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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

Well, our season of baptisms has finally seemed to slow down. I won't use the word "stopped" since I firmly believe that there are more to baptize just as I believe that there are more that need to accept the Lord. May the Holy Spirit draw them to our Saviour. The folks in the picnic area [the back room] now have sound back there and they still are enjoying the Fellowship time even though they can now hear me. LOL. Our teachings from the Word are rich in their enlightenment and edification. I appreciate your appetite for God's Word. May we grow in Him each day.

The New Life Kids/Students programs have resumed with good attendance. I know it is quite a commitment to bring children to church for two hours on a Wednesday night but what place could be better for them than learning about Jesus and His Word? I pray this program will continue to grow and reach more of the unsaved. And as always, thanks to our tireless workers!

Again, in this Newsletter I mention the Sunday evening Fellowship and the teachings on the end times which have been very well attended. Next week I will start teaching the Tribulation from "A to Z." I pray that these lessons will be well received.

Remember that all our lessons are available on YouTube with many additional educational aids for each lesson. Deb spends a lot of time each week putting these things together so avail yourself of the opportunity to use them.

God bless and see ya Sunday.

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Sherwin walked into his office to find a rookie painter wearing two parkas on a hot, summer day. "Why are you wearing those? It must be 80 degrees in here," he said. "Well, I read the paint can; it said, 'for best results, put on two coats.'"

From the Joyful Newsletter—September 2025

ABOUT US**ELDERS**

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⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of ^[a]necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 9:7

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Words From the Word #47

From Rev. 9: There are five sins here representative of these defiant sinners. They choose hell. They choose demons. They choose death. They choose Satan. They choose sin. They are worshippers of Satan. They have the mark of the beast. They worship the Antichrist. They worship the dragon. They are completely engulfed in control by Satan and two hundred million additional demons.

The third sin is "sorceries," verse 21. It's the word *pharmakeia*, their druggings— their drugs. They'll be engulfed in drugs, drunkenness, drug-induced stupors, to make the horrors of their life, perhaps, tolerable to some extent. People take drugs today because they can't tolerate life as we know it. Think of what life then will be like and how they'll head for a drug to escape the horrors of that reality. They'll cling to their drugs, their hatred, and their demon worship.

And then the fourth sin, in verse 21, is "their sexual immorality". That's the Greek word *porneia*, pornography. That's going to be the worst of all times. The whole remaining population of the world is engulfed in worshiping demons, in murdering, in drugs, and in pornography, and sexual sins without restraint—rape, child molestation, pedophilia, homosexuality, bestiality—every conceivable and inconceivable expression of sexual evil.

From 1 Thess. 4: verse 13, "I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep/died." Now, why does he use the word "asleep?" Why doesn't he just say dead? Because sleep is the unique way to speak of Christians in repose, in temporary repose. By the way, the word "asleep," *koimao* "to cause to sleep", is actually the word from which we get our word cemetery; it was the early Christians optimistic name for a graveyard. It really meant a sleeping place. It really was a synonym for a dormitory, what people do in a dormitory, they go there to sleep.

Now, how is it that Christians are spoken of as sleeping? You'll notice as I answer that question, first of all, that it's in a present tense form, this participle here, and it has the idea of those who are continually falling asleep. That is, believers who fall asleep from time to time as a regular course of life in the church. They're saying, "What about these Christians that just continue to die?" I mean, life is like that. It ends, right? And they keep dying. And Paul says, "I don't want you to be ignorant about what happens to people after they die." Now, the word "sleep" in the Bible is used of normal sleep, a recovery process by which the body goes into rest temporarily. John 11:12 uses it in its normal sense. But the word for "sleep" is also used uniquely of Christians, and it's used a number of times for Christians, now listen carefully, and it always refers to their bodies. It always refers to their bodies. The only part of us that goes into any state of unconsciousness at death is the body. In John, you remember chapter 11 and verse 11, "our friend Lazarus sleeps", Jesus said, "but I go that I may wake him up". Now, everybody knew that Lazarus was what? He was dead; he had been dead for three days. His sister said, "Lord by this time there is stench." Decay had set in, he had been entombed, he was dead. From Jesus' view, though, he was only asleep; his soul was alive not bound in the grave, it does not pass out of existence since it is eternal, and it is eternally conscious. But his body was at rest, and Jesus saw that as temporary. That's why He calls it sleep. Sleep is something you wake up from. If you don't wake up, you're dead or you eventually will die. And so, Jesus sees the death of Lazarus as a temporary repose of his body.

Look at Acts chapter 7, just to give you a fuller understanding of this. You remember when Stephen was being stoned it says in verse 60, "Then he knelt down and cried out

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with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.” He fell asleep. It was death from the human viewpoint. It was death from the clinical viewpoint. But it was sleep because it was only temporary repose for his body. His spirit didn’t go into unconsciousness. If you don’t think so, look at verse 59. He said, “Lord Jesus,” what? “Receive my spirit.” It was only his body that was to be in repose, to be asleep. A sleep, by the way, from which even his body would awaken, and that’s the main point that I want you to understand. When in 1 Corinthians 11:30 Paul says of Christians, “For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep,” he again refers to death for a Christian as sleep because it is the temporary repose of the physical body. In chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians verse 6, it talks about Christians who saw the resurrected Christ; “of whom the greater part remain to the present”. That is, to the writing of this epistle. But some have “fallen asleep.” There’s that same familiar concept. Verse 18, “those who have fallen asleep in Christ.” And then, in verse 51, “Behold, I tell you a mystery, we shall not all sleep.” Again, referring to Christians in death. Second Peter 3:4 mentions it, “Where is the promise of His coming for ever since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” There, it is the wistful anticipation of unbelievers that those who have died have died only a temporary death.

But for Christians the term is accurate, for it is a temporary thing. Even for pagans there will be a resurrection. There is a sense in which the pagan bodies only sleep, for they too will be raised. However, they will be raised to eternal damnation and death. And so, thus it is not appropriate to speak of theirs as a temporary death, therefore a sleep, but as a permanent death and not a sleep at all.

