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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

Guess what, summer is here. Long days with hot temperatures are in our future. But that is okay, soon it will be Fall. As I write this, I have excellent vision out of my left eye and am near blind in my right eye, however that will soon be resolved as I have my second cataract surgery in two days and then I will take some time off.

VBS was a resounding success this year. More kids, more professions of faith and more enthusiasm than ever before. A great big thanks to all who contributed to the program. Well done – New Life!

Things always seem to slow down around here during the summer, but we are still thinking of ways to further our Father's Kingdom. You will notice some work taking place in the back area of the church property. We are installing a batting cage, reworking the sand area for a volleyball court, adding a second basketball goal to the ramada, and probably lining out a pickle ball court there also. We have a few other ideas, so stay tuned to upcoming changes.

Our fellowships have had a very sweet spirit lately. It seems as if the Lord is ready to move in our Body, but as always, that depends on us. Many call out for a revival and so do I. And while many feel as if a revival is a time of great joy, and it is, it is also a time of the exposition of our sins as we are called to greater purity in the Lord. "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." James 5:16. Are we ready to confess our sins to each other?

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2 Cor. 9:7

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Words From the Word #52

From 1 Peter 1:22: "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth," – he's talking about salvation, you've come, you've heard the truth, you've obeyed the Gospel, your soul was purified – "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth" – listen to this now – "through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren," What a great statement. He's saying this is who you are, you obeyed the truth, your soul was cleansed, and it produced a genuine love for the brethren. And since that has happened, he adds then, "love one another fervently with a pure heart."

The command that God gives us to love, is based upon the capacity He gives us to love. Since God has wrought that in you, that capacity, do it fervently. Fervently is the Greek word *ektenōs*. It is used of a muscle that is taut, that is literally stretched to its full capacity. And he is saying, love as far as you can love, stretch yourself as far as you can go in love. Reach out as far as you have capacity to reach. You have literally obeyed the truth, been purged into this genuine kind of love, exercise it to the max.

From 1 John 3:12: "of the wicked one." John he is saying that a characteristic of the children of the devil is murder, Cain was "of the evil one." He belonged to the kingdom of darkness. John 8:44, "You are of your father, the devil," Jesus said. Why? Because they were the Jewish people who had developed a work system just like Cain. And they hated true righteousness and they were plotting to kill Jesus. And Jesus says to them, "You're of your father, the devil, ...He was a murderer from the beginning." Notice the terms he uses here, "just as Cain was of the evil one." The word is *ponēros* in the Greek and it means evil in active opposition to good, aggressively evil, fervently evil, determinately evil.

This is an active opposition to good. There are other words for evil, there's the word *kakos*, which means evil in itself. But *ponēros* goes beyond that. In my understanding, *ponēros* means evil to the extent that you want to pull everything down with you. It's one thing to be *kakos*, that is to perish in your own corruption. It's another thing to be *ponēros*. And that is to sweep everybody you can into that corruption, so they all go down with you. That's Satan. He is *ponēros*. He is consummately evil in that he is not content to go down and perish in his own corruption, he wants to take the whole world with him.

Cain showed his spiritual connection to Satan by murdering his brother. The word here in verse 12 in 1 John 3 regarding Cain "murdered his brother," is the word *sphazō* in Greek and let me tell you what it means. It means to butcher by cutting the throat. It means he slit his brother's throat. That's an important thing to say and I'll tell you why. Because there had only been up to this point one indication of a death prior to this murder and it was God killing an animal, remember, to take the skin to cover Adam and Eve. And very likely God had killed that animal by slitting its throat which became the standard practice in the sacrificial system.

He literally came up behind his brother and butchered him by cutting his throat. The term is used in classical Greek, *sphazō*, to refer to the slaughtering of victims for sacrifice by cutting their throat, cutting their jugular. It is used in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, Leviticus 1:5 to refer to the slaying of sacrificial animals. It was as if Cain said, "okay, God, You want – You want a sacrifice, do You? You want an animal sacrifice, here's one." That's the vitriol that existed in Cain's heart. And the writer here, John, uses a vivid strong word to describe the murder.

There's another word that means to kill, *apothnēskō*, but he doesn't use that word. He uses the word to butcher by cutting the throat. Cain slit his brother's throat in what

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seems to be an act of defiance. Okay, God, You want a sacrifice, this is the way an animal is sacrificed – and this indicates to me that Cain knew God wanted a sacrifice and knew how sacrifices were killed. As far as the record of Scripture, there had been just one death and God slew that one, no doubt, in this fashion. And as I said, it was God’s revealed way to sacrifice something to Him, an animal. So listen to this, the human race learned to murder when it was taught to worship. You can teach people to worship, but if they belong to the devil, they’ll use what you teach them to worship, to murder. That was Cain.

Why did he do that? It tells you right there, verse 12, for what reason did he slay him? Why did he do that? Simple, “Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous.” And evil people hate the righteous. Three out of five places where Abel is mentioned in the New Testament, he’s described as righteous. God had given clear instruction on how to worship Him. God had very likely even instructed about how to kill the animal in the quickest most humane way by the slitting of the throat.

