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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, here we go again. The end of the year brings us to another newsletter. And even though I like to tease about having to write two {long, onerous, highly taxing} articles [LOL]. I think we should acknowledge the great job Deb does with the Newsletter. Full of interesting stuff and information we are fortunate to have her dedication to the task at hand. And you know what – we got a lot of folks like that at New Life. Folks that go above and beyond in everything they do. You should be congratulated for a job well-done. CONGRATULATIONS!

As we close out the year, I look back on what has happened and it brings a smile to my face. We've weathered some storms and come out of them stronger and more determined than ever. Remember the series of Baptisms we had after a strong testimony of God's reconciling grace? Our Father so dearly loves us, and when we honor Him, He honors us.

Our VBS program was again a huge success with the best attendance we have ever had and many, many professions of faith. And our New Life Kids Praise Team continues to be a hit with everyone. They are the best. Our Sunday evening Fellowship has grown, and attendance has stayed steady at all our other meetings. Of equal importance in the furtherance of God's Kingdom, you have done a great job of being cheerful givers. The tithe this year surpassed forecasts, as God again blessed us in that area of our ministry. Remember 1/10 of all you give supports our missions' programs.

Of great importance is the growth I have seen in our Body of believers spiritually. Our studies have been conducive to a closer walk with God, and I believe we are moving in the right direction. This is evidenced by some really quality people joining our Fellowship this year. May we continue to seek His face and reflect His image daily.

God bless and see ya in 2026.

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and the Lord***

**If you want to help our church
and our missions grow, there are
options available on our website:**

- "Give Online Now" button allows one time or set up of recurring giving
- Crypto/Stock Option-A new way to give on the website
- Text Giving - Simply text the word "GIVE" to 844.879.5964 (Instructions on site)
- You will find access to mobile-giving via the Church App with links to the app stores

newlifebenson.com/give



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

2 Cor. 9:7

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Words From the Word #49

From Matthew 5:11 – teaching the last beatitude Jesus says, “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.” The Greek word for revile is *oneidizo*. It literally means to cast in one’s teeth. To cast in one’s teeth. In other words, it’s to throw something in your face, it is what it is. It’s used in the crucifixion of Christ in Matthew 27:44. They cast in His teeth. They mocked Him. They made fun of Him. They reviled Him. They scorned Him. It’s to abuse somebody with vile, vicious, mocking words. That’s essentially what it means. So we not only are going to be chased out of the groups we used to be in. Not only that, but there are also going to be people who are going to speak evil of us, they’re going to say things about us, they’re going to use unkind words when our name comes up. They did it with Jesus. They said, “Ah, He hangs around with prostitutes and tax collectors,” and so forth. So if you’re going to live the Beatitude life, you’ve got to be willing to be persecuted and reviled, and there are going to be some people who are going to say unkind things about you. Some people you may even care about.

From Acts 1:8 – “you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” “You shall be *mou martyres*.” My what? “Martyrs.” There’s a price to pay to follow Jesus.

From Daniel 7:9 - Let’s go to that coronation scene of Jesus Christ, “I watched till thrones were” – and literally in the Aramaic – we’re still in Aramaic for a little while here [chapter 8 and beyond will be in Hebrew]– “I watched/beheld till the thrones were thrown down” – literally cast down – “And the Ancient of Days was seated, His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire. ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.”

Now, I want you to see this part, “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated” Now listen, that’s a fascinating insight. Do you see that little verb “thrones were put in place?” Some versions translate that “thrown down”. And thus, some people think that means that this is the destruction of a throne. But not at all.

If you were to go into an Arab country today, you go into the Middle East today, and this occurred in the Middle East – in fact, it occurred east of the Middle East, not far from India – but if you were to go into that part of the world today, and some very, very important person – a king, a shah, a sheik or whoever, even an ayatollah were to appear, you would find that his throne was cast down in this sense: cushion and pillows would be thrown down as the place where he would sit. This is oriental fashion. A throne is established, and the Ancient of Days takes His place on that throne. Also, you see the term “Ancient of Days used here several times. Ancient of Days, *attiq yomayya*. This simply has to do with one who is old in age. That’s all it means, one who is old in age. You could even translate it, believe it or not, the Old One. The Old One. But I really believe it’s a biblical reference to God’s eternalness. And the one who is eternal is none other than God Himself, the eternal God who sits in judgment.

The Editor forgot to include this picture in the last newsletter. In October we celebrated “Pastor Appreciation” but we should show our appreciation for our Teacher/Preacher more often, right?!?!



