is from, and together they have three kids. They both love the Lord and serve in our church.



**John Peralta**

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Originally from New York, John came to Arizona in search of a job and found a wife and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. John is a physical education teacher in a local school as well as a coach with several sports teams. His wife, Tiffani, is also a school teacher and together they have three great kids. John is known for saying "You can't out give God".



**Elmer Simpson**

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Elmer retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in 2000. It was actually more of a career change because God then brought him into ministry. For the next fifteen years, Elmer traveled to different RV parks where he set up Sunday services, and also taught at different retirement homes. Elmer and his wife, Cindy, met in Tombstone around Thanksgiving 2014 and it was obvious that God had brought them together. They were married on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 2015, which is a holiday that has held meaning for both of them throughout their lives, even before they ever met. Elmer wholeheartedly thinks that Cindy is one of the greatest blessings God has ever given him. Both Elmer and Cindy love God, and thank Him daily for bringing them together, and for bringing them to this wonderful church. They believe they have met some of the nicest people that God has blessed and placed here.



**Prayer Requests****as of April 27, 2023**

Did you know that New Life Family Worship Center has a prayer chain? When there is a physical, spiritual, or any need that needs prayer, a team of prayer warriors send prayers up on their behalf. If you have a prayer request that needs immediate attention by our prayer warriors, contact Arlene Rush at 520-586-3894. Please note that unless asked not to be, prayer requests are also put on the church's Sunday morning prayer list. The latest prayer request list is below.

Unsaved loved ones, unspoken, Our Nation & World, Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Revival, those with flu/COVID, & seasonal travelers

Pamela Gottlieb – sister, Kat-health

Brother Steve - brother, Ray, salvation; protection over church; prayers for revival & that God be glorified; those he counsels; families in turmoil; purity & holiness in the church; his brother, Denny, heart health; Ashley Berryhill-answers/wisdom; his son, Steve, has challenges with bank system he works for in CA

Becky Schmidlin - son-in-law, Gary-cancer; sister-in-law, Button, from GA-cancer is back; friend-cancer returned; Reed's health, he is in hospice at home for cancer; prayers for Becky too

Gene Shull-friend, James-throat cancer; Mike Meeks-health struggles from previous auto accident; grandson-in-law, Cory Lloyd-health struggles; grandson, Caleb-anxiety; neighbor, Andrew-salvation

Becky Jackson-Mills-Jake's mom, Melissa, has COVID & continued prayers for grandma, Patty-cancer treatment; nephew Richard's salvation; her mom's salvation-she believes in God, but not Jesus; softened heart for Putin; having issues with illegals; Jake Newton's family is sick

Verla Herbert-all pastors; friends' salvation/hearing truth; people with heavy hearts; her grandchildren & other children searching; family in Sri Lanka-no food or gas, very limited electricity, riots; daughter, Amanda; prayers for a fearful society; friend, Louise, has meningitis; pray for people out of work; prayers for all in her family; grandson, Tristan-challenges in life/world

Matson Breakey-2 brothers' focus on Christ; Christians battling Satan; pray for spiritual intervention for son, Riley, & 12-year-old granddaughter, Shawn; 13 yr. old granddaughter, Riley-salvation; prayers for his challenges during ministry training

Alex Lercher-grandparents salvation; sister, Abbie-spiritual enlightenment; going to school for contractor's license

Barb Nasta- all families; children with cancer; her health; Christie Nasta-cancer in both lungs-cancer metastasized to her brain, salvation; pray for growing faith, peace, joy & understanding in hearts; Joe-recovery/treatment for stroke; the church; friend, Diane, who was invited to church

Jazmin Torres-dad's salvation; sister, Maliaha

Don Murdock-he has lung infection; recovery from heart surgery

Betsy Graves-sister Susie- prayers for salvation; prayers for friends in Willcox who need new pastor for church; VBS; bullying in schools; Jerusalem; Jim Howard is in hospital with bad toe infection

Marsha Robertson-unspoken; broken marriages; Larry Reiss-having more back problems

Elmer Simpson-prayers for salvation for daughter, Amy & his son, Jacob & family

Nicki Medeiros-Chuck Starr-major heart attack; nephew, Adrian-spiritual discernment; unspoken; cousin, Eve in TX; Felicity is feeding many immigrants daily, providing coats/blankets; pray for healing from infected tooth for Manual Renee Cox-immigrant children; family; new church visitors; prayers for herself & those she is discipling & open doors; pray for Derrick (works at feed store) & family-expecting new baby; thyroid test on 4.25