God had revealed that this was to be an act which depicted a sacrifice and not bringing the works of your own hands. Cain rejected God’s revelation and decided to do it his own way. Then in an act of unbelievable defiance, manifesting that he was a child of the devil, he said, “Okay, God, You want a sacrifice? Here’s one.” And he gave to God righteous Abel. Cain had the opportunity of obedience, but he followed his father. Not his father Adam, but his father Satan. And rather than repent, he killed his brother. And the Bible doesn’t say that Abel rubbed it in. It doesn’t say that Abel said anything to intimidate his brother or to sort of elevate his anger. It simply says here he killed him because Cain’s deeds were evil and Abel’s were righteous.

The world is murderous, always has been. And the evil, wretched world under the prince of the power of the air, the children of Satan, hate the righteous. They hate the righteous. Jealousy of acceptance with God, anger at being indicted leads to murder. This is life on the level of the children of Satan. And frankly, that’s why God put government in the world. That’s why He put capital punishment in the world. That’s why He gave government the right to punish and take a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Because you have a world full of the children of the devil, you have a world full of people who are liars and killers.

And how are you going to deal with that? There has to be some power. There has to be some threat. There has to be some severity of consequence to restrain people. That’s why there’s government. That’s why there are armies and police and executioners and have been throughout all history. And we fear – of all things that we fear, we talk about freedom of this and freedom of that and we’re big on that in America. But of all things that we fear, we fear ultimate freedom most, because that’s anarchy and if everyone is set loose and there’s no consequences for what people do, the killers will destroy us all. We have to have a collective system of protection and that’s the primary function of government. If government did what it should do – I don’t want to get political – that’s what it would do, that’s what it would do. That’s all it’s really mandated to do in the Scripture. [Judaic law] And you can leave all the rest to private enterprise.

So ultimately, in its extreme, the absence of love is a murderous heart, characteristic of all the children of the devil. You say, “Well now, wait a minute. You – you’re seeming to say that they – that everybody who is an unconverted person could murder people.” Well, that’s what the Bible says, they don’t all have the opportunity to do that. They – don’t all actually do that, but that’s in their hearts. Yepper. Why? Because they are of their father Satan.

Prayer Requests

Did you know that New Life Family Worship Center has a prayer chain? When there is a physical, spiritual, or any need for prayer, a team of prayer warriors will 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 Sunday morning prayer list.

So, do you or a loved one have any needs for which we can pray? There are prayer request slips like these in the Information Center and a jar to put them in at any time. And please also keep the office informed of any updates. Thank you in advance.

Today’s Date: _____
 Your name: _____
 Who needs prayer? _____
 Relationship: _____
 What is their prayer need? _____

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Prayer Requests**as of June 30, 2026**

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Unsaved loved ones, unspoken, Our Nation & World, Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Revival, travelers, kids, teachers & schools, country, Israel

Pamela Martens—Ron's mom, Henny-salvation; Ron's sister, Denise, prayers for salvation; prayers for church & spiritual attack; prayers for daughter, Emmaline, to make a good decision; son, James-prayers for spiritual attacks, anxiety

Barb Nastal-prayers for our family, church family & thankful for all of the prayers for Joe & I

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

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; country, military & their families, law enforcement that is under siege; the Middle East-military, leadership, a positive resolution; unspoken; unspoken; his allergies are bothersome;

Marsha Robertson-broken marriages; her sister-in-law, Judy Simms, prayers for recovery from stroke; friend, Scott, Back surgery on 7.13-pray for wisdom for doctors & recovery; her daughter-in-law's mother, Debbie, prayers for answers

Nicki Medeiros-unspoken; prayers for Debbie at DAV; Nicki's sister, Gloria & her family; Heather at the DAV-prayers for health; prayers for sister-in-law Sylvia & Uncle Albert

Renee Cox-her step-sister, Kathy going through hard times after parents passed away; Mom, Bea-continue prayers for her, prayers for Sally traveling overseas for a mission trip this summer; Middle East, military; Renee-cysts have recurred, in a lot of pain, having another surgery-prayers for prompt resolution; from Sally-prayers for Marcus, Amber & their 1 yr. old daughter, Chloe's health;

Jan Davis-prayers for Terry Hauzer due to much weight loss, not well; friend, Kim-prayers for physical & mental health issues; friend Becky/Vicki has MS, is at Banner for hernia repair, hole in esophagus, lot of pain; friend, Kim-no water at her home;

Valinda Turrell-prayers for son, Sean-spiritual direction; niece; Valinda-for back/neck-is getting positional therapy at PT, but it causes dizziness & nausea, is being tested for Lupus; her brain scans show moderate-severe concussion, doctor will watch for changes; she has a painful knee; Steve Blair, in the RV park, has stage 4 cancer; prayers for Burt, who has cancer in lung & brain & has moved back with family for the rest of his life; Katie, who is in the RV park, just found out she has cancer

Margaret Bohmfalk-prayers for grandkids

Kristin Hicks-friend Della, is in SV Hospital with pneumonia

Kim Martindale-prayers for comfort through grief for Kim & family after Marty's passing; salvation for sisters, Meg and

Mickey; Kim's closer hand-in-hand walk with Jesus; prayers for friend, Deb, who is driving to WI & is worried about child who has turned away from Church

Judith Herrera-son, Jay in PHX in remission from leukemia, keep in prayers; prayers for salvation for lesbian granddaughter, Rosie

Deb Zink-Iran & our military-those lost and those serving;