Prayer Requests**as of December 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-husband, Gene, swollen eye-shingles diagnosis uncertain; Ron's mom, Henny-salvation; Ron's sister, Denise, needs a kidney transplant; prayers for church & spiritual attack; her brother, Vin-facing many trials with job loss; unspoken; prayers for daughter, Em-maline, to make a good decision; her sister, Kat, has pneumonia again

Brother Steve – 82 yr. old brother, Ray-salvation; prayers for revival & that God be glorified; those he counsels-prayers for wisdom; Israel; prayers for Ashley Berryhill; prayers for separated military members & their families during holiday; request from Arlene in Crystal River, FL-numerous needs for God's intervention and peoples' lives; prayers for Charlotte

Becky Schmidlin-nephew-in-law, Wayne-very ill; friend, Scott-cancer is back & he is getting radiation

Barb Nastal-prayers for Joe, necessary burn care, recovery after surgery, & Barb as she cares for him; Joe has infection in ankle, is getting PET scan, continued prayers for Barb & Joe; recovery for Barb after spraining her back

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

Adele Roberts-she and Robin have bad colds

Marsha Robertson-broken marriages;

Nicki Medeiros-unspoken; prayers for Debbie at DAV; Nicki's sister, Gloria

Renee Cox-prayers for purchase of her dad's home & the estate-multiple lookers recently; her step-sister, Kathy going through hard times after parents passed away; Mom, Bea-continue prayers for her & for her & Mike about decisions on her care, is in Quibirri, heart issue; prayers for Renee-health recovery

Kristin Hicks-prayers for Amanda Tucker & family; prayers for Amanda Tucker's daughter, Oakley, who had a seizure, went to ER, & tested positive for flu; a dear friend, Frank Troncale has had trouble with his legs, several falls & went to ER with severe chest pain, 4 cracked ribs, prayers for healing and finding underlying cause of weak legs.

Margaret Bohmfalk-prayers for grandkids

Chris Davis-don't be afraid to share your faith

Jan Davis-prayers for Terry Hauzer due to much weight loss, not well

Valinda Turrell-prayers for son, Sean-spiritual direction;

niece, Vanessa-seizures, prayers they find cause; her niece is requesting prayer; prayers for employees at lower Circle K; prayers as Valinda gets liver scan on Jan. 7th & sees gall bladder specialist on Jan. 20th

Kim Martindale-Husband, Marty, is at Quiburi for follow-up rehab after hospitalization. Prayers for God's care for his multiple serious medical conditions; prayers for daughter-in-law, Tina, for God's care and healing during her bed-ridden state; salvation for sisters, Meg and Mickey; resolution to Idaho family's trials; God's strength and peace for Kim in her caregiving for Marty.

Judith Herrera-son, Jay in PHX is in remission from leukemia, keep in prayers; husband, Tony-keep in prayers for his lung cancer, progress will be checked in January; nephew, Junior-growth found on left side of chest; nephew in Mich. diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Ron Graves-Israel & the peace deal; prayers for our church, Pastor, Elders & country; family & spiritual attacks; unspoken, health issues for some; friend, JZ-salvation; friend, Jim Lydell-had heart attack, also prayers for salvation; prayers for Donna's struggles; Graves family is sick

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's still fighting; purity & unity for NL body; her brother, Jeff, has prostate cancer, prayers for Jeff & his wife regarding bad situation

Lynn Clary-prayers for salvation for her children

Alyssa Gustafson-family struggles, physically & spiritually; prayers for Alyssa & her relationship with God; prayers about worldly influence on 14- & 16-year-old family members

Lauren Medeiros-bone spur in foot, creating caregiving & insurance issues, prayers for healing

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

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

Steve Adams-prayers for daughter, Patti & husband, Josh, Rileigh, Kayleigh & JC-that they turn to the Lord and get saved; granddaughter, Kayleigh-continued recovery after surgery for snapped femur; his dad's in hospital, prayers for heart health & salvation

Beth Rowekamp-brother, Bill's salvation; husband, Todd's arrhythmia & Afib; prayers for her pain due to fibromyalgia

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Kris Garmon-unspoken; healing of relationships

Addie Fife-friends, Carl (significant health issues) & his wife, Joann (caregiving issues); her granddaughter, Marissa, in WA state, recently moved into a new rental home & lost all in flood, she has 3 boys and gets stress-induced seizures, are currently with Addie's daughter. Landlord had denied recurring flood issues, much to pray about.

Jim Howard-his sister in Las Cruces passed away on 12.31

Abby & Crystal Castagno-prayers that more people come to church

Anita Choate-dad, Guenter Detweiler-has COPD, dementia & is in hospice; prayers for We Care Pregnancy Center; prayers for successful sale of Tamara's AZ home; Sunshine Cesolini has breast cancer

Rebecca Mills-prayers for all youth & Satan's attacks on them; prayers for grandparents caring for Sonia Garcia's 12 yr old son, Eddie; nephew, Ricky-serious injury to foot, having surgery on it, salvation; Cooper's parents-salvation; prayers for those who choose not to go to church; prayers for Aubree & Ava Clark's mom, who is sick; families under attack; Becky's high blood pressure, peace

Tony Herrera-people of Ukraine; brother-in-law, Tim-in early stage of dementia, having side effects from medication; friend, Bill Bivens, diagnosed with prostate cancer, prayers for treatment; Tony's friend, Bill's son-in-law, Tim-prayers for emotional issues; granddaughter, Rosie-prayers for repentance & return to her Lord

Lundberg family-please pray for our son Xander to return to the Lord, for his safety and that our family be reconciled; Please continue to pray over the adoption of my nephew Brandon Hanna into the Murdock family and a hedge of protection over them all