Now, let me go a step further. The term “sleep” or the concept of sleep does not refer to the soul. There is no such thing as soul sleeping. [Jehovah’s Witnesses and Seventh-day Adventists] When Stephen was dying, he said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” So, he had the anticipation of entering into the conscious presence of Jesus Christ. Nowhere does the Scripture ever teach that at any time the spirit of a person is ever unconscious. That’s what makes hell so terrible. It is consciousness in the absence of God forever. That’s what makes heaven so wonderful; it is consciousness of the presence of God forever. And you remember in Luke 16 as Jesus told the story of Lazarus the beggar and the rich man that when Lazarus died, he was immediately and consciously in Abraham’s bosom and comforted. And you remember when the rich man died, he was immediately and consciously in torment and cried out for someone to give him water to touch his tormented tongue. You will remember that in 2 Corinthians chapter 5, the apostle Paul looks at death for a believer, and in verse 8 he says, “We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” There’s no purgatory, there’s no intermediary condition, there’s no state of unconsciousness or semi-consciousness, there’s no spiritual coma. To be absent from the body, to be present with the Lord. And in Philippians 1:23 the apostle Paul says, “For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.” You’re either here or with Christ beloved. There’s no intermediary condition for the saved. They go to be received into the presence of Jesus Christ. There’s no intermediary place for the damned. They go into conscious punishment and torment. But while the spirit of that dead Christian goes immediately into the presence of Christ, that body is asleep, it is in repose, it is in rest, it is in a dormitory, as it were, and a Christian in a graveyard is just sleeping in the dorm, nothing more.



Remember They Are Hurting!

When a woman receives comments from fellow believers about her miscarriage, like “You’ll have another baby,” “At least you have other children,” or “It’s so common,” what she hears is “Your baby doesn’t matter,” “Your baby wasn’t real,” and “Your baby isn’t worth grieving.”

Though most Christians uphold the sanctity of life, many of us still speak of babies lost to miscarriage as if they were *almost* babies. Women are grieving real children whom they carried in their bodies, and we address them as if they have merely lost an aspiration. But God does not view preborn babies this way.

****This is a small portion of an article available at**

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/2025/08/pregnancy-miscarriage-language-prolife/>

Prayer Requests**as of August 31, 2025**

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 Deb Zink at 520-586-2337. 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, travelers, kids, teachers & schools, country, Israel

Pamela Martens – sister, Kat-broke her ankle, has to wear boot x6 weeks, prayers for her & her health while helping her husband, Gene, who is hemorrhaging behind his eyes, needs retinal surgery, prayers for minimal impact on his sight, Gene's toe amputation surgery went well, but now has to see hematologist for bleeding disorder, Gene's sister has breast cancer; Ron's daughter, Emmaline-wisdom, guidance & grace; Ron's mom, Henny-salvation; Ron's sister, Denise, needs a kidney transplant; daughter, Caroline, is under spiritual attack, prayers for her & family; nation; nephew, Riley, is lost, prayers for wisdom & guidance; Pamela's friend, Debra, in TN-prayers for complications after surgery in Dec.; Victoria McAndrew-health & guidance; the nation, Israel, truth to be revealed; prayers for church & spiritual attack; her brother, Vin-facing many trials with job loss, & vehicle transmission issue; daughter-in-law, Amanda-bad asthma attack, in hospital

Brother Steve – 82 yr. old brother, Ray-salvation; prayers for revival & that God be glorified; those he counsels-prayers for wisdom; Israel; Dottie Krepps-health; country & judicial system; prayers for young couple in church that is under attack; prayers for travelers; prayers for kids, teachers, administration as schools restart; rain; he has a sty in his eye

Becky Schmidlin-nephew-in-law, Wayne-very ill

Gene Shull-neighbor, Andrew-salvation; America; Donna's sister, Lois-not doing well; friend, Karen, has cancer; his sister-in-law Maggie-prayers for salvation; Donna is having much hip & back pain; young friend, Mark, is in hospital with depression; Donna's sister, Lois, fell & broke her hip; Barb Nastal- all families; children with cancer; hers & Joe's health; neighbor, Ed-anxiety issues; witness of parents/grandparents to children; peace & hope; spiritual protection; for hearts & ears to be opened; church body & leaders; witness to town of Pomerene; Barb is recovering from a fall & COVID; prayers for Joe's return home, necessary burn care & Barb as she cares for him; continued prayers for Barb & Joe

Margaret Anderson-18 yr. old great nephew, Weston-challenges while waiting for heart/liver transplant

Elmer Simpson-prayers for salvation for daughter, Amy & his son, Jacob & family; unspoken; travel mercies for his trip to St. Louis

Robin Tannahill-niece, Brandy & her daughter, Anna-salvation; Robin is having problems with her prosthetic, getting new one soon; her mother passed away in June

Betsy Graves-sister Susie-prayers for salvation; Jerusalem; Lucille Lukens' parents-salvation; due to heavy heart-prayers for young girls; prayers for friend, Marie & care of grandbaby; prayers for kids, teachers, homeschool moms as school season starts; Dusty, a ranch owner in NM, is very sick with West Nile virus

Adele Roberts-she has a herniated disc, seeking pain management appointment

Sammyrah Jones-had surgery July 25th, prayers for recovery & to be out of pain ASAP

John Peralta-prayers for victory during continuous spiritual battles

Terry Hauzer-prayers for family & medical trials; she has been really unwell...lost too much weight and autoimmune blood panel doctor took says Lupus...hasn't confirmed with yet

Marsha Robertson-broken marriages

Nicki Medeiros-her sister, Janie-having panic attacks, financial situations, son and grandson searching for a church home; unspoken; nephew, Adrian-had surgery for mass on back; her brother, Eddie; prayers for niece and choices she is making

Renee Cox-young families at church; Immigrant children; one of Sally's students, Nathan-prayers for continued recovery; friend Karen, has shingles; praise for Spanish ministry at Sally's church; prayers for sale of her dad's property; prayers for the right purchaser of her dad's home & the estate; prayers for all those with covid; her step-sister, Kathy going through hard times after parents passed away Kristin Hicks-her friend, Misty Davidson-prayers for strength & stamina through difficult time; JoAnn Mazza-prayers for healing; prayers for Amanda Tucker & family; prayers for victims/families of flooding in Texas

Valinda Turrell-prayers for son, Sean-spiritual direction; husband, Lane's, salvation; her sister Barbara Tabor-prayers for salvation & health; her niece, Vanessa, in ARK-will be seeing a neurologist

Lynn Clary-prayers for salvation for her children; prayers for school bus drivers and school starting

Sherry Compton-her sister, Jennifer-ongoing blood diseases, pain, prayers for healing/God's will

Angus Crawford-prayers for rain

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Kim Martindale-Husband, Marty, perseverance with several health challenges, daughter-in-law, Tina-God's care & healing; salvation for sisters, Meg & Mickey, & Mickey has lymphoma-prayers for her side effects & Lord's wisdom during chemo treatment; resolution to family's trials; Kim's daily walk, struggles due to Marty's health & challenges in caregiving skills; Greg Yearout had ankle fused, prayers for post-op recommendations; her husband Marty was diagnosed with rare skin cancer Merkel Cell Carcinoma. Pray for opening at the doctor and for treatment. Also Kim has a bad cold so pray for her too.