Ron Graves-prayers for our church, Pastor, Elders, military & country; family & spiritual attacks; unspoken, health issues for some; friend, JZ-salvation; prayers for Donna's struggles; our country, that we can all be united; our country, the Middle East, the Vice President & wisdom; prayers for Dewitt family-a grandpa, Milo, has stage 4 cancer & 15 yr. old granddaughter, Lily, was kicked in the head by a horse, part of her skull had to be removed, is paralyzed on 1 side

Kathy Simko-salvation for siblings, Chris & Jeff; sister-in-law, Jackie-freedom from long-term opioid addiction, cancer; purity/unity for NL body; her brother, Jeff-cancer has spread, radiation begins in August, prayers for spiritual healing & bad situation for him & his wife

Sherry Compton-her sister, Jennifer-ongoing blood diseases, pain, prayers for healing/God's will; prayers for Addie, niece of friend-has breast cancer

Max Spann-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; his dad broke his hip

Kris Garmon-unspokens; healing of relationships; prayers for daughter & grandkids to find home; friend, Barb, has health issues, infection; prayers for her mom, Kay, & procedure she had on 27th

Beth Rowekamp-brother, Bill's salvation; husband, Todd's arrhythmia & Afib

Rebecca Mills-prayers for youth & Satan's attacks on them; Cooper's parents-salvation; prayers for those who choose not to go to church; families under attack; prayers for Iran situation

Tony Herrera-people of Ukraine; brother-in-law, Tim-in early stage of dementia, 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

Angus Crawford-prayers for our country, Miss Bea, & Margaret; rain; travels for cousins

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Sarah Widman-husband, Daniel-salvation and safety for both in jobs in law enforcement;

Lundberg family-please pray for our son Xander to return to the Lord, for his safety and that our family be reconciled; Please pray for hedge of protection for Brandon Hanna as he faces life challenges.

Brittany Crawford-extended family member, Faye-stage 2 breast cancer; prayers for 5 yr old, Halley, diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, having many struggles, and salvation for her family

Bob Medeiros-challenges at pregnancy centers; his son, Gabriel-reconciliation; homeless men, Jacob, Joe & Dennis; his daughter, Rachel, recovery after stroke; Bob-on a spiritual/emotional/physical rollercoaster; Ricky, a friend of a friend, is in a coma; homeless people he met-Donovan, Laizey, Melissa, & George; prayers for 1 year old girl, Gia, having problems with asthma

Michael Crawford-his cousin has Hodgkins Lymphoma; salvation for a new guy in his company

Barbara Vander Leest-her sister's friend's husband, Wayne-diagnosed with rare liver cancer; Prayers for Keri Lincoln, has fast growing cyst on her kidney, prayers for safe travels for her & husband, Stephen, when they go to Alaska for 2 weeks

Esther Goddard-prayers for RV to sell so she can buy a van with lift, special wheelchair

Betsy Graves-prayers for the next generation; Jay & Maggie Cooper-prayers about health; Tom's sister & daughters-prayers for salvation; a man in Tucson has life-threatening injuries after massive bee stings

Gene Shull-his niece is having a lot of pain due to back problem; cousin-in-law, Lyle-serious heart problem; grandson-in-law, Cory-struggles, needs healing; safe travels for many family members; his second cousin, Gary, had a stroke; travel mercies for family members

Kathy Steel-unspokens; prayers for a job for son-in-law Christopher in Montana; prayers for recovery after surgery on the 30th.

Karren Meier-unspoken; cousin in ND, Sharon Kautz-her husband, Wayne passed away, prayers for Sharon & family; prayers for Esther Goddard who is visiting her kids in Georgia; neighbor, Ron, has pancreatic cancer with metastasis, now in hospice; son's employee, Preston, & 9 yr. old daughter were hit while riding mini-bike, she died & he has brain injury & broken bones-surgery & many prayers needed; her brother's brother-in-law was killed in a car accident 2 wks ago, prayers for Kermit, his wife & family

Rhonda Dupee-she broke her ankle & tibia, recovery from surgery on 6.17

Eva Adams-aunt, Gwen Donald-may have pancreatic cancer

Sunshine Cesolini-prayers for progression of cancer & for successful double mastectomy on 7.3

Mike Cox-unspoken; prayers for salvation for Ryan Lukens

Will Tompkins-Prayers for Patty's recovery after being injured in a fall

John Conser-his sister, Nancy-her husband, John passed away from cancer, prayers for peace; prayers for John's vertigo

Crystal Arthur-Grandma, Marti, is having problem with foot, unable to drive;

Crissy Nell- Her sister, Leia, in Portland had a brain aneurysm and isn't doing well. Prayers for healing and salvation.

Joyce McCormack-friend, Cynthia, in Calif-has AFIB & rare, genetic eye disease that causes eyes to bleed; prayers for expected severe storms-N. Dakota noted

Link Glenn-52 yr. old brother is at Banner, needs heart transplant, prayers for salvation

Bonnie Barlow-granddaughter, Emmalyn, in Tucson had pneumonia few months ago, now is pregnant & has breathing problems; her daughter, Michelle, was found to have a mass in her brain & lung at hospital & after a CT scan, much cancer was found in her body

Ashley Berryhill-prayers for loved one going through challenges

Janie Howard-retired friend, Mark, moved from Albuquerque to Phoenix, not recovered after surgery last year; prayers for answers at Mayo Clinic

Chris Davis-a young family he met with NLOT-dad, Shane told about his son Ethan, who is very sick due to mold

Jacki Nichols- Prayers for her brother, Aidan - for sobriety, the return to God's will, spiritual healing, physical healing, mental healing

PRAISES

Giving thanks for our church & where we live!