Bob Medeiros-son, Nicholas-unspoken; challenges at pregnancy centers; his son, Gabriel-reconciliation; prayers for salvation for Christopher & his friend, Jose, who has suicidal thoughts; pray for Mark-a homeless man in Tucson; homeless man, Jacob; his daughter, Rachel, recovery after stroke; Bob is having cataract surg. in January

Brittany Crawford-family friend, Jair Epp-epilepsy, seizures have progressed to grand-mal seizures; extended family member, Faye-stage 2 breast cancer; prayers for Hyde family in St. David-lost everything in fire; Mike's friend & his pregnant wife are sick

Michael Crawford-Family friend hospitalized due to epilepsy induced hallucinations and paranoia; his cousin has

Hodgkins Lymphoma; salvation for a new guy in his company

Barbara Vander Leest-granddaughter, Ashley-prayers about trials & hopeful good decisions; Barbara begins radiation in January

Esther Goddard-her fiancé, Butch, is feeling down, prayers for upcoming surgery; prayers for RV to sell so she can buy a van with lift, special wheelchair

Marti Moehlau-grandson, Doug-prayers for legal battle; friend, Kelly-passed away from cancer, prayers for comfort for husband, Leon, & son, Cody; friend, Lura-recovery from serious spinal injury

Ashley Van Wart-her friend, Hannah Walz-her dad, John, has tumor in his lung, started chemo; Emily Davis, senior at Benson High, & president of the Bible club-auto immune disease is attacking her lungs, chemo not working, she's asking for a miracle

Abby Cochran-prayers as she prepares to go Cochise College in Spring for EMT Training

Curtis Drake-prayers for Karl & Joanna Rogers & their mission with Wycliffe in Serbia; prayers for Campus Crusade & efforts to bring Bibles to Africa

Mike Cox-unspoken; prayers for Renee's wellbeing, & Bea Sarah Widman-husband, Daniel-salvation and safety for both in jobs in law enforcement

Janie Howard-2 unspokens

Vicki King-unsaved loved ones; prayers for sister-in-law's sister who had a stroke, is in hospital; Vicki's sister, Nancy Stokes, has bleeding ulcers

Michael Shambaugh-his grandmother passed on 12.13-prayers for comfort

Deb Zink-prayers for grandson, Joshua

Emily Lundberg-grandfather, Rubin-in hospital with hernia, collapsed lung.

Joyce McCormack-Mom, Karren Meier, is sick, also safe travels for Karren's return trip home

Donna Goldsmith-she is sick

PRAISES

Giving thanks for our church & where we live!

Janie Howard-praise that an unspoken prayer request turned out well!

JoAnn Mazza-praise that Bob Hritz's second aneurysm surgery is done and went well!

Kim Martindale-praise for those that sang to husband, Marty, for Christmas at Quibirri since he couldn't go home as hoped.

Quote from Charles Swindoll-*"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."*

The One Word on Which Jesus Built Everything

By Will Tompkins

There's a word we don't use much anymore—at least not in a positive way. The word is *obedience*. For many, it sounds old-fashioned or restrictive, something that belongs to childhood or rule books, not to grown-up faith.

But Jesus thought differently. In fact, He built His entire message on the idea that hearing God's Word isn't enough. Life, real life, comes from *doing* what He says.

That truth is uncomfortable, but it's also freeing. Jesus wasn't calling people into joyless rule-keeping. He was offering something stronger than emotions, opinions, or good intentions. He was offering a foundation that could hold up when life's storms hit.

Most of us know His story of the wise and foolish builders. Both men listened to Jesus. Both built houses. Both faced wind and rain. The only difference—the *only* difference—was obedience. One acted on what he heard, and his house stood firm. The other didn't, and his world collapsed around him.

It's hard not to see ourselves in that picture. We live in a world filled with spiritual noise—podcasts, sermons, devotionals, posts, opinions. We hear so much. But Jesus teaches that the blessing isn't in the hearing. It's in the doing. It's in taking His words seriously enough to shape the way we speak, forgive, serve, repent, trust, and love.

If that sounds heavy, remember this: Jesus never asks us to walk a path He hasn't walked Himself. Before He ever called us to obey, *He* obeyed His Father perfectly. From the wilderness temptation to the garden anguish, Jesus kept saying, "Not My will, but Yours be done." His obedience didn't earn the Father's love—it revealed it. And through faith, His obedience becomes the hope and confidence of every believer.

That means something wonderfully freeing: our standing with God never rests on our shaky attempts at obedience. It rests on Jesus' perfect obedience, offered for us and shared with us as we trust and follow Him. We obey not to be loved, but because we already are.

Even so, Jesus never softens His call. At the end of His Sermon on the Mount, He leaves us with a question that brings the whole issue into focus—a question that exposes what kind of foundation we're really building on:

"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)

It's a searching question, yet a gracious one. It reminds us that obedience is not the enemy of freedom but the doorway into it. And it invites us, again, to hear His words—and to follow Him with all our hearts.