Kristin Hicks-her health-prayers for healing, that she would stop falling; kids that are put in harm's way

Valinda Turrell-prayers for son, Shawn-spiritual direction; husband, Lane's, salvation; son's brother, Scott Crane-has cancer, starting chemo; her sister Barbara Tabor-salvation; Valinda-getting further treatment for concussion by neurologist; friend, Diane-prayers for peace after loss of her son

Karren Meier-brother, Kermit-leukemia, arm issues, recurring brain tumor, prayers for family; unspoken; Rex-began chemo on 4.24

Kim Martindale-Daughter-in-law, Tina, her heart & mind be opened to God's truth for permanent healing in her life; husband, Marty, a closer walk with God;

John & Anne Zimmerman-friend, Craig-prayers for his MS & salvation, his depression is improving; brother-in-law, Carlos-salvation; neighbor, Ronnie-prayers her health will improve & allow her to attend services; neighbors, Diane & Sam-physical, mental & spiritual issues; prayers for Aunt Cecelia, who Anne witnessed to; John's burdens for his children; pray for entire Reid family, saved & lost; they witnessed to many while on vacation;

Cindy Simpson-grandniece, Ivy-has Darvat syndrome, having seizures; a friend's great-nephew, is in foster care & the family is in turmoil.

Kayla Lercher-her sister, Amber, & her family

Kris Garmon-unspoken; prayers against gossip/slander; her shoulder & neck problems; all who are sick; her boss, Gary, is having leg surgery

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Nancy Reid-son, Aaron-prayers for recommitment to Jesus; friend, Forrest-infection after auto accident-leg may be amputated above knee; Christian's brother, Pat-decrease in kidney function; pray for friend, Annie; Nancy's daughter, Arminda

Ron Graves-John Meeks-health; employee, Jack Webb-his salvation; pray for elder care challenges for the James & Aros families; Dave Franke-shingles in the brain not resolving; prayers for young man, Jason, & his family

Joyce McCormack-her dad, Roger, cont'd recovery from stroke, speech therapy-& prayers for his wife, Una

Marti Moehlau-husband, Drew-continued recovery from heart surgery

Kathy Simko-sister, Chris-salvation, health, courage & guidance during current ongoing personal struggles; brother, Jeff and his wife, Jackie-salvation, long term health issues, marital dilemma; sister, Kim-chronic back issues, other health concerns; neighbor, Eric-salvation; friend, Jody-salvation, health & guidance during recent major life changes; friend, Nita-salvation; friend, Della-debilitating arthritis & other health issues

Anita Choate-prayers for son, Miles & young people; dad, Guenter Detweiler-lower back pain

Margaret Anderson-14 yr. old great nephew, Weston-waiting for heart/liver transplant

Randy Walters-prayers for friend, Travis & release from addiction; Randy's health issues

Roger Choate-prayers for the Children's Ranch (ATKH), kids at the ranch & challenges for all kids

Tony Herrera-5 yr. old nephew, Jesse-due to genetic disease (BBS9), may be blind by adolescence, also organs may be impacted

Deb Zink-prayers for family in New Mexico; daughter-in-law, Rachel-her dad, Mike is in clinical trial for new med for lung cancer

Vicki King-her brother, Albert Wright-passed from cancer on 4.25.23, prayers for family

Kathy Steel-daughter, Becky-health; pray for daughter & granddaughter's health & decisions family has to make; cousin, Myra, in Australia-having significant surgery in ear

Blanca Quintana-daughter, Myra, & son, Angel-pray that they return to the Lord; pray for nephew, Armando's mental illness, her sister and family

Ernesto Macias-prayers for strength & wisdom for family;

Yuli's sister, Martha-medical tests; a high school friend was murdered, pray for the Real family

Joyce Morton-pray for separation in marriage of friend, Gail

Karen Pike-nephew, Trytan-recovery from serious accident, 2 broken legs, crushed pelvis, torn aorta

Stephen Edgar-companion, Debbie Sellers' daughter, Samantha-cancer treatment;

Janet Cox-stroke prevention; her friend, Darlene-leukemia; Jim's ear cancer

Joy Yakovlev-niece, Bethany, in Sweden-in hospital with mental health issues; travel mercies for Abigail on her trip to Japan to visit Nikolay

Steve Adams-daughter, Helen, pray for health & spirituality

Barbara Vander Leest-friend, Judy Kemmer-is having heart surgery; friend, Dave Puls-healing from heart surgery & strokes

**PRAISES**

Giving thanks for our church & where we live!