Barb Nastal-Thankful for New Life where His presence is so real & for the awesome Praise Team for all of the hours they put in to make our songs amazing!

Kim Martindale-praise for a wonderful Women's Fellowship at Pamela Marten's home!

John Conser-praise that his nephew no longer needs open heart surgery

Marsha Robertson-praise that a possible tragedy was averted when Chad Graves found something wrong on the horse trailer before leaving

Kathy Steel-I thank each of you for your prayers on my behalf, and especially thank God for answering our prayers and for healing going forward.

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living a godly life.

Proverbs 16:31

Speaking of Praying -

Washington's Prayer for America

JUNE 8, 1783

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen.



A Prayer for America by Billy Graham

Our Father and Our God,

We praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve.

Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face.

Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace.

We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord.

This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

- Billy Graham

****Mike shared this with the church body on May 31st.**

Mike Steel's Testimony



A little while ago I mentioned to Steve that if he knew of anybody who wanted to know how the Holy Spirit works in our lives to let me know, that I have quite a few examples. Later that day Steve asked if I would consider giving my testimony on that subject. So, here it is, because there are 2 examples that are related to this very church!

So, it all started in 1947 when little Mikey Steel was born, and some months later my Mom began taking me to the First Baptist Church in Stockton, California. I was in the nursery, the pre-school class, elementary school classes and youth groups in junior and senior high, just as we have here, so important.

Then, in 1957, when I was 10 years old, I was in church with my Mom. At the end of the service during the alter call hymn, I looked up at her and nodded; she looked down at me and nodded. No words were exchanged, but she understood. That was the moment I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. I felt something well up inside me and completely fill me. I didn't understand at the time, but I do now; it was the Holy Spirit filling me as promised in Acts 2:38 where it says ***"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*** We were in the next to last row in the back of the sanctuary, just off the center aisle. Mom was in the 4th seat from the aisle, I was in the 3rd seat, seats 1 and 2 were empty. I then moved out to the aisle and went down to the front where my pastor was standing to receive me. The fascinating point here was that I never felt my feet touch the ground the entire way. I believe the Holy Spirit carried me all the way to the front. Remember this point-we'll come back to it in a minute.

Now, fast forward to July 2022. Kathy and I had just sold our home in Everett, Washington and headed out in our RV to explore the western US. As we left, we prayed that God would show us where we should relocate. That Summer and Fall we toured Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, and in October, Utah. God's handiwork is on full display in Utah; those parks are so beautiful.

In late October, we were in southern Utah and knew we wanted to spend the winter in Arizona but didn't know where. We had been to Yuma once, when our kids were young and we had visited my parents who wintered there for many years. So, we spent November in Yuma. Around Thanksgiving, we knew we wanted to find somewhere else to spend the rest of the winter. Now mind you, there are over 500 RV parks all over Arizona. We were looking at the map and Benson, Arizona jumped out to us. We'd never been to Benson, never heard of Benson, but somehow, we knew we wanted to go there. Hmmm, I wonder who gave us that idea. So, we made a reservation at Valley Vista RV Park just out on Highway 80. We arrived Friday, December 2nd.

Now, as was our custom on the road, for Sunday's, we found a local church to attend. We looked at the list of Benson churches and two stood out. First Baptist, and one called New Life Family Worship Center. Our home church in Everett, Washington was New Life Church, no relation, we're independent and they're a member of an association, but we were intrigued by the name, so we decided to attend New Life.

That very first Sunday here, December 4th, 2022, we were greeted warmly by so many people who have since become good friends, you were very welcoming. During his sermon that day, Steve mentioned the day he decided to give his life to the Lord. He said he traveled down the outside aisle and across to the front, and that his feet never touched the ground!! I said to myself, WHAT did he just say? I couldn't believe what I heard. I had never heard anyone else ever say they had that experience. It was so obvious to me that the Holy Spirit was telling me this is where He wanted us to be.

So, there you have it. The Holy Spirit knew before I was born, and before Steve was born, that we would be together here all these years later.

A final note; I must mention that if you're not coming for Sunday night and Wednesday night Bible lessons, you're missing out. Steve's knowledge of Greek and the Bible has made the Bible really come alive to me as never before.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

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



I was going to share more about who we are in Christ and what God has given us in this newsletter, but God had a different idea.

In the last newsletter I mentioned Hebrews 4:12, where it says: *"For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

I want to give real life examples of how the Word of God is alive and active and wants to interact with you.

In 1976 I discovered that my wife of 8 years was unfaithful in our marriage. I was devastated. Even though she had been unfaithful, God told me to continue to love her and to stay married to her, somewhat like the Prophet Hosea, in the Old Testament.