Hearers or Doers? Building a Life on Jesus' Words



A Word from God's Wondrous Word from Ranger Bob:

God has been speaking to Ranger Bob recently about PEACE. One of the Fruits of the Spirit, and a very valuable gift for the believer. The best and quickest way to peace is found in Proverbs 3:1-8. Especially, verse 5, which says, "TRUST in the LORD with ALL your HEART, and Lean not on you own UNDERSTANDING." Trust God, and don't depend on your own reasoning. God is faithful, good, and trustworthy. Try it, you'll like it. I love God's promise of PEACE. I sure enjoy, when I get out of His way, and get into His WAY. Have a blessed and peaceful New Year in 2026.

And remember, READ your BIBLE, BELIEVE it, and DO what it SAYS. AMEN! R.B.



One is Christlike

*Jordan Harrell offers this in her blog
(jordanharrellwriter.com)*

Genocide is biblical.

Loving your enemy is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Slavery is biblical.

Chainbreaking is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Patriarchy is biblical.

Counter-cultural elevation of women is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Retributive violence is biblical.

Grace-filled restoration is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Segregation is biblical.

Unity is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Taken from Joyful-Noiseletter, January 2026



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!

I ordered a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know what comes first.



Missions

Here at New Life, we support a variety of mission organizations both locally and globally.

Christian Cowboy Ministries of Arizona

Gone Fishin' Ministry
Paul and Pam Chinikidiadi

Intended Hope

In Faith
Bryon and Emelda Rush

San Pedro Valley Assistance League

ATEN Ministries
Sherman and Tammy Aten

We Care Pregnancy Center

OCC/Samaritan's Purse

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc.
Karl & Joanna Rogers

KWRB 90.0 Radio
(a ministry of Inspiracom)

As Pastor Steve mentioned on page 1, your gracious giving to New Life Family Worship Center supports our mission programs. Here is a list of the organizations that we/you help in their missions to serve our Lord and bring others to Him. Information about these missions is available on our website at newlifebenson.com/ministries/missions. On the following pages of this newsletter, several have provided updates in their recent activities.

Your Giving is Between You and the Lord

Giving Options

Page 2 of this newsletter lists available and convenient options for giving on our website at newlifebenson.com/give, which include:

- **"Give Online Now" button** allows one time or set up of recurring giving.
- **"Another Way to Give"**-this is NEW and allows giving with **Crypto or Stock** options. (Has the option to donate using Bitcoin or any of the other 22 supported cryptocurrencies)
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Setting Goals for Fruitful Living

Spend time alone with God in His Word, wait in silence for His guidance, and He will speak to your heart.

2 Samuel 7:18-22

Second Samuel 7 tells us that David spent time alone with God, offering praise and thanksgiving. He also listened as the Lord revealed truth and offered insight about the future. Because of the things he learned, David was able to set goals and stay aligned with them.

When was the last time you spent time in solitude with the Lord, remaining silent and listening intently for His guidance ([Psalm 46:10](#))? Ask Him to speak to you about His plans, and He will answer.

Are you unsure of how to begin? First, come before the throne of almighty God in prayer with a repentant heart, and express your praise and thanksgiving. Second, spend time each day in His Word, letting Him refine your spiritual eyes. Finally, ask Him for direction in any area of your life. Wait patiently and attentively, knowing that He will give you His wisdom. Most often His guidance is experienced as a prodding or conviction in the heart—it's a truly priceless experience.

In order to stay on the right path, we should stop, ask, and listen for guidance. And to avoid confusion, we need to check our course frequently. These conversations with the Lord are vital for a thriving and impactful life.

-taken from **IN TOUCH - DAILY READINGS FOR DEVOTED LIVING, January 2026/pg. 7**

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!!

- **We Care Pregnancy Center**



God has been providing incredible blessings for the We Care Pregnancy Center in the last few months!

Team Trivia Night on November 8th was a great success! Three fun rounds of trivia were played while appetizers, main dishes and desserts were enjoyed. The silent auction went well including the lucky person that won the beautiful gold and diamond pendant valued at \$1500. The evening's efforts raised \$8,462.80 to support We Care's important mission! Many thanks to our generous sponsors for the evening: Platinum: Tucker Construction; Gold: A1 Port-a-Pots & Septic and CNR Trucking, Cattle & Railroad; Silver: Benson Feed & Supply; and Copper: Kay Jewelers. Tucker Construction and Benson Feed also hosted Team tables at **Trivia Night** and Benson Feed won trivia rounds 2 and 3!

Our November **Baby Clothes Giveaway** helped 37 families in our local community with clothing, baby supplies, and boxes of food and necessities like toilet paper and soap. We thank *Intended Hope* for partnering with us for the food and staple boxes right before Thanksgiving.

We Care Pregnancy Center had been trying to find a way to get a larger office space so that we could add a room dedicated to providing ultrasounds. At the beginning of December we were gifted a new building that will enable us to add the ultrasound room! There were 4 other offers on this building, and our offer was accepted because *We Care* is a Faith-Based mission and we keep Jesus at the center of everything we do. In addition, *Willcox Hospital* is donating an ultrasound machine to *We Care*! It is truly awe inspiring to see God's Hand at work in all of this. We will be moving into our new building at the very end of January 2026. We were also blessed to receive sturdy wooden tables and chairs that will be used as our conference tables from the former owners of the *86 Cafe*! Blessing upon blessing upon blessing! **God is so GOOD!**

There is some construction that needs to be done before we can move into our new space at 450 N. Adams Street, Benson. Marcus Tucker of *Tucker Construction* will begin the renovations right after the New Year. He is donating labor for part of the renovation. There are still a few things that we need for the new location

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including LVP flooring, refrigerator, stackable washer/dryer (for gowns and towels used in ultrasound), a conex for storage and playground equipment. If you are able to help with any of these needs, or know someone who might be able to, please let Pamela Martens know.