John Zimmerman-Praise & thanks for the spiritual movement in the church

Valinda Turrell-Helen Adams is out of the hospital!

John Peralta-praise that the Friday night event for Young Families went well!!

Ernesto Macias-his cousin is helping to start a church!!

Barb Nastal-praise for our church!!

Ron Graves-Sunday School classes are full!!

Anne Zimmerman-thanks & praise to God for His gifts & how He uses people! friend, Marcus-eye injury better, not expected to lose vision, his wife is responding to Scripture

Barbara Vander Leest-her daughter, Michelle, has recovered well from surgery

Curtis Drake-Thanks & praise to God for Crispin Baha's successful heart valve surgery & recovery! Wife & children are rejoicing!



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\*\*Please also keep the office informed of any updates. Thank you in advance.

## *The Riches of God's Grace*

### Ephesians 1:1-14

→ Imagine an elderly couple living in a dilapidated farmhouse. They can barely afford a few groceries and the medications they need. There isn't even enough money to keep the heat on all winter. Shortly after they both die, a huge deposit of oil is discovered on the old homestead. All their years of poverty were lived out sitting on top of untapped wealth.

Sadly, many Christians go through life like that elderly couple. They've distilled Christianity down to its most basic parts: *God saved me, and someday I'll go to heaven.* Spiritually poor Christians fail to tap into the reservoir of God's grace that's available right now. There's no reason to wait until heaven to start enjoying the riches of His favor, which He's already lavishing on us.

True riches are not measured by your bank account but by the abundance of God's grace. You've received Christ's righteousness, forgiveness of sins, adoption as God's child, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, and an eternal inheritance. As a joint heir with Christ, you have access to God's riches, which include unspeakable joy, unconditional love, and peace beyond understanding. Don't wait until heaven; tap into these divine blessings every day of your life, beginning today.

-taken from **IN TOUCH - DAILY READINGS FOR DEVOTED LIVING, MARCH 2023/pg. 13**

*By In Touch Ministries*

## *Praises, Progress & Projects*

- **Awana**



Awana is done for the season! Check out the pictures from the end-of-season carnival on page 7. Every child (and a few adults, too) had a blast!! Be sure to keep eyes and ears open for details about when it will start again!

- **Hats for Hope**

Hats for Hope provides handmade crocheted hats for cancer patients, hospital patients and those going through major illness. If you, a loved one or friend needs a hat, they are free and available in many colors for both men and women. If there is a child that needs a special hat, just let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

- **Providing Peace-Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The purpose of this ministry is to provide shawls for comfort, peace and encouragement. In fact, shawl creators PRAY into each stitch they make. They meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month in Room #2 at 10:00 AM. So far, 88 shawls have been completed, blessed and presented to someone.

More willing hands are needed-We welcome crocheters AND KNITTERS! Experience is preferred but we can teach techniques if necessary. Yarn is provided. If you know someone who would be blessed by a shawl, please call JoAnn Mazza at 706.974.9525. You can also leave an envelope on the desk in the office that includes the requestor's name, who needs a shawl and why they need it.

- **Pilgrim's Progress**

Lessons remain available as an ongoing instructional resource via podcast. The source textbook is identified in the intro; and if purchased, anyone can go through all of the remaining episodes to complete the Pilgrim's Progress online class. To access the podcast, go to <https://www.newlifebenson.com/news>.

- **Operation Christmas Child**

Diane Zaugg, Project Leader at NLFWC, shared this March update from OCC:

"Recently in Ghana, God used shoebox gifts to pave the way for evangelism among several hard-to-reach people groups. "It was very difficult to share the Gospel in some parts of this region," a ministry partner said. "We were not allowed to share anything that was related to the Gospel or be seen in any gathering that was related to Christianity." But by focusing on children and presenting them with gifts, doors opened and people became receptive to the Good News. Many placed their faith in Christ.