When I first discovered my wife's unfaithfulness, I cried out to God: "What do I do?" God clearly told me to love her and not to file for divorce. I complained to God that the word says if a wife is unfaithful, you can divorce her. God again clearly told me to love her and to stay married. I then asked God, "HOW"? He took me to his marvelous Word and told me to learn 1 Corinthians 13. Yup, the whole chapter. So, I began to read, meditate on, learn, yes, and even memorize, 1 Corinthians 13. In a very short time, when I would start reciting this beautiful chapter, I would get to around verse 4 and I would begin to experience how much, how much, how much, God, my Heavenly Father, really loved me. And then, I was able to love my wife and continue in our marriage. This is God's Word, alive and active and interacting with me.

Then, in 1982, my wife decided to divorce me (since I had refused to divorce her). I was confused and struggling. I didn't know what to do. My family and church friends were telling me to fight for the kids, fight for the money, fight for the house, fight for the car, fight, fight, fight. I remember driving home from a Bible study down Park Ave., where it used to go over the railroad tracks, south of Broadway. I had been studying in Hebrews and as I drove, I prayed to God: "What do I do?" As I drove over the railroad tracks, I saw Hebrews chapter 12 in my mind. And verses 14 and 15 were highlighted (they were **BOLD**). This is what God spoke to me: *"PURSUE PEACE with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled."* It was clear to me that God wanted me to do things peacefully and not fight. So, I did. This was definitely the Word of God being alive and active and interacting with me.

Another example of God's Word in action happened about fifteen years later. I discovered that because I did things during my divorce in a peaceful manner, approximately seven of my ex-wife's relatives and friends came to a saving knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That's an example of Romans 8:28, which says: *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"*. Again, God's Word is alive and active and interacting with me. In fact, three of my ex-wife's sisters and their family meet with me and two of my daughters every Tuesday. We talk, pray, share, have communion, and enjoy our walk with the Lord. Recently I had the privilege of baptizing one of the sister's granddaughters in another sister's home with a pool. It's neat how God can use something as devastating as a divorce for His glory.

Please don't think I'm some kind of spiritual giant. I am human like you all. I make a lot of mistakes. I struggle with pride, rebellion, selfishness, and other sins. There is seldom a day that goes by that I don't have to ask God for forgiveness for some foolish or stupid thing I did or said or thought. But I know God is faithful, good, and loving (and forgiving). And I love my Heavenly Father, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and of course God's magnificent Word.

So, in conclusion, don't be afraid to dig into God's awesome Word and let it be alive, active, and interact with you.

And, remember, READ your Bible, BELIEVE what it says, and then DO what it says.

Can you help a friend?

Our dear friends, Joe and Barb Nastal, are unable to drive and occasionally need help with transportation. If you can help, please give Barb a call at (520) 903-4749



Building a Firm Foundation

When you feel shaken, remember these unchanging truths about God.

Lamentations 3:21-23

Our faith isn't built on feelings or wishful thinking—it rests on something far more solid. Let's look at seven foundational aspects of Christianity:

1. **God *is*.** Faith must be built on the simple confession that the Lord *is*—He is real. He exists and is indeed God ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).
2. **God is love.** He's intimately concerned with your life and wants to engage in a relationship with you.
3. **God is just.** His justice is absolutely perfect—even when He lovingly disciplines us.
4. **God is all-knowing.** He knows your heart, your pain, and your questions. You cannot shock or surprise Him.
5. **God is everywhere.** You never have to wonder where He is. Wherever you are, He is right by your side.
6. **God is all-powerful.** There is nothing greater than God. Regardless of how enormous your challenges and heart-aches seem to be, you can overcome them in His power.
7. **God is faithful.** No matter how far you stray, He never gives up on you. Whatever you have done, He will always welcome you home.

When doubts arise or circumstances shake you, return to these truths, all of which are solid and unchanging.

-taken from **IN TOUCH - DAILY READINGS FOR DEVOTED LIVING, May 2026/pg. 33**

By *In Touch Ministries*

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!

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love
and of a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7

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>.

- **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 group's last meeting was on April 29th and will resume on Wed., Sept. 9th. They will meet for prayer on the 3rd Wednesday of June, July and August. If any questions, please contact Donna Goldsmith at 404.402.8567.

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- **Providing Peace-Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Four 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 125 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!!

- **San Pedro Valley Assistance League**



Recently New Life Family Worship Center {NLFWC} has reinstituted a ministry/mission program that was originally funded by the local community churches and individuals. The San Pedro Valley Assistance League {SPVAL} was active 8-10 years ago in assisting transitional persons with food, gas, and occasional lodging. Additionally, it provided lodging to local individuals who were involved in situations of possible harm. After all these years of dormancy it came to our church's attention that there was an opportunity here to help those in need. [1 John 3:17-18] The General Council of Elders has seized this chance to speak the Words of Life into people's lives in a tangible way. We have adopted the SPVAL as a new member of our overall Mission's Program. As with all our missions, a percentage of your tithe goes to support SPVAL. If you want to designate giving to this worthy cause you may do so, just remember that NLFWC also has other needs that must be met. If you would like to help in this ministry, see Pastor Steve, Dave Zimmeramn, or Dan Blakeman. May our actions glorify the Lord.

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- **Operation Christmas Child**



OCC- It's almost that time of year again! Our hearts begin to turn toward preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! What a blessing it is to take part in sharing the love of Christ with children all around the world in such a tangible way.