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

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of our congregation this year. Because of your prayers, donations, and joyful participation, we didn't just meet our *Operation Christmas Child* goal—we exceeded it! We were able to ship out 218 boxes. Each box represents a child who will experience God's love in a tangible way and hear the hope of the Gospel. Your generosity is making an eternal impact. Of those, New Life Kids packed 102 boxes and 20 boxes were done online. Several pictures are below. And others **can be viewed on page _____**. **Thank you** for giving with a joyful heart! -Brittany Crawford



- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**



We are women of all ages who come from different churches, backgrounds, walks of life, and enjoy studying God's Word. The study group resumes on January 7th, when they will be studying "The Parables of Jesus" by Joy of Living Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-12:15pm. If any questions, please contact Donna Goldsmith at 404.402.8567. **NOTE:**

- **Christian Cowboy Ministries of Arizona (CCMA)**

We are in awe by what God did through CCMA in 2025! We had three camps, Cowgirl Bible Camp, Cowboy Bible Camp, and Rodeo Bible Camp. The two ranch camps were generously hosted by the Diamond Butte Ranch in Young, AZ where camp pastor Clay Wills provided the professionals to teach these young people the skills to work on a ranch. Our Rodeo Bible Camp was again held at the Sonoita Fairgrounds, and I have some very exciting news to relay regarding how God is still growing this camp. We had record breaking attendance - 83 campers! We were busting at the seams! However, with an increase in incredible volunteers we were able to show each individual the love of Jesus and level up their rodeo performance via all-star rodeo professionals including help from NFR familiar faces, Colter Todd and Rob Smets. In total our 2025 camps had 97 campers and over 80 volunteers! Our favorite statistic though is 7 baptisms. That's 7 young people that wanted to make sure the world new they were followers of Jesus!

Of course, one of the main challenges remained acquiring the requisite number of shower trailers during fire season to ensure our campers can bathe during camp. These are all overnight camps, and after a few days this definitely becomes a priority! Fortunately, through an incredible outpouring of financial support (including the incredible partnership with New Life Family Worship Center and being selected as the local charity for the Southern Arizona Barrel Racing Association (SABRA) annual charity race), we were able to buy a brand new 18' trailer and secure a contractor that will convert it to our own, custom built 6-stall shower trailer!

Our theme verse for 2025 was 1 John 4:4, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." We emphasized to the campers that we are all overcomers through Christ.

We are incredibly grateful to be used by God and for the incredible partnerships that He has brought together. Please continue to pray for CCMA as we look to expand our reach in 2026. As always, you can follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/christiancowboyministriesarizona>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/christiancowboyministriesaz>), and check out our camp videos on our Rumble channel (<https://rumble.com/c-c-1733551>) Thank you!

See our pictures on the next page -



CCMA Cowgirl Camp 2025



CCMA Cowboy Camp 2025



CCMA Rodeo Bible Camp (RBC) 2025

Notes From Ranger Bob Servant/Pastor



NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)

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The New Life Outreach Team [NLOTS] continues to knock on doors in Benson, Pomerene, and St. David. We have been concentrating on homes where people have recently moved into this area of Southern Arizona. We met a man one Friday morning, who was a believer, but wanted us to pray with him, and he actually took time to cook us some peanut butter cookies. They were almost as good as the ones that Marsha builds. Curtis Drake and Ron Martens continue to be a valuable asset to the Outreach Team. There are two ladies from New Life Family Worship Center who are interested in helping the Outreach Team in 2026.

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How exciting. The past two months NLFWC helped two families with rent and food. Additionally, six families were able to have a Thanksgiving meal because of the generosity of the saints at NLFWC. Also, one individual was helped with serious medical bills, again because of the generosity of the members of NLFWC. This has been an exciting year for the Outreach Team. It continues to be fun, rewarding and sometimes challenging. Chris Davis and Ranger Bob are looking forward to an even more promising and productive year in 2026. Outreach Team members and other saints from New Life Family Worship Center continue to visit individuals in hospitals and nursing homes. In addition, we have been

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able to help and pray with and for a bunch of homeless people this past year. Pray that God will continue to bless the efforts of the Outreach Team, and bring to fruition the seeds planted by the teams door knockers.

Also From Ranger Bob

Ranger Bob would like to give a special invite to all the members of New Life Family Worship Center to join the prayer warriors on Tuesday morning in the Library, at 10 A.M. It is an exciting and rewarding time. All are welcome.

Also, there is a valuable Adult Sunday School class, every Sunday morning at 9 A.M. in the Library. It is informative, and applicable for everyday living. Come and explore God’s Word, His promises, truths, and commands. All are welcome.