Now, three new churches have been started in areas where none previously existed and three more are planned following additional upcoming festive outreach events. Praise God!"

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Further information arrived from the local OCC Coordinators, Dan and Pat Barrera:

Due to the partnership of your church over 12,300 shoebox gifts were collected from our Southeast Arizona region alone. The shoeboxes that were collected from our region in 2022 are going to children in Ecuador, El Salvador, Madagascar, Mongolia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands/New Caledonia and Thailand.

- **ETHNOS 360-Hal & Beth Hansen**

We get weekly updates from Beth and Hal about the happenings out there. Watch for these updates on the bulletin board in the Information Center.

- **Wycliffe Bible Translators-Karl & Joanna Rogers**

So far this year, the Rogers family has done some traveling. In February, they got back from a trip to Springfield, OR to visit Twin Rivers Church as their January missionary of the month where they shared special times with students and others in the church. They were also able to go to Seattle to visit Karl's grandfather and see the Space Needle and Pike's Place Market.

For the past two and a half years, they have been preparing to work with the Roma people in Eastern Europe, but the current political climate in the region is delaying their ability to actually go on the field. As they wait for God to provide a solution for them, they ask that we pray that God will open the doors in Eastern Europe for them or make it clear where else He would have them go?

Joanna continues to do take classes with DIU (Dallas International University) and in conjunction with her classes, she is doing two projects. One is studying governmental language planning with the Roma people in the Balkans, and another is studying which practices contribute to the health of Korean-American churches. Please pray for her as she finishes this semester!

\*\*\*See complete update on the bulletin board in the Information Center!

- **All the King's Horses Children's Ranch (ATKH)**



The work on the Palomino project began last year.



Now house parents will have dedicated space for their own family in addition to children needing temporary housing.

- **Aten Ministries**

In March Sherman reported that he and Tammy had recently returned from their ministry in Spain & Portugal, where it was colder than normal with cold churches and homes with no heat! Needless to say, they were sick when they got home, but were soon heading to a revival and marriage conference in different locations in Texas.

\*\*And speaking of a marriage conference, they will be leading one here in August. Watch for more info!!

- **Vacation Bible School**

VBS is quickly approaching - it begins Tuesday, May 30th and runs through Friday, June 2nd from 9AM-12 noon. This year's theme is -



Register online at <https://www.newlifebenson.com/events/vacation-bible-school> --6/2023-05-30 or pick up a registration form in the church foyer.

**Helpers are needed!!**

For information on how you can help, contact Renee Cox or John Peralta.



### March & April Highlights



The Awana season came to a fun-filled end at the Carnival on April 26th.



Bill & Margaret Anderson celebrated 70 years of marriage on 4.19.23.



Introducing:  
Ron & Pamela Martens  
Married on 4.22.23

## **My Strength**

By Valinda Turrell

My strength comes from You, Lord.

When I walk through the blazing fire, You are there.

My strength comes from You, Lord.

When the howling wind rushes by and almost knocks me over, You are there.

My strength comes from You, Lord.

As I watch the ferocious river flowing by my life, You are there.

My strength comes from You, Lord.



### **Isaiah 43:2**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

## **What's Happening in May?**

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**


- **Impacto Vision 20/20**

- The mission of this El Paso, Texas based organization is to witness in Juarez, Mexico as well as prison ministries.

- **Church Ministry of the Month**

- **The Altar Team**

- **Providing Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry**

-  Meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month in the library at 10:00am.

- No experience necessary and the yarn is provided. See page 5 for more info.

- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

- All meetings are in the library -

- Tuesdays at noon and again at 5:00pm

- Fridays at noon

- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

- Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm in the library. Join us to pray for our country and each other. Everyone welcome.

- **Sisters of Faith in Recovery (Women's AA)**

- Thursday evenings at 5:00PM

- **Celebrate Your "New Life" Recovery Ministry**

- Thursday evenings, at 7:00pm at church. Led by Elmer Simpson.

- A program to help you and your loved ones recover from: addictions, pain, hurts and negative habits; leading to a "new life" founded and grounded in Christ.

- **National Day of Prayer**

- Thursday, May 4th at Apache Park in Benson

- Three time slots available:

- 9:00am - 10:00am (Pastor Steve is leading this one)

- 12:00pm - 1:00pm

- 6:30pm - 7:30pm



- **Hospitality Meeting**

- Sunday, May 7th after church

- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**

- Join us on Sunday, May 7th after the PM service when we go to Wendy's.