Judith Herrera-son, Jay in PHX is in remission from leukemia, keep in prayers; brother & sister-in-law in MI-significant health issues while aging; friend, Roe-had surgery, has cancer in ear & melanoma on face; friend, Sue Becker, in CO-has Parkinson's & is in nursing home

Ron Graves-Jack Webb-salvation; friend, Tom-health issues; prayers against Satan's attacks; friend, Clint-prayers for trials; Israel & the peace deal; prayers for our church, Pastor, Elders & country; family & spiritual attacks; unspoken, health issues for some;

Gailyn Conser-pray for church leadership every day; borders, government, etc.

Kathy Simko-salvation for siblings, Chris & Jeff; sister-in-law, Jackie-freedom from long-term opioid addiction, cancer; Ariella Campos-at 9 yrs. old, cancer has returned, but she is still fighting; Tammy Stewart-prayers for healing, recovery from foot amputation, & her walk with the Lord; purity & unity for the NL body; Ann Zimmerman-recovery from surgery

Alyssa Gustafson-family struggles, physically & spiritually; prayers for Alyssa; prayers about worldly influence on 14- & 16-year-old family members; mom's best friend, Ann-her dad is having surgery for blockage in intestines, not expected to survive

Lauren Medeiros-bone spur in foot, creating caregiving issues, prayers for healing; family issues

Steve Adams-prayers for daughter, Patty & husband, Josh; prayers for protection & guidance for President Trump; unspoken request from Steve and Eva; prayers for Eva's headaches & their grandchildren

Kris Garmon-unspoken; healing of relationships

Anita Choate-prayers for son, Miles, in the Dallas Fire Dept Academy; dad, Guenter Detweiler-prayers for challenges in a nursing home; please keep We Care Pregnancy Center in your prayers; prayers for successful sale of Tamara's AZ home; travel mercies for her and Roger to Texas

Jeff Hubbert-prayers for physical healing, undergoing physical & mental stress

Rebecca Mills-prayers for all youth & Satan's attacks on

them; Sonia Garcia passed away at 44 yrs old, prayers for 12 yr old son, Eddie & family; nephew, Ricky-serious injury to foot, having surgery on it, salvation; Jordan Ronquillo-his autistic 16 yr. old brother, Joseph diagnosed with lupus & needs a job, his father, Andy, also has lupus; Cooper's parents-salvation; prayers for those who choose not to go to church

Tony Herrera-6 yr. old nephew, Jesse-due to genetic disease (BBS9), may be blind by adolescence, also organs may be impacted, people of Ukraine; brother-in-law, Tim-early stage of dementia, having side effects from medication; friend, Bill Bivens, diagnosed with prostate cancer, prayers for treatment; hostages in Israel; Tony's friend, Bill's son-in-law, Tim-prayers for emotional issues; granddaughter, Rosie-prayers for repentance & return to her Lord

Vicki King-peace; friends; sister Nancy-had cancer removed from her lip, also heart & other health issues; unsaved relatives;

Lundberg family-please pray for our son Xander to return to the Lord. Please pray for his safety and that our family be reconciled

Janie Howard-unspoken; prayers for husband, Jim & side effects from dermatological procedure; travel mercies for her and Jim to Florida

Bob Medeiros-prayers for Ann Korsness' marriage; son, Nicholas-unspoken; challenges at pregnancy centers; prayers for construction worker, Eric, and his family; prayers for homeless man, Mike; prayers for good results from skin cancer surgery on 9.5; his son, Gabriel-reconciliation; his granddaughter's friend's mother, Melody, is on a ventilator and not doing well

Brittany Crawford-family friend, Jair Epp-epilepsy, seizures have progressed to grand-mal seizures; extended family member, Faye-stage 2 breast cancer

Jan Davis-prayers for Michelle Hamlin & gall bladder issues; husband,

Valerie Miller-prayers for good results with treatment for breast cancer; doctors' wisdom in treating Doug's leaky heart valve; Doug had another surgery, has much pain

Scott Lingenfelter-his dad, John is recovering from a stroke, salvation

Michael Crawford-father-in-law of work partner passed away, prayers for the family; Family friend hospitalized due to epilepsy induced hallucinations and paranoia; his cousin has Hodgkins Lymphoma;

Chris Davis-Dollar Tree employee's (Darlene) daughter (Octavia) with Muscular Dystrophy looking for place to live; his brother, Terry-prayers for mental health issues

Bonnie Barlow-Doug Barlow, in Duncan, had minor stroke, has pneumonia & dementia; going into hospice

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Karren Meier-Dee Radle doing poorly after stroke, is in a permanent care facility; daughter, Joyce-has to have 3rd surgery after issue with 2nd surgery on 7.30, prayers for medical issue, and wellness; prayers for cousin, Sharon in ND who had vertigo, fell & broke vertebrae in back, now in rehab-also prayers for her husband Wayne; friend, Tony Ortiz-has diabetes, blood sugar very high

Kathy Steel-grandson, Sam-salvation, mental & behavioral issues, & his family dealing with him daily; Emily-is 35, had breast cancer 3 yrs ago with surgery, now has cancer spots on spine; salvation for many family members; a friend in remission from breast cancer now has cancer in multiple body parts & her husband lost his job

Deanna Kehn-prayers for granddaughter & family due to divorce; Ken having leg issues again; Deanna is seeing retina specialist for bloody right eye; Joyce Morton may need another stent

Abby & Crystal Castagno-Benson school year, protection in sports etc. and parents and admin prayers, prayers that more people come to church

Max Spann-recovery from cancer surgery, needs more surgery due to complications; has gall bladder issues, transferred to Quibiri

Deb Zink-unspoken; 12-year-old brother of Starbucks barista has stomach cancer, has begun chemo; prayers for Beverly Barnes—87 yrs. old, has physical/mental health issues, needs much help; prayers for victims, families, answers after mass shooting at Catholic school for K-8th grade students in Minneapolis.