The Fundamentals of Faith class is almost finished. Look for announcements of a new class in 2026.

thanks

Ranger Bob, Pastor/Servant for the Lord

New Life Kids/Students Update

From Miss Kathy-December was a busy and wonderful month in NL Children's Ministries! In early December, New Life Kids learned the real meaning and purpose of Christmas in their classes; they were introduced to the thought-provoking topics of 'The Pre-existence of the Son of God' (John 1:1-5) as well as 'The Incarnation of the Son of God' (John 1:6-18), and how all of this is tied to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then, on 12/14, The New Life Children's Praise & Worship Team performed "A Beautiful Christmas Pageant" centered around the gospel of Luke (Luke 2:1-20). The two Saturday dress rehearsals sure paid off - they excelled with their scripture readings and their seven Christmas songs! They also sang 'Happy Birthday' to Jesus and the whole congregation enjoyed a delicious birthday cake following the AM service. Finally, New Life Kids and New Life Students finished up the semester with the annual Christmas Store on 12/17. The congregation generously donated wonderful gifts and the children purchased gifts for their families, friends, teachers and themselves with the 'bible bucks' they had earned throughout the semester for exemplary behavior and learning. A phenomenal team of gift wrappers were on hand and every gift was wrapped for every child to take home that night - it was a fun-filled, magnificent evening!

The children in New Life's children ministries finished out 2025 with a delightful puppet show on the evening of 12/21, featuring the "Praising Puppets!" Their presentation, entitled '*No God, No Peace - Know God, Know Peace*,' centered around Luke's gospel and also included a sermon by Elder Emeritus, Bob Medeiros. What a meaningful and worthwhile night - The Gospel of Jesus Christ was shared, beautiful songs were sung, Pastor Bob's message was powerful and everyone enjoyed a buffet of delicious cookies afterwards!

From Miss Jennifer-What a year of change it has been for our New Life Students Program! With much discussion it was decided that we would combine the Middle School and High School groups to accommodate the number of volunteers available to us. Then we went one step further and decided to separate the girls' group from the boys' group for lesson time.

I cannot speak for the boys' group but for the girls' I say, what a wonderful change. There is much more participation and engagement and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow both spiritually and in the friendships that have formed within our small group. Our lessons draw from the book of Proverbs and branch out from there to include various topics of: home life, personal responsibility, friendships, attitudes and what it means to walk in the Spirit. We have also faced difficult and sometimes uncomfortable subjects pertaining to sins of the flesh and temptation. Always God's Word speaks so perfectly that we are all able to glean some knowledge and understanding together. Our praise and worship time together with the boys has been a particular blessing as we are seeing some real engagement from

the boys' group! What a huge help Mike Cox has been in this area. The students are given microphones and asked to stand up on the stage just like our own Praise and Worship Team. There are 2 girls and 2 boys in particular that really get into the music and lyrics, and it is so awesome to see! These 2 boys do not even attend a church, so this is especially wonderful!

If you ever arrive early for Bible study on Wednesday night take a peek into the sanctuary and you can enjoy the music for yourself.

Please continue to pray for our little group and for all of our leaders! - John, Mike, Roger, Jennifer and Jackie

What's Coming Up For the Kids?

- **New Life Kids/Students**
Resumes Wednesday night, Jan. 7th from 5:30-7:30PM
- **New Life Kids Theme Night-Neon Night**
Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30PM
- **New Life Kids Theme Night-Western Night**
Wednesday, February 18th at 5:30PM



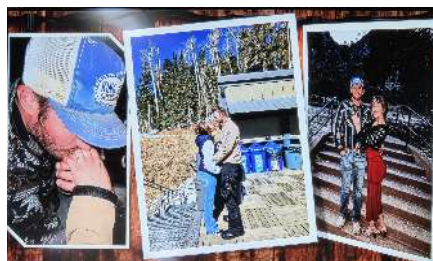
- See picture highlights of the kids and more on the following pages

New Life Kids-Highlights



As the summary shows on page 8, "Operation Christmas Child" was very successful at NLFWC!

More November & December Highlights



The wedding of Dylan and Caroline Fancher took place on November 1st!
Beautiful!



The Bar-B-Q at the Van Wart "Compound" on
November 15th was very nice! Lots of delicious food
and friends to enjoy it with!

New Life Women's Fellowship



On Nov. 22nd, Gailyn Conser hosted us at church where we spoke
of an "Attitude of Gratitude" and made gratitude journals. We
also wished our dear friend, Arlene Rush, a very happy birthday!

In December there was an ornament
exchange with a very fun twist to it!
And yummy snacks were shared, too!

Christmas Highlights



The Kids Praise Team performing during a Christmas program on December 14, 2025. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and enjoyed some birthday cake after church.



It was a pretty active night when the kids shopped for their family at the Christmas Store on December 17th!









The Praising Puppets and the Kids' Praise Team sang and told the Christmas Story on December 21st.




Because the patio was very wet from rain received earlier in the day, Christmas caroling was done in the Sanctuary. The caroling, the Christmas Eve message, the music and the Candlelight Service made for a memorable evening with our church family!