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## What's Happening in May?

- **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, May 13th at 7:30am at church.

All of the guys are welcome so please bring sons, grandsons, friends, etc. with you!

- **Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 14th



"Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
Her husband *also*, and he praises her:"  
Proverbs 31:28

- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, May 15th, at 6:00pm

- **Concert with "In His Presence"**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM

Join Owen & Sherri Reaves for an uplifting time of worship!



- **VBS Set-Up**

Saturday, May 27th at 9:00AM

- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, May 29th, at 6:00pm

- **VBS - The Incredible Race**

Tuesday, May 30th thru Friday, June 2nd, from 9:00am-12:00pm

See page 8 for more information!

## What's Happening In June?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**

**In Faith-Bryon and Emelda Rush**

**MISSION:** *InFaith* has a simple mission: we want to enable people, empowered by the Spirit, to love others because Jesus first loved them. It's that simple. We have people across this nation reaching their local communities on a mission to testify about Jesus. The Rush's area of ministry will be with prisons and the military.

- **Providing Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month in the library at 10:00 AM.

No experience necessary and the yarn is provided. See page 7 for more info.

- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

All meetings are in the library -

Tuesdays at noon and again at 7:00pm

Fridays at noon

- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm in the library. Join us to pray for our country and each other. Everyone welcome.

- **Sisters of Faith in Recovery (Women's AA)**

Thursday evenings at 5:00PM

- **Celebrate Your "New Life" Recovery Ministry**

Thursday evenings, at 7:00pm at church. Led by Elmer Simpson.

A program to help you and your loved ones recover from: addictions, pain, hurts and negative habits; leading to a "new life" founded and grounded in Christ.

- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**

Join us on Sunday, June 3rd after the PM service. Where will we go? Destination TBD!

- **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, June 10th at 7:30am at church.

- **Father's Day**

Sunday, June 18th

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;"

Psalm 103:13



**May Birthdays**

- Prisco Capangpangan-1st
- Anneke Cluff - 4th
- Reagan Van Wart - 5th
- Mike Anspaugh - 5th
- Rhonda Lemieux - 5th
- Renee Cox - 6th
- Brittany Williams- 7th
- Greg Yearout - 10th
- Teddy Beeler - 10th
- Jean Hart - 11th
- Mateo Moreno - 11th
- Betsy Graves - 13th
- John Peralta - 13th
- Liam Cluff - 13th
- Tristan Willms - 14th
- Gavin Merriman - 15th
- Mya Peralta - 16th
- Joann Royals - 16th
- Pamela Gottlieb - 18th
- Paige Aker - 19th
- Nikolay Yakolay-19th
- Cale Meza - 20th
- Becky Schmidlin - 21st
- Gene Shull - 21st
- Jennifer Lundberg-22nd
- Vicki King - 22nd
- Delores Chacon - 23rd
- Charity Shull - 23rd
- James Cox - 26th
- Peyton Davison - 26th
- JoAnn Mazza - 27th
- Greg Boone - 28th
- Nevaeh Hakes - 29th
- Jeremy Jackson - 29th
- Veronica Woodward-31st



**May Anniversaries**

- Don & Deb Zink - 3rd
- Chris & Marsha Barndollar - 6th
- Dan & Laury Blakeman - 7th
- John & Anne Zimmerman - 8th
- Steve & Nancy Donaldson - 16th
- Garry & Lynette Sedun - 20th
- Dan & Carene Schleif - 20th
- Bill & Donna Goldsmith - 24th
- Johnny & Joyce McCormack - 25th
- Randy & RJ Shelby - 31st
- Louis & Jennafer Cohen - 31st

**May Memory Verse**

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back,  
that your sins may be blotted out,

Acts 3:19 (ESV)