Marti Moehlau-husband, Drew-much pain

Beth Rowekamp-brother, Bill's salvation; husband, Todd's arrhythmia & Afib; prayers for Rebbekah-went to hosp., having lots of pain, looking for answers

Katie Maakestad-We're home from Philadelphia!! Kieran & Leah are navigating baby Dahlia's care at home, still trying to regulate her. She has a G tube now

Barbara Vander Leest-granddaughter, Ashley-prayers about trials & hopeful good decisions; son, Ed, has prostate cancer; Barbara found out she has breast cancer

Caroline Martens-prayers for her brother, John, and spiritual attacks

Tom Van Wart-continue prayers for Chase as he recovers from spinal surgery, has to wear brace for 3 months

Curtis Drake-Continue to pray for camp students who made decisions for Jesus, will grow in faith & share the Gospel with friends & families.

Trent/Jackie Nichols-friends, Charlotte & Noah-their baby boy, Luke, had complications at birth-prayers for prevention of any bleeding, reversal of all brain damage, healing of the heart, removal of the meconium from his lungs, and his lungs to show increased function.

**PRAISES**

Giving thanks for our church & where we live!

Curtis Drake-the UIM Summer Camps had good attendance (860 campers) & 21% decisions for salvations, assurances, or dedications.

Cooper Lewellyn-praise that his dad's swollen ankle was quickly healed!

RANGER BOB SHARES THE WORD -

A Word that is ALIVE, ACTIVE and wants to INTERACT with you: I was reading about Nicodemus the other day and wondering if he ever came to a place of accepting Jesus as His Lord and Savior. When Nic first meets Jesus in John 3, he comes at night – he probably doesn't want anyone to know he is meeting this controversial person, Jesus. He does admit that Jesus has God with Him because of the signs that Jesus did. This was a big step for Nic because he was an important member of the Sanhedrin, a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews. He seems curious, especially when Jesus says he must be born again. He asks, "how". Jesus tells him about being born of water and the Spirit. Jesus confronts Nic about his and the Jews' unbelief. It's kinda like Jesus is not pulling any punches. Then Jesus gives the example of the serpent being lifted up in the wilderness and those who looked to the serpent were healed. He also said that He would be lifted up and those who looked to Him would be saved.

Then, in John 7, Nicodemus appears to be sticking up for Jesus before the Sanhedrin, when they were plotting against Jesus. And then, in John 19, Nicodemus brings a truck load of myrrh and aloe to the burial place of Jesus. This stuff is used for embalming dead bodies and for making the place smell good. I think Nic was bringing an offering of love, a proof of his devotion to Jesus, and probably a sign of his remorse for his timidity in the past.

I believe that Nicodemus did become a believer of Jesus and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. The Word doesn't say this for sure, but Nic's actions in John 7 and 19 make me believe that he made the right decision concerning Jesus. What do you think?

Ranger Bob

Remembering John MacArthur (1939–2025)

July 15, 2025

by: Crossway



“Everything that is truly precious to us as Christians is in heaven. . . . The hope of heaven should fill us with a joy of anticipation that loosens any grip this transitory world might have on our hearts.”

—John MacArthur, *The Glory of Heaven*

Remembering John MacArthur

Through his verse-by-verse expository preaching and his extensive writing ministry, John MacArthur cemented his reputation as an unyielding advocate for biblical truth. We thank God as we look back on his life and ministry, recognizing the impact he made on evangelical Christianity through decades of faithful service to the church. Below you'll find a collection of articles and videos containing some of MacArthur's teaching through the years. Today we join the abundance of Christians around the world expressing gratitude to the Lord for his servant John MacArthur (1939–2025).

The Crossway Podcast: What It Takes to Persevere as a Pastor for Over 50 Years

In this podcast episode recorded in 2019, John MacArthur articulated what it looks like to remain faithful as a pastor. He explained why it seems like pastoral failure and burnout are more common than ever, why pastors should avoid “yes men” at all costs, and what he learned from over five decades of ministry at Grace Community Church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOW38V8aMUQ&t=3s>

A shepherd's legacy: My tribute to Pastor John MacArthur

Dr. Meno Kalisher | July 15, 2025 ([allisraelnews.com](https://www.allisraelnews.com))

Yesterday, I received the news that Pastor John MacArthur had gone to be with the Lord. Though I didn't know him personally in my youth, his teachings influenced me deeply, and years later, I was privileged to know him as a teacher and mentor. His life, theology, and unwavering faithfulness to God's Word left a profound impact – not only on me, but on generations of pastors and Bible teachers across the world.

Hearing the name long before meeting the man

My first awareness of Pastor MacArthur began in my teenage years in Israel. My father, a Holocaust survivor, had once visited a church in Los Angeles, where he shared his testimony. It was during that visit that I first heard about this prominent congregation – and about the pastor whose name was spoken with reverence: John MacArthur.

I remember coming home from school one day to find a guest sitting with my parents in the living room. I didn't know who he was at the time, but years later I realized that the guest had been Pastor MacArthur. That early brush with his presence made an impression – even if I didn't fully grasp it yet.

Finding solid ground through his teaching

As I grew in my faith and eventually became a pastor, I did so without the benefit of formal theological education in my early years. I was dependent on the insights of others and the resources available to me.

****go to [allisraelnews.com](https://www.allisraelnews.com) and in the search window, type John MacArthur to read the rest of this story and see others as well.**

James Dobson

James Dobson, author and child psychologist who told millions of evangelicals how to raise children and order their families, died on August 21 at the age of 89. Dobson believed in strict-but-loving discipline and obedience, which he held out as the antidote to America's cultural permissiveness and slide toward moral chaos and social disorder.

The founder of Focus on the Family, Dobson wrote more than a dozen books, including *Dare to Discipline*, *Parenting Isn't for Cowards*, and *The Strong-Willed Child*, and answered questions on radio programs broadcast on thousands of stations across the United States.

Information via [Christianity Today](#) (much more information online)

Notes From Ranger Bob **Servant/Pastor**



“N”

NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)

The Outreach Team would like to again thank the Saints of New Life Family Worship Center for their prayers, support, and contributions to NLOT- New Life Outreach Team.

“L”

Ron Martens, Curtis Drake, and Chris Davis continue to be faithful warriors for the Outreach Team. It can be scary at times, but almost always rewarding, exciting, and even fun.

“O”

If God is urging you to participate and/or contribute to NLOT, please don't hesitate. It is a very rewarding experience. Don't be afraid to answer God's urgings and use the spiritual gift He has given you to further His Kingdom.