What's Happening in January?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**
To see a list of Missions that we sponsor, please go to our website at newlifebenson.com/missions.
- **Church Ministry of the Month**
Praise & Worship Team
- **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.
- **New Life Kids/Students**
Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30PM
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**
Fridays-January 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th at 10:00AM
- **Hospitality Meeting**
Sunday, January 4th after church
- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night** 
Join us on Sunday, January 4th after the PM service. Destination-Burger King!!
- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**
 Resumes Wednesday, January 7th from 10:00-12:15AM
See page 9 for more information.
- **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, January 10th at 7:30AM.
Don't forget to bring sons, grandsons, friends, etc.!! 
- **Elders Meeting**
Monday, January 19th at 6:00PM
- **New Life Kids Theme Night-Neon Night** 
Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30PM
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance**
Sunday, January 25th during Fellowship at 10:30AM
**Date is subject to change 
- **New Life Women's Fellowship**
January date to be announced.

What's Happening In February?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**
Christian Cowboy Ministry of Arizona
MISSION: Our mission is to reach young men and women in the cowboy culture with the life-changing message of God's saving grace, that He sent His Son to pay the penalty for our sins and was nailed to the cross and rose again on the third day to restore man from his sinful state and be adopted by his heavenly Father. We want to give every young man and woman an opportunity to receive sound Biblical teaching and excellent cowboy/rodeo instruction.
**See event updates on page 9-10.
- **Church Ministry of the Month**
Sunday School Teachers!!! 
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**
Fridays- February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 10:00AM

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- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**
Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library 
- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**
Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM in church library
- **AA Meeting**
Tuesday afternoons at 12:00PM & evenings at 5:00PM
Friday afternoons at 12:00PM
- **Women's Interdenominational Bible Study**
 Wednesdays, from 10:00-12:15AM
See page 9 for more information.
- **New Life Kids/Students**
Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30PM
- **Hospitality Meeting**
Sunday, February 1st after the AM service
- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**
Sunday, February 1st after the PM service-Jack-in-the-Box 
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Monday, February 2nd at 10:00am in library
- **Elders Meeting**
Monday, February 9th at 6:00PM
- **Men's Breakfast** 
Saturday, February 14th at 7:30AM
- **New Life Kids Theme Night-Western Night** 
Wednesday, February 18th at 5:30PM
- **Movie Time-"I Can Only Imagine 2"**
Saturday, February 21st at 1:30PM (Must arrive by 1PM)
Roadhouse Cinemas
4811 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712
**Sign up in the foyer
**This is also a food event! 
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance** 
Sunday, February 22nd during Fellowship at 10:30AM
**Date is subject to change
- **New Life Women's Fellowship**
Date to be announced-watch for more information.

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE? WE NEED YOU!!!

- **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.
- **Any ideas?**
Do you feel called to serve in any other way? Please don't hesitate to let us know!

PLEASE HELP-DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO CAN?

A special van is needed that has a lift for her fiancé, Butch Lindo, who is paraplegic, when he is released from Quibirri. Also looking for a wheelchair that has a lift. Please contact Esther Goddard with any information at (470) 606-1333.

Celebrations

January Birthdays

- Kylie Gammon - 1st
- Stacy Kowalczyk-5th
- Margaret Anderson-7th
- Sherry Sunthimer - 7th
- Joy Rogers 7th
- Willow Walz - 7th
- Logan Beeler - 12th
- William Beeler - 12th
- Elijah Rundhaug - 12th
- Adalee Essary - 15th
- Tyris Lundberg - 16th
- Ian Kirkwood - 16th
- Brayden Parke - 16th
- Tim Cesolini - 18th
- Blair Fagan - 19th
- Ronnie Graves - 20th
- Altagracia Peralta-21st
- Kaley Jennings - 23rd
- Crystal Castagno-25th
- Abby Castagno-25th
- Tom Guild - 26th
- Lane Turrell - 27th
- Steve Donaldson-28th
- Link Medeiros - 28th
- Eli Martinez - 30th
- Malachi Goeglein - 30th
- David Cleaveland-31st
- Kelly Patterson—31st
- Dean McAbee - 31st

January Anniversaries

- Gene & Donna Shull - 7th
- Mike & Renee Cox - 11th
- Juan & Altagracia Peralta - 16th
- Tim & Sunshine Cesolini - 31st

January Memory Verse

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ,
he is a new creation; old
 things have passed away; behold,
 all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

February Birthdays

- Eliana Hamlin - 5th
- Jorja Mashburn - 8th
- Carolyn Kidd - 9th
- Judith Herrera - 9th
- Garrett Medeiros - 9th
- Rusty Shobe - 10th
- Sammyrah Jones - 14th
- Randy Shelby - 15th
- Deanna Kehn - 16th
- Dan Blakeman - 18th
- Kirsty Lingenfelter-19th
- Karren Meier - 21st
- Nancy Donaldson-21st
- Gailyn Conser - 22nd
- Alyssa Gustafson-23rd
- Elijah Compton - 24th
- Eva Adams - 27th
- Sally Cox - 28th
- Kristin Hicks - 28th
- Rykkir Hicks - 28th
- Johnny Cochrane-28th



February Anniversaries

- Sergio & Maria Francis - 17th

February Memory Verse

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also
 ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

A couple is celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary when an angel appears to ask what each would like. The woman says she would like to travel and immediately the angel lifts his sword and produces two tickets for a worldwide cruise.