Our collection bin is now set up and ready to receive donations as we begin preparing to fill shoeboxes that will share God's love with children around the world. At this time, we are especially in need of school supplies, socks, flip-flops, hairbrushes, and toothbrushes. Every donated item helps make a shoebox extra special for a child in need. NOTE-we will not be taking any more stuffed animals as we have a huge supply right now-and we are very thankful!

Thank you for your generosity and for partnering with us to bring joy, hope, and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children across the globe! If you have any questions, please reach out to Brittany Crawford or Janie Howard.

- **ATENS Ministry**

See update on page 12.

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

CCMA Rodeo Bible Camp was amazing! We had 66 total campers sign up from all over Arizona, and this includes boys and girls. We again had Brianna Skaarer as a counselor, and that meant that, in addition to receiving expert rodeo instruction from very accomplished rodeo champions such as Colter Todd, the campers also participated in a Power over Predators presentation. An exciting new tool that that we were able to use this year was our new, 6-stall custom shower trailer! This custom trailer was built by a local business and the project was led by CCMA Vice President Dennis Piovesan. It will greatly increase our abilities to host camps without fear that the fire season will take away our shower trailer! God moved mightily at Rodeo Bible Camp, and many said that it was the best camp yet! Of course, the greatest evidence of effectiveness that we care about is the number of baptisms, and we had the most we have ever had at one camp - 16! That's 16 individuals who publicly, before friends and family, professed that they are followers of Jesus. Many were rededications or individuals that were already Christ-followers who just haven't been baptized yet, but 4 had given their life over to Christ while at camp. This is the most exciting part of camp for us, a changed life.

Nick Robbs

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President / Director - Christian Cowboy Ministries of Arizona

<https://ccmacamp.com/>



July Memory Verse

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all
your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding;

Proverbs 3:5

August Memory Verse

⁷ I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7



Dear Faithful Armor Bearers,

May 15, 2026

Pshaaah! We have always thought there were only 2 words that were the same in every language; AMEN & ALLELUIA... but now we know there are 3: AMEN, ALLELUIA & **WOW!** However, one brother from Morocco explained WOW isn't the same in Arabic...it is PSHAAH! And that is the only word that can even begin to describe what we've just seen in the last 30 days. We were in several local churches in Spain & Portugal as well as 4 large pastors & wives retreats including our first in Albania. I hope you've been able to see the FB posts too!

First of all, those of you who sponsored these precious pastors & missionaries and their wives...they send their most heartfelt **"thank-you"** to you. I'm going to include group photos of the 4 main retreats we did with them, but because we had over 200 sponsored, we weren't able to get individual photos to print here, so take a good look and pick out the ones you love! They all are so grateful and recorded videos as well that we will begin to post on our Three2One Facebook page. Just worth every mile and dollar and minute invested. We want you to know that this season of our ministry is being described as "the best is yet to come." I believe that means, as one Norwegian pastor shared in Albania, "The people in this room are the most important people to the Kingdom: God's pastors/missionaries and their wives". He went on to say they have a target on them and the enemy's daily agenda is to take them out. If that is true, then what the Lord is allowing us to do is more on the front lines than we may ever have been. I do know that our team was hit hard before and during this month of ministry, but that just validates the work – making an impact. THANK YOU for helping us in this crucial season and helping us walk through doors while they are still open. Your prayers and cheerful giving are the keys to unlock them!

Sherman & Tammy



Three2One Spain & North Africa
Pastor/Missionary & Wives 2026

Notes From Ranger Bob Servant/Pastor



• NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)

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I wanted to use this newsletter to first thank the many people in New Life Family Worship Center who do outreach in their everyday lives. People who live a godly life and people see the difference. Then they have the opportunity to share the gospel, the good news of Jesus. There are many, many saints at NLFWC that do this.

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Second, I wanted to thank the men that have come along side Ranger Bob and Chris Davis, to knock on doors and tell people about Jesus Christ. The thing that excites me most is that if one or two (of the four men) have a medical appointment or another task to do, the other men can continue on and do the outreach. Curtis Drake and Ron Martens have been an excellent addition to the outreach team.

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Vacation Bible School. The thing that inspired me the most at this recent VBS was a little 7-year-old girl. She was so excited to invite her best friend to come to this year's VBS. Her friend would stay at her house every night so they could come together the last three days. When the little girl shared Jesus with her friend, the friend said she had heard about God and Jesus but didn't understand about this thing called "salvation", or making Jesus lord and Savior of your life. The little girl kept talking to her friend and praying for her. The last day of the VBS, during the sharing of the Gospel, the little girl's friend raised her hand to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. This little girl blessed my socks off, and was instrumental in having her best friend find Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. PRAISE THE LORD!

In Tucson, two teenagers were baptized, in June. One was a recent high school graduate who is now in the marines. When Ranger Bob asked him why he wanted to be baptized he stated that he was entering into a new journey in his life and he wanted as much of Jesus as possible with him. Five bibles were handed out that night. Four to teenagers, and one to a younger child.

Also in Tucson, last month, Communion was enjoyed by a dozen people in a home group.

Six families in Tucson and Benson were helped out with food.