“T”

New people have contributed money this past summer, and this has enabled NLOT to help more families with food, diapers, formula, and other household expenses. With the help of other local agencies like We Care and the Salvation Army, we are able to help with clothes and utility assistance. It is exciting and rewarding to meet people, pray for their needs, invite them to a relationship with Jesus, and to help meet some of their needs. It never gets tiring or boring.

Ranger Bob, Pastor/Servant for the Lord

thanks

• **New Life Kids/Students**

Our Wednesday night youth ministries, New Life Kids (3 years old - if potty trained - through 5th grade) and New Life Students (6th through 12th grades), kicked off to a great start on August 13th! The evening starts at 5:30pm and runs until 7:30pm. Children are learning the Word of God, engaging in Praise & Worship of Almighty God, enjoying fresh, hot food, constructing relevant craft projects, playing fun games and fellowshiping with one another. Here are several photos of our first fun theme night, "Camouflage Night" on August 20th (Fun theme nights occur once a month). It's not too late to join us - attend anytime and bring all your friends!



What's Coming Up For the Kids?

• **New Life Kids/Students**

Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30PM

• **New Life Kids Theme Night-Football Night**

Wednesday, Sept. 17th from 5:30-7:30PM. Kids-We will see you here in your best football gear!

• **New Life Kids' Harvest Festival**

Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30PM



Praises, Progress & Projects

- **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 men and women. If there is a child that needs a special hat, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

- **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>.

- **Providing Peace-Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Three years ago, the Prayer Shawl Ministry made its first appearance at NLFWC. The pattern and concept is a simple one – knit 3 stitches – purl 3 stitches – representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A prayer is lifted with each stitch created, and the finished shawl is then covered by a special prayer/blessing delivered by Pastor Steve. To date, we have been given the opportunity to present 114 shawls with the hope that the recipients have experienced peace, comfort, love and joy from them. If you know of someone who is in need of tangible proof of God's love and would like that individual to receive a shawl, please contact JoAnn Mazza at (706) 974-9525.

A mini off-shoot of the shawl ministry are the prayer scarves – same idea – smaller version. They are on a shelf near the Information Center for anyone to take as needed or desired.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry praises God for the many blessings and successes in this ministry. We are grateful for your support and prayers. We also much appreciate the generous yarn donations we have received. Currently, we are overstocked with yarn and cannot accept any more at this time. We will let the church know when this situation changes. Again, thank you for your support, love, and blessings!!! God is good...all the time!!

- **Gone Fishing**



Our friends in Ukraine are trying their best to continue ministry. Last week they had a camp for special needs children and families. We were able to send \$1,000 to rent horses and to give the volunteers a time of refreshment for themselves after camp.

We have been filling in at a few churches in our area while pastors go on vacation. Something new and exciting that has happened in the last year is the small school high schools that have invited Paul to speak at Fellowship of Christian Athletes clubs. When he gets there, he finds out it's an all school assembly. He has been able to share the gospel in public school! Our love to the church! - Paul & Pam Chinikidiadi

- **We Care Pregnancy Center**



The We Care Pregnancy Center is very grateful for the support we receive from New Life Family Worship Center. We are honored to be your Mission of the Month for September 2025.

Located in Benson, We Care Pregnancy Center provides essential services to women and families in our local community who are facing unplanned pregnancies and need resources like free pregnancy tests, diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby clothes, car seats, pregnancy and parenting classes and more. We offer a safe, nonjudgmental place to share feelings and concerns during what can be a confusing time. All services are free to our clients. We offer hope, guidance and encouragement through Christ-centered care. We ask our clients if we can pray with and for them.

Our Mission Statement:

We Care Pregnancy Center offers compassionate and confidential guidance to men and women facing unplanned pregnancies by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support.

We acknowledge that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection. We are committed to sharing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus offers unconditional love, forgiveness, and the offer of salvation that every individual needs.

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We thank New Life Family Worship for partnering with us to help serve families with love, compassion and whatever support they need.

If you would like more information about our services, have a desire to volunteer with us or are interested in our upcoming events or making a donation, please talk with Pamela Martens or Anita Choate.

• **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**



It's that time of year again! Our Church is partnering with Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child. This ministry shares the love of Jesus with children around the world by delivering shoebox gifts filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys - along with the hope of the Gospel. Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, reminding children that they are seen, valued and deeply loved by Him.

Join us as we pack shoeboxes and take part in spreading joy and the Good News to the ends of the earth. If you would like to be part of this mission, there are multiple ways to participate. We have an online build-a-shoebox link where you can purchase a shoebox for a child, we have a donation jar accessible in the foyer and we have shoeboxes available in the foyer for you to take home and pack.

<https://www.newlifebenson.com/events/samaritans-purse-operation-christmas-child/2025-08-27>

We are also accepting donations for the New Life Kids Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 5th. Donations can be placed in the box in the foyer.

Some items we are in need of are;

- Colored pencils
- Ink pens
- Scissors
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Glue sticks (no liquid glues allowed)
- Toothbrushes (no toothpaste or soap allowed)
- Hairbrushes
- Socks
- Flip flops
- Small/drawstring backpacks
- Small water bottles

Shoeboxes will need to be back at church by November 9th.

Thank you for giving with a joyful heart! -Brittany Crawford

• **Wycliff Bible Translators, Inc.**

Karl Rogers said thank you to everyone for the online "Happy Birthday" wishes and shared this update:

We went to south Serbia to a meat festival called Roštilijada pronounced Roshtilliyada. It was a good day! My parents are visiting from Sierra Vista and this is our last weekend before the kids start school on Monday. So it was refreshing to have some fun. Miss you guys and pay you've all been blessed. It's nice seeing what's happening virtually. We're going to be sending a newsletter out soon.



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July & August Event Highlights



In case you missed it, July 4th was celebrated on June 29th and the New Life Kids Praise Team played a big part!



Aubrey Moon was baptized on July 6th.

New Life Women's Fellowship



On July 12th, Jennifer Lundberg showed us how to make homemade cards



Marsha Robertson hosted the Fellowship on August 23rd at her home. We played several games that helped us get to know each other better...and smile a lot, too.



Tim Stacy was baptized on July 13th!



Kids Praise Team singing "This Little Light of Mine" on July 27th.



Hal & Beth Hansen, previously with Ethnos 360, spoke during their visit on August 3rd



Michael Crawford

Baptized on August 3rd—



Brittany Crawford

And.....the rest of the Crawford family-see page 12

More July & August Event Highlights

Also baptized on August 3rd with mom & dad -



Mikayla



Caitlin



Angus



The NL Kids Praise Team sang "My God is So Big" during Sunday service on August 24, 2025.