The man says, "I would like to be married to someone 30 years younger than me," and immediately the angel lifts his sword and says, "Done, you are now 90 years old."

Recipes to Share

Baked Potato Skins

(Shared by Jennifer Lundberg)

4 large baked potatoes
3 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp dry parmesan
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp garlic powder
¼ tsp paprika
¼ tsp black pepper



Toppings of your choice: we like bacon, shredded cheddar, green onions, sour cream

Cut potatoes in half and scoop them out completely. Place on greased cookie sheet. Combine oil, cheese and all seasonings and brush over both sides of the potatoes. Bake at 475 for 7 minutes, turn over and bake another 7 minutes. Sprinkle the inside of the skins with cheese and bacon. Bake 2 minutes or until melted and sizzling. Load with the rest of your toppings and enjoy!

Green Sauce

(Shared by Deb Zink)

3 medium green tomatoes
4 tomatillos
1 to 2 jalapeños
3 small garlic cloves

3 ripe avocados, mashed
4 sprigs cilantro
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 c. sour cream

Coarsely chop the tomatoes (you can substitute yellow if you can't find green ones, but never use red), tomatillos, garlic and jalapeños. Place in skillet and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Combine tomato mixture with the avocados, cilantro and salt in food processor or blender and blend until smooth. Pour into a bowl and stir in sour cream. Serve immediately or chill. Delicious with tortilla chips, grilled meats, fish and just about anything else you care to put it on.

NOTE-I have also added 1 lb. of chopped nopalitas (prickly pear cactus pods) with an additional 1/2 c. of sour cream.

***What's the difference between "Green Sauce" and "Salsa Verde"?
Is that a conversation starter?***

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 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/>

Love

What Did John Say About Love?

Read the verses and answer the questions.

John 13:34 – What does Jesus command us to do?

1 John 4:7 – Who does love come from?

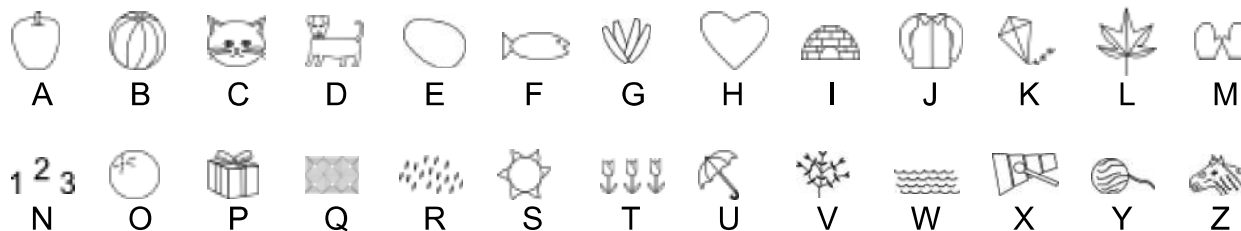
1 John 4:9 – How did God show his love for us?

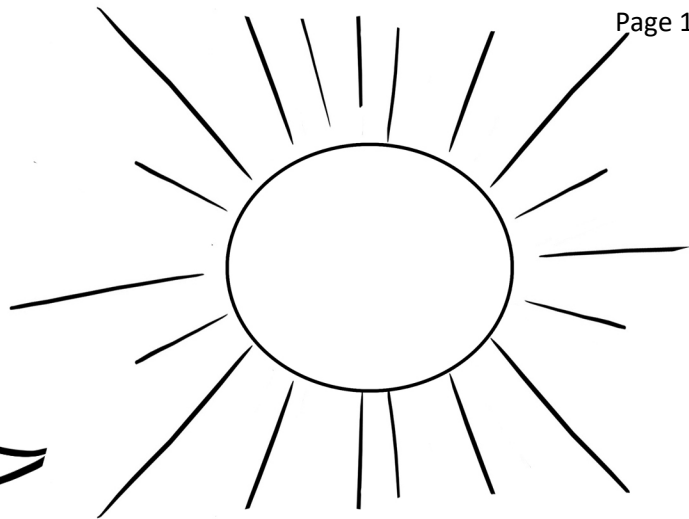
1 John 4:11 – Why should we love one another?

Why Should We Love?



Code:





When anyone lives in
Christ, the new creation
has come. The old is
gone! The new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17



Jesus
loves

Me



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.

- **Housecleaning Help Needed**



Help needed cleaning homes at the SKP Park in Benson. Light cleaning needed by several residents. For more information, contact Mary Keleher at (559) 737-0500.

For Sale—2016 Polaris 1000 RZR

\$12,000



New clutch ● Total overhaul maintenance done by Cochise Motor Sports ● Great condition ● Runs great!
Amazing machine!!

We have owned it since 2021. We don't use it as much as we like so we hope someone else can enjoy it.

Roger and Anita Choate

Interested parties call 520-221-0308

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!

Phone—520.586.2337

Contact Deb Zink at admin@newlifebenson.com