**June Birthdays**

- Haley Reider - 1st
- Garry Sedun - 6th
- Conner McAbee - 7th
- Margaret Bohmfalk-8th
- Trenton Malboeuf - 8th
- Lincoln Lukens - 8th
- Marie Spitzer - 9th
- Marcia Ownsby - 9th
- James Russo - 10th
- Anita Choate - 11th
- Claire Parke - 11th
- Whitley Skaarer - 11th
- John Cooper - 12th
- Chase Van Wart - 12th
- Kyra Todd - 12th
- Tony Herrera - 13th
- Karen Zangari - 14th
- Todd Beaucage - 14th
- Cassidy Burlison - 15th
- Joel Garmon - 15th
- Grace Francis - 16th
- Robin Roberts - 17th
- Karen George - 18th
- Zak Barten - 19th
- Camden Malboeuf-19th
- Gerry Heath - 20th
- Xander Lundberg—21st
- Coralyn Ball - 21st
- RJ Shelby - 21st
- Marsha Robertson-24th
- Andrea Williams - 25th
- Steve Fuentes - 25th
- Drew Moehlau-25th
- Joy Yakovlev - 26th
- Noah Goegelein - 26th
- Sage Crouse - 26th
- David Francis - 28th
- Jazmin Torres - 30th

**June Anniversaries**

- Ken & Vicki King - 1st
- Joel & Kris Garmon - 2nd
- Ken & Deanna Kehn - 4th
- James & Janet Cox - 5th
- Jim & Janie Howard - 16th
- Doug & Valerie Miller - 18th
- Scott & Jennifer Lundberg - 23rd
- Nick & Haley Reider - 27th
- Greg & Cathy Yearout - 28th
- Christopher & Shelly Hicks - 29th



**June Memory Verse**

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

Heb. 4:7<sup>b</sup> (ESV)

*“Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”*

- Mark Twain



## Recipes to Share

(shared by Kirsty Lingenfelter)

### Red, White & Blue Cheesecake Salad

Yield: 12-14 Servings    Author: Mandy Rivers | South Your Mouth  
Prep Time: 10 Min    Total Time: 10 Min



This berry cheesecake salad recipe is the perfect patriotic dessert for Memorial Day and 4th of July with strawberries, blueberries and cream cheese filling.

#### INGREDIENTS

2 pounds strawberries	Pinch of salt
1 pint blueberries	2 cups powdered sugar
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temp.	1 large (16-oz.) tub cool whip, thawed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	4 cups mini marshmallows

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove stems from berries. Cut strawberries into small pieces (similar in size with the mini marshmallows) then set aside. You need to prep your berries before mixing the cheesecake mixture as it will start to set up pretty quickly once mixed.
2. In a very large bowl, beat cream cheese, vanilla, salt and powdered sugar until smooth and creamy. Add half of cool whip then stir until smooth. Fold in remaining cool whip.
3. Fold in strawberries, blueberries and mini marshmallows then transfer into a resealable container.

### BLT Dip

(shared by Rhonda Dupee)

1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Soup Mix  
1 cup Hellman's or Best Foods Real Mayo  
1 container (8 ounces) sour cream  
1 medium tomato, chopped (about 1 cup)  
4 slices bacon, crisp – cooked and crumbled (about ½ cup)  
Shredded lettuce (optional)



1. Combine all ingredients except lettuce in medium bowl, chill.
2. Garnish with lettuce and serve with your favorite dippers.

MAKES 3 CUPS DIP

**Note:** I add way more bacon!!!

Shared by Donna Goldsmith:

*God is still writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen.  
Trust the Author.*



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?" – via George Goldtrap Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Sorry, that doesn't apply to your mother."

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A pastor was trying to negotiate a lower price for his auto repairs. "Remember," he pleaded to the mechanic, "I'm a poor preacher." "I know," the mechanic replied. "I was in church on Sunday." – Bernard Brunsting

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Shared by Pastor Steve -

**A Geoffrey Bull Poem**

A man who'd been held by Communist China for 3 years where he'd often been in solitary, starved, threatened, badgered, cajoled and subjected to brain-washing techniques... In the midst of which He wrote:

Let not Thy face grow dim, dear God,  
Nor sense of Thee depart,

Let not the memory of Thy Word  
Burn low within my heart.

Let not my spirit, Lord, grow numb,  
Through loneliness or fears,

Let not my heart to doubt succumb  
And keep my eyes from tears.

Let not the distance come between  
As months and years increase,

Let not the darkness close me in,  
Let me not lose Thy peace.

Let not the pressure of the foe  
Crush out my love for Thee,

Let not the tiredness and the woe  
Eclipse Thy victory.



### Services Needed/Available & Classifieds

- **New Life Family Worship Center**

- ◊ Would really appreciate any help concerning cleaning of our Worship Center.