What's Happening in September?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**

- **We Care Pregnancy Center**

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- **Church Ministry of the Month**

- **Baptism Assistants**

- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

- All meetings are in the library -
Tuesdays at noon and again at 5:00pm, Fridays at noon

- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**

- Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library

- **"Fundamentals of Faith" Class**

- Sundays after the AM service

- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

- Tuesday mornings at 10:00am we meet in the church library. Please join us-Everyone welcome.

- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**

- BIBLE** Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 10th from 10:00-12:15AM



- **New Life Kids/Students**

- Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30PM

- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**

- Fridays**-Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at 9:00AM. Please watch for updates.

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- **Grandparents' Day**

Sunday, September 7th



- **Hospitality Meeting**

Sunday, September 7th after church

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

Join us on Sunday, September 7th after the PM service. Destination-Wendy's!!



- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Monday, September 8th 10:00AM

See page 9 for more info.

- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, September 8th at 6:00PM

- **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, September 13th at 7:30AM. Don't forget to bring sons, grandsons, friends, etc.!!



- **Family Fall Festival by We Care Pregnancy Center**

Saturday, September 13th from 3pm-7pm at Lions Park

Food trucks, Bounce house, 3-legged race, puppet show & more

Adults-\$15/Seniors-\$10/Kids 4+-\$5/3 & under FREE/Family of 4+-\$25

- **New Life Kids Theme Night-Football Night**

Wednesday, Sept. 17th from 5:30-7:30PM

Kids-We will see you here in your best football gear!



- **New Life Women's Fellowship**

Saturday, September 20th from 10AM-12PM at church.

Beth Rowekamp will host & will show us ladies how to make a journal! Sign up in the foyer!

- **Wedding Reception**

Saturday, September 27th at 1:00PM at church



Tyris and Emily Lundberg were married in a private ceremony on July 23rd. Please join us for a reception so we can celebrate this beautiful union together!



A little note on gifts,

Your presence at our reception is the greatest gift you can give us. However should you wish to honor us with a gift, please keep in mind we will be living in a camper so we will be limited on space. We are registered on Amazon under Emily Hageman.

Thank you,

Tyris & Emily



- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance**

Sunday, September 28th during Fellowship at 10:30AM

**Date subject to change



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- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, September 29th 6:00PM

What's Happening in October?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**

- **Operation Christmas Child**



The Samaritan's Purse project **Operation Christmas Child** collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. **See page 10 for what you can do to help!!

- **Church Ministry of the Month**

Benevolence!!

- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**

Fridays-October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st at 9:00AM. Please watch for updates.

- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**

Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library



- **"Fundamentals of Faith" Class**

Sundays after the AM service

- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

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- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**

BIBLE Wednesdays, from 10:00-12:15AM



- **No New Life Kids/Students**

Wednesday Oct. 1st & 8th due to Fall Break

- **Intended Hope-4th Annual Banquet**

Friday, Oct. 3rd (more info to come)

First Baptist Church, 983 S Ocotillo, Benson

- **Hospitality Meeting**

Sunday, October 5th after AM service

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

Sunday, October 5th after the PM Service-Burger King



- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Monday, October 6th at 10:00AM.

See page 9 for more info.

- **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, October 11th at 7:30AM. Don't forget to bring sons, grandsons, friends, etc.!!



- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, October 13th at 6:00PM

- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance**

Sunday, October 26th during Fellowship at 10:30AM

**Date subject to change

- **Elders Meeting**

Monday, October 27th at 6:00PM

- **New Life Kids' Harvest Festival**

Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30PM



- **New Life Women's Fellowship**

October date TBD

Celebrations

September Birthdays

- Kinsler Walz - 1st
- Brady Beeler - 2nd
- Mike Cox - 3rd
- Jovani Murphy - 3rd
- Ryan Manzo, Jr. - 9th
- Roger Choate - 11th
- Scotty Lingenfelter-13th
- Samantha Coleman-15th
- Anita Guild - 16th
- Barb Nastal - 16th
- Gideon Seidel - 16th
- Kaiden Lundberg - 19th
- Gage Strouse - 20th
- Brittany Crawford - 21st
- Allona Goeglein - 22nd
- Raven Cesolini - 22nd
- Tammy Groves - 22nd
- Stella Gregory - 23rd
- Ryker Mason - 23rd
- Violet Cluff - 24th
- Daniel Munro - 25th
- Ronald Martens - 25th
- Daniel Munro - 25th
- Aubrey Aker - 26th
- Dennis McAndrew-27th
- Donna Shull - 30th
- Jordan Ronquillo - 30th

September Anniversaries

- Scott & Kirsty Lingenfelter - 7th
- Garrett & Lauren Medeiros - 9th
- Steve & Nicki Medeiros - 25th
- Will & Patty Tompkins - 27th

October Birthdays

- Esther Goeglein - 3rd
- Gavin Strouse - 4th
- Michael Crawford - 4th
- Jayden Castagno - 4th
- Hannah Walz - 5th
- Doug Miller - 8th
- Janelle Farmer - 10th
- Beau Skaarer - 11th
- Sue Dupee - 13th
- Jim Howard - 13th
- Christian Hamlin - 14th
- Ken Kehn - 15th
- Leo Horney - 17th
- Elizabeth Lercher - 20th
- Solomon Carrillo - 20th
- Joanna Rogers - 21st
- Curtis Dupee - 22nd
- Ron Graves - 22nd
- Victoria McAndrew -22nd
- Kennedy Nichols - 23rd
- Julia Coleman - 23rd
- Bill Anderson - 24th
- Mike Steel - 24th
- Kayti Plumley - 24th
- Bill Goldsmith - 25th
- Guenter Detweiler-26th
- Laney Warner - 27th
- Maeve Smith - 27th
- Korrah Patterson-27th
- Riley Doot - 28th

October Anniversaries

- John & Phyllis Ellis - 3rd
- Bill & Sue Dupee - 6th
- Drew & Marti Moehlau - 14th
- Roger & Anita Choate - 19th
- Arthur & Terry Hauzer - 24th
- Joe & Barbara Nastal - 31st

September Memory Verse

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matt. 5:14

October Memory Verse

⁸ Zion hears and is glad.

Psalm 97:8

Why did the people take the remote button from the bear???

Because he kept pushing the “paw” button.



Where does the cougar kitten keep her personal stuff??