Three homeless individuals were helped with food, prayer and tracts. Please join Ranger Bob in praying for Donovan, Laizey, and Melissa, all homeless people.

thanks

Ranger Bob, Pastor/Servant for the Lord

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.
- **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.
- **Pianist**-experienced pianist needed for the Praise & Worship Team. If interested, please see Janie Howard or Pastor Steve.
- **Back-up AV Volunteer**-See page 9 for more info.
- **Sunday School teachers/helpers**-Also see Kathy if you can help or have any questions.
- **Teachers/helpers for New Life Kids/Students**-Please see Kathy Simko if you are interested in helping in this ministry when it starts again in August.
- **Hospitality**-Help is always needed in the kitchen-all help is appreciated!
- **Any ideas?**
Do you feel called to serve in any other way? Please don't hesitate to let us know!

Children's Ministry Updates

From Miss Kathy-

- Vacation Bible School:**

Based on the attendance numbers as well as numerous eye-witness reports, the "Emerald Crossing" VBS 2026 at *New Life* was the most successful VBS to date! Held May 26 - 29, and set in Ireland, students unpacked Psalm 23 line-by-line and learned about the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day. And, they had A LOT of fun doing so: Christian music packed with energy and participation, adorable crafts, delicious snacks, and four fabulous waterslides! Praise God for bringing the children to our campus and praise Him for His wisdom and guidance imparted to the personnel ministering to them. At least seven children accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior during VBS week! Additionally, many, many seeds were sown in the love of Christ, with their germination yet to be realized...Dear Lord, You are so, so good to us! Thank You!



- Sunday School & Children's Church:**

The children of *New Life* were promoted to their new Sunday School and Children's Church classes on June 7th. Please remember that these new class designations go into effect on Sunday, August 2nd. Thank you.



Wyatt Van Wart & Angus Crawford were promoted to Elementary Sunday School.



Mikayla Crawford was promoted to High School Sunday School.



From L to R, Kennedy Nichols, Lucille Lukens, Cooper Lewellen, Caitlyn Crawford and Madison Coleman are now eligible to leave Children's Church and attend adult church services with their parents/guardians.

- Kids' Praise & Worship:**



On Mother's Day, May 10th, the Kids sang a very special song to their moms and all of the moms listening in church and online. And on Father's Day, June 21st, they sang another special song, "That Someone," for all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and the men who are present in their lives to help and guide them.



Children's Ministry Updates-Continued



On Father's Day, June 21st, the Children's Praise & Worship Team sang a special song, "That Someone," for all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and the men who are present in their lives to help and guide them.

- Fourth of July:**

Because the Fourth of July fell on Saturday this year, New Life celebrated America's 250 years of Independence on Sunday, June 28th...and the youth of New Life contributed to this special occasion by presenting the American Flag. God Bless America!!!



- New Life Kids & New Life Students:**

Save the date! New Life Kids and New Life Students will start up again SOON: Wednesday, August 12th! Registration will begin July 22nd and will be available online. Please stay tuned for more details to come.



Other Event Highlights



The Mother's Day Breakfast served by the guys on Saturday, May 9th was exceptional! The prep, service and delicious food put smiles on all of the ladies' faces. And we did have several younger ladies here, too!

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More Event Highlights



Margaret Bohmfalk turned 98 years old this year and after the family celebrated, several family members sang during the AM service on 6.7!



Father's Day was very special & full. Blessings abounded with the music from our Praise & Worship Team, the Kids' song to the dads, and Nathan Coleman sang "Wonderful, Merciful Savior".



On June 27th, the ladies in the Women's Fellowship met at Pamela Martens' home where, after enjoying some delicious food fare, artistic juices flowed while painting fabric tote bags.

What's Happening in July?

- Monthly Missions/Missionaries

- San Pedro Valley Assistance League

MISSION: The purpose of the San Pedro Valley Assistance League [SPVAL] is to assist individuals in need who are transitioning through the Benson area and individuals in the local area who are suffering and in need of temporary housing. This would include families in distress with children, physically or emotionally impaired adults, women alone, and those who have experienced a disaster, such as a fire in the home.

- Church Ministry of the Month

Audiovisual & Sound Team!

- New Life Kids Praise Team Practice

Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library

- Weekly Prayer Meeting

Wednesday mornings at 11:00AM in church library



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- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**
All meetings are in the library-Tuesdays at noon and Fridays at noon
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**
Fridays– July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 9:00AM
- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**
Wednesday mornings at 11:00AM in church library
- **AA Meeting**
Tuesday afternoons at 12:00PM
Friday afternoons at 12:00PM
- **Happy Independence Day!**
 Saturday, July 4th
- **Hospitality Meeting**
Sunday, July 5th after the AM service
- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**
Sunday, July 5th after the PM service-Burger King 
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Monday, July 6th 10:00am in library
- **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, July 11th at 7:30AM 
- **Elders Meeting**
Monday, July 20th at 6:00PM
- **New Life Kids/Students Registration**
 Begins Wednesday, July 22nd
Register online (emails will be sent with link) or get forms in the foyer
- **New Life Women's Fellowship**
July date to be announced. Watch for sign-up sheet!

What's Happening In August?