- **Homicide/Suicide Support Group**

Surviving the loss of a loved one to suicide or homicide doesn't have to be a journey traveled alone. Support meetings offer a safe, confidential and nonjudgmental atmosphere where survivors can feel free to express their emotions or just listen. We help one another through an open sharing of personal experiences. Please call for information about upcoming meetings in the Benson area.

Sue Depee-Survivor and Cochise County Victim Advocate

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- **A-1 Port-A-Pots**

A-1 Port-A-Pots is a family-owned and operated business that has faithfully served the residents of Cochise and Pima Counties since 2008. We rent Portable Toilets and Hand Wash Stations for construction sites, special events or whatever the need may be. A-1 also installs, repairs, and maintains septic systems. If you have a need for either service, please contact our office at 520.586.2115 or email us at [info@a1portapots.com](mailto:info@a1portapots.com). Check out our website at [a1portapots.com](http://a1portapots.com) for photos and other information.

- **Three Bro's - Odd Jobs**

Specialties include, but not limited to weed pulling, mowing, moving gravel, tree/shrub trimming, fence repair, ditch digging, animal care, simple home repairs/maintenance. \$8.00/hour/person-cash only. Contact Kaiden, Tyris or Xander Lundberg at (970) 676-1158. NOTE: Not a licensed business. References available.

### We Are All Called to Help -

- **Camera/Soundboard**-need helpers with a heart for sound and music and its influence on the presentation of God's message. Basic knowledge in this field is recommended. Please note that this will entail working 2 or 3 times per month. See Mike Cox.

- **Money Counter**

Need help counting money on Sunday mornings after service. See Deb Zink.



NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Membership Directory

- FAMILIES
- GROUPS
- STAFF MEMBERS
- BIRTHDAYS
- ANNIVERSARIES
- ADDITIONAL PAGES



Find at Google Play  
app store or  
Apple App store

Questions?? See Deb Zink

Simply go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory

and download the  FREE app to begin.


Your email address must be in the directory to use this & to CREATE A LOGIN the first time.



## Options for Joining Us

#1 - Friends/members near and far are using our app to:

- ♦ Follow along and take notes of every **SERMON**.
- ♦ **GIVING** one-time gifts or recurring gifts to the church.
- ♦ See upcoming **EVENTS**.
- ♦ Add their own requests to the **PRAYER Wall** or see others' needs.
- ♦ **CONNECT** and find a special place to serve.

Do you wonder, "How can I get this app, too??" Scan this code  with the camera on your device and you will be walked through the download process. Another option is to go to the website at [newlifebenson.com](http://newlifebenson.com), scroll down to the "Welcome...", and click **Download Our APP (See below)!!** After entering your phone# you will receive a link to proceed with the download.



### Welcome to New Life Family Worship Center!

Here at New Life we seek to glorify God through worship, evangelism, and fellowship. While growing spiritually and serving Him, we show love and compassion to those in need.

Download our App!

Check out our YouTube Channel!

#2 - Livestreaming remains available via YouTube. On the church's website, click here on the Home page.

#3 - The church family can drive to church, and listen to lessons on FM channel 103.1 on the car radio.

## Websites of Interest

1. **New Life Family Worship Center: Sermons and lessons:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/NewLifeBenson>
2. **Crosscards:** <https://www.crosscards.com/> A great source for Christian e-cards, wallpapers and more.
3. **The Voice of the Martyrs:** <https://www.persecution.com/> Write letters to those in prison, receive prayer updates; this site offers many opportunities to edify those that face persecution on a daily basis.
4. **Samaritan Ministries:** <https://www.samaritanministries.org/> Not insurance but Christian Sharing!!! Help brothers and sisters in Christ with their medical needs.
5. **Intercessors for America:** <https://www.ifapray.org/> Informs, connects, and mobilizes intercessors to pray for our nation and our leaders. Desire to reach Christians in churches and communities nationwide with information and tools to unite them in effective prayer.
6. **Bible Gateway:** <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Great source for all of your Bible needs and searches.
7. **Christian Radio Stations-Benson, Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Willcox and Tucson:** K-love: <http://www.klove.com/>  
The Spark: <http://kwrbb.org/>

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Any news/events or a monthly feature suggestion? Are you on the email distribution list?

Don't hesitate to let me know!

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