In her purrrrr...se.

Why did the horse call 911?

“Because I fell and I can’t giddy up.”

What did the dad buffalo say to the son when he went off to college?

“Bison”



Donated by Marsha Robertson (and her grandkids)

Recipes to Share

Green Chile Gravy

(Recipe shared by Janie Howard)

Ingredients:

- 12 oz. bulk pork sausage
- 1 cup Hatch green chile, roasted, peeled, seeded, and chopped
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 c. whole milk
- 1/2 c. half-and-half cream
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper



1. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook sausage until brown and cooked through. Add green chile and flour and stir until meat is coated.
2. Slowly stir in milk, half-and-half, and crushed red pepper. Cook, whisking until gravy is thick and bubbling. Add more milk if it is too thick. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately, garnishing with additional green chile if desired.
3. Generously ladle over fresh biscuits, sourdough toast, eggs, and/or sausage patties.

JoJo's Biscuits

(Recipe shared by Janie Howard)

Ingredients:

- 4 c. self-rising flour, plus more for the work surface
- 2 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda

- 2 large eggs, beaten, plus 1 large egg for brushing
- 1-1/2 c. buttermilk, or as needed, plus 1 Tbsp. for brushing
- 3/4 pound (3 sticks) salted butter, cold, cut into 1/2-inch pieces or grated



1. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and baking soda. Add the butter and use a pastry blender to cut the butter into the flour until the pieces are even and about the size of peas.
2. Stir in the beaten eggs with a wooden spoon until combined. Stir in 1-1/2 c. buttermilk until the dough comes together into a sticky mass. If it is too dry, add more buttermilk 1 Tbsp. at a time, mixing after each addition, until it reaches the correct consistency. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to overnight.
3. Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
4. Scrape the dough onto a floured work surface. Use your floured hands to press it into a round, roughly 14 inches across and about 1/2 inch thick.
5. Use a floured 2-3/4 inch round cutter to cut out about 20 biscuits. If necessary, collect and pat out the scraps to cut more biscuits.
6. Transfer the biscuits to the prepared baking sheet, arranging them so that they are all touching.
7. In a small dish, beat together the remaining egg and 1 Tbsp. buttermilk. Brush the mixture on top of the biscuits.
8. Bake until golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Let cool slightly in the pan on a rack.
9. Biscuits are best the day they are made (and ideally fresh out of the oven!). Serve with gravy (or jam), if desired. Store leftovers in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 days.

Makes about 20 biscuits.

NOTE: For longer storage, arrange the biscuits about 1/2 inch apart on two parchment-paper-lined baking sheets and freeze until solid. Transfer them to a zip-top plastic bag and freeze for up to 2 weeks. There is no need to thaw them before baking.

Soft Pumpkin Cookies

(Shared by Jennifer Lundberg)

Ingredients

2-1/2 c. flour	1-1/2 c. sugar
1 tsp. baking soda	1 stick softened butter
1 tsp. baking powder	1 c. pumpkin
1/2 tsp. salt	1 egg
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. nutmeg	



Preheat oven to 350°. Grease cookie sheets. In medium bowl combine all dry ingredients except the sugar. Beat sugar and butter in mixer bowl until well blended. Add in the rest of wet ingredients, beat until smooth. Gradually beat in the dry ingredients until combined.

Drop by rounded tablespoon onto cookie sheet. Bake 15-18 minutes or until edges are firm. Leave on cookie sheet for two minutes, then move to cooling rack and let cool completely before drizzling with the glaze.

Glaze

Whisk 2 c. sifted powdered sugar, 3 Tbsp. milk, 1 Tbsp. melted butter, 1 tsp. vanilla and a good sprinkle of cinnamon until smooth. If too thick, add a little milk until the drizzle consistency is the way you like it!

NOTE: This recipe is from Libby's, and you can substitute whole wheat flour.

Craft Time-Wax Dipped Fall Leaves

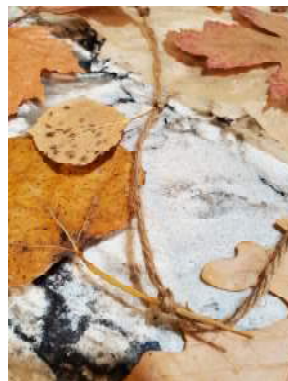
(Shared by Jennifer Lundberg)

Gather a variety of dry leaves that are showing their Fall color. Place beeswax or soy wax in a small crockpot or create a double boiler using an old pan or small disposable aluminum pan. Carefully dip leaves, holding the stem, and allow the excess wax to drip off before placing on parchment paper. Once dry, place in small decorative dishes around the house, share with friends, add to Fall décor like wreaths, or make a simple twine and leaf garland to hang up around your home.

For the garland, choose length of twine to suit the area where you are hanging it. Space out several knots in the twine that you will then stick the leaf stems into for hanging. You could also add pieces of ribbon or fabric scraps to dress it up more!

You can find both types of wax at Hobby Lobby. The beeswax pastilles are \$14.99 for a pound; they also have 1 oz. blocks for \$2.49. Soy flakes are \$10.99 for 2 pounds. They also go on sale often! Small crockpots can be found at thrift stores for a great price.

Melting candles or using paraffin is not a healthy choice as it is derived from petroleum, coal and shale oil. They both release the carcinogens toluene and benzene and have been known to cause cancer, kidney disease, birth defects and respiratory issues.





Planting Your Prayer Seed: The Mustard Seed (Matthew 17:20)

Prayer - Pumpkin - Faith - Seed - Blessing - Trust

Grow - Garden - Jesus - Love - Ask - Hope

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Seeking a Backup AV Volunteer!

Your Skills Can Make a Difference on Sunday Mornings

Are you looking for a new way to serve and connect with our church community? We need your help! Our Audio/Visual (AV) Ministry is seeking a reliable and willing volunteer to serve as a backup for our AV team.

Who We're Looking For

We need someone with:



- A basic familiarity with computers
- Comfort using Microsoft PowerPoint
- An interest in supporting the church behind the scenes
- A heart to learn and serve

No Experience? No Problem!

Don't worry if you've never run the AV booth before—full training will be provided! You'll learn everything you need to know, from setting up slides to basic troubleshooting, and you'll always have support from our experienced team.

Why Volunteer in AV?

- Be a vital part of worship each week
- Use your technical skills in service of our congregation
- Gain new friends and learn something new
- Enjoy the satisfaction of making Sunday mornings run smoothly

Interested?

If you're interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or speak with a member of the AV team after service. We would love to welcome you and train you for this important role!

Your gift of time and willingness to learn will bless our entire church family. Thank you for considering joining the AV team!



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CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE?

- **Nursery helpers & Children's Church teachers**-Sign up sheet for nursery helpers is in the foyer & nursery. See Kathy Simko if any questions.
- **New Life Kids/Students**-Want to help with this special program? If so, please see Kathy Simko.
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)** wants you to join them in reaching out to bless those in the community and church. **See page 10** for more information. If you are interested, see Bob Medeiros.
- **Sign up to bring goodies for Java Cup!** Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **Any ideas?**
Do you feel called to serve in any other way? Please don't hesitate to let us know!

We Need You!!!

In Need of Any Special Services?

- **Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICaP) (tel:520-459-8146)**

The *Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program* is a non-profit organization providing services to the elderly, disabled and home-bound residents of Sierra Vista and nearby rural communities in Cochise County. These services are provided free of charge by trained volunteers from faith congregations, community organizations and local businesses. Our goal is to help our neighbors continue to live independently and maintain their quality of life. The *Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program* (VICaP) provides vital transportation services to the elderly, disabled and homebound residents throughout Cochise County. Rides are provided as far into Tucson as NW Hospital, as far East as Bowie/San Simon, as far South as Douglas, and as far North as Safford.

Requests for transportation services must be arranged through the VICaP office in advance. *All Neighbors must be registered with VICaP prior to scheduling services.* Please fill out/sign the Neighbor Agreement AND Neighbor Registration forms, located on our website, under the Request Services tab, or call the VICaP office at **520-459-8146**, Monday-Friday, between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or email vicapsvaz@gmail.com to request the registration packet.

Our goal is to provide a complete array of services for the elderly, disabled, and home-bound residents of Cochise County by partnering/cooperating with other service organizations. If VICaP does not provide a particular requested service, we will make every effort to provide a referral to an organization that can."

<https://www.volunteerinterfaithcaregiverprogram.org/>

- **Benson Area Transit (BAT) (tel: 520-586-9406)**

Benson Area Transit is operated by the City of Benson. All vehicles are wheelchair accessible and operated in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City of Benson receives funding for Benson Area Transit from SEAGO Area Agency on Aging Grant and ADOT 5311 Rural Transit Grant. The curb to curb scheduled ride bus service is designed for seniors 60+ and eligible disabled who have a documented disability that prevents use of our regular fixed route bus stops. This service does not offer same day appointments.

Seniors and mobility limited riders interested in this program should complete a registration form at these links and return your form to the Benson Transit Office located in the Public Works Department of City Hall:

Go to https://www.bensonaz.gov/community/benson_area_transit/bat_dial-a-ride_service.php & click on
LINK: [Scheduled Rides Registration Form](#)

Benson Area Transit serves Benson, Pomerene, J-Six/Mescal and St. David areas.

Benson Area Transit Scheduled Ride Service operates Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (no Holidays or week-ends).

SCHEDULED RIDE FARES:

SINGLE RIDE FOR SENIORS 60 PLUS OR ELIGIBLE DISABLED \$2.00

MONTHLY PASS FOR SENIORS 60 PLUS OR ELIGIBLE DISABLED \$15.00

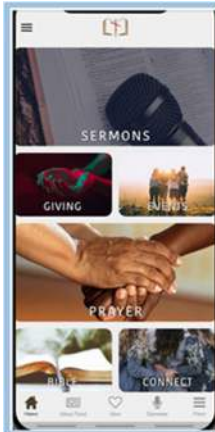
Scheduled Ride Monthly Pass can be purchased at the City of Benson Finance Department or from your driver.

Benson Area Transit is operated by the City of Benson. All vehicles are wheelchair accessible and operated in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Civil Right Act of 1964, Benson Area Transit does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin or gender. Information for non-English or alternative formats is available upon request. TTY (520) 586-3624.



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- Access the complete Bible
- CONNECT and volunteer

The **NLFWC's app** has many benefits, particularly for those that want to keep in touch from a distance. And that includes listening to our podcasts via Bluetooth Audio in your vehicles. Here are steps for finding them to the left.

Please note that the Prayer Wall is not regularly updated as the focus is on the written list that everyone, including non-techies, can use. However, all requests posted here are communicated with the office, so they will be forwarded to the prayer chain, if desired, or added to the weekly list. To get the app, follow the instructions below or see Deb Zink.

A primary feature of the app is the SERMONS feature, which enables users to follow along with the outline that is in the app, fill in blanks, take notes, and access all referenced Scripture.

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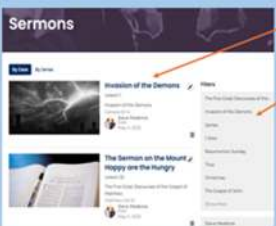
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2-Click on desired message. Note that to the right, you can specify what series or speaker you want to see.



3-Under the YouTube video, you can open a copy of the Outline, a Study Guide (also new), or the Podcast.

See Deb if any questions/comments

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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

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The **church directory** is an online directory and to be included in it, information from all participants, including an email address, is required. Please note that your email address can be hidden and therefore not available to everyone that accesses the directory. It is only required for your access. If you want to be in the directory, please see Deb Zink. To get the app, follow the steps in the picture to the left.

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 Dupee-Survivor and Cochise County Victim Advocate

520.977.3870

azemcnc@gmail.com

- **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. Check out our website at a1portapots.com for photos and other information.

- **Pet Sitting Provider**



Going on vacation or have an emergency and need someone to care for a house pet, horse, goats, or ??? Stella Gregory is your person—give her a call at 520.208.0017 for information.

- **Volunteers Needed**



Volunteers are needed for the **DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Thrift Store** in Benson. If you are interested, please see Nicki Medeiros or Vicki King.

Websites of Interest

1. ***New Life Family Worship Center: Sermons and lessons:*** <https://www.youtube.com/user/NewLifeBenson>
2. ***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.
3. ***Samaritan Ministries:*** <https://www.samaritanministries.org/> Not insurance but Christian Sharing!!! Help brothers and sisters in Christ with their medical needs.
4. ***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.
5. ***Bible Gateway:*** <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Great source for all of your Bible needs and searches.
6. ***Christian Radio Stations-Benson, Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Willcox and Tucson:*** K-love: <http://www.klove.com/>
The Spark: <http://kwrbr.org/>

Comments/suggestions welcome - Did we miss your birthday? Anniversary? Is your name misspelled?

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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