- **Monthly Missions/Missionaries**
ATEN Ministries-Sherman and Tammy Aten
God has developed in the Aten's a hunger for authentic worship in the Body of Christ & a passion for Godly marriages & family through their marriage ministry, Three2One. Today they minister in the U.S & internationally in churches based in Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, Wales, Romania, Russia, Venezuela, South Africa, Philippines, Ukraine, Portugal & Pakistan.
- **Church Ministry of the Month**
New Life Kids/Students Workers!!
- **NLOT (New Life Outreach Team)**
Fridays-August 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 9:00AM. Please watch for updates.
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Practice**
Sunday mornings at 10:30AM sharp in the library 
- **Weekly Prayer Meeting**
Wednesday mornings at 11:00am we meet in the church library. Please join us-Everyone welcome.
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**
All meetings are in the library-Tuesdays at noon and again at 5:00pm, and Fridays at noon
- **Hospitality Meeting**
Sunday, August 2nd after the AM service

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- **Sunday Out-For-a-Bite Night**
Sunday, August 2nd after the PM service-Jack-in-the-Box
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 Monday, August 3rd at 10:00am in library
- **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, August 8th at 7:30AM 
- **Elders Meeting**
Monday, August 10th at 6:00PM
- **New Life Kids/Students Begins**
 Wednesday, August 12th from 6:00-7:30PM
- **New Life Kids Praise Team Performance**
Sunday, August 30th during Fellowship at 10:30AM
**Date is subject to change 
- **New Life Women's Fellowship**
August date to be announced. Watch for sign-up sheet!



Celebrations

July Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Haylie Sturkie - 3rd | • Robert Medeiros -20th |
| • Anna Gray-4th | • Rick Crawford - 20th |
| • Mikayla Crawford - 6th | • Keely Horney - 21st |
| • Alexander Gammon-7th | • Abby Cochrane - 22nd |
| • Barbara Crawford - 8th | • Cissi Graves - 22nd |
| • Whitley Skaarer - 11th | • Jake Deskins - 22nd |
| • Katherine Doot - 12th | • Celeste Lopez - 25th |
| • Caitlin Crawford - 12th | • Konrad Fischer - 27th |
| • Curtis Drake - 13th | • Cindi Burke - 27th |
| • Rhett Reider - 14th | • David Francis - 28th |
| • Karen Pike - 15th | • Rebecca Mills - 28th |
| • Shannon Kirkwood-16th | • Marti Moehlau - 28th |
| • Tiffani Peralta - 17th | • Tracey Glenn - 29th |
| • JP Peralta - 18th | |



July Anniversaries

- Curtis & Rhonda Dupee - 1st
- Jim & Mary Keleher - 22nd
- Tyris & Emily Lundberg - 23rd
- Ian & Shannon Kirkwood - 23rd
- Kasey & Roberta Conaway - 27th

August Birthdays

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| • Chase Hamilton - 1st | • Jacob Walker - 21st |
| • Crissy Nell - 2nd | • Kris Garmon - 22nd |
| • Angus Crawford - 3rd | • Joe Nastal - 22nd |
| • Jayden Jennings - 3rd | • Cathy Yearout - 22nd |
| • Sharra Van Cleve - 3rd | • Melissa Coleman -23rd |
| • Link Glenn - 3rd | • Gary Briggs - 23rd |
| • Cooper Lewellen - 5th | • Macy Compton - 24th |
| • Lauren Medeiros - 6th | • Kara Cochrane - 24th |
| • Nicki Medeiros - 8th | • Gene Doot - 25th |
| • Izaac Riesgo - 9th | • Bob Kowalczyk - 26th |
| • Addie Fife - 10th | • Eva Hamlin - 27th |
| • Ivor Rush - 10th | • Miles Choate - 28th |
| • Kollin Walz - 14th | • Karl Rogers - 29th |
| • Diane Zaugg - 16th | • Barbara VanderLeest-30 |
| • Beau Compton - 19th | • Chad Graves - 31st |
| • Tom Van Wart - 21st | |

August Anniversaries

- Josh & Sharra Van Cleve - 4th
- Ron & Betsy Graves - 5th
- Don & Jean Mertes - 22nd
- Mike & Kathy Steel - 23rd
- Denny & Mary Fish - 24th



Recipes to Share

Butter Swim Biscuits

(Shared by John Conser)



Ingredients:

½ cup butter	2 teaspoons granulated white sugar
2 ½ cups all purpose flour	1 heaping teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons baking powder	1 ¾ cups buttermilk (or substitute, see below)

Preparation:

Preheat your oven to 450F (232°C). In a bowl, mix flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Melt butter and pour it into a 9 x 9 baking dish, ensuring it covers the bottom. Place the buttered dish into the refrigerator until hardened. Combine buttermilk (or substitute) with the dry ingredients to form a dough. Gently place dough onto the buttered dish and spread evenly. Bake for 20-23 minutes until golden brown on top and fluffy.

Buttermilk Substitute

1 ¾ cups whole milk	2 tablespoons lemon juice or white vinegar
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Stir lemon juice/vinegar into milk and refrigerate ½ hour prior to usage

Sausage Gravy

Ingredients:

1 pound Jimmy Dean hot breakfast sausage	2 cups whole milk
½ cup all purpose flour	Salt, red pepper flakes, and course ground black pepper

Preparation:

In a large skillet, cook and finely divide sausage. Dust cooked meat with flour and mix thoroughly. Add milk and heat on hot stove until mixture bubbles and thickens. Season to taste with salt and the two peppers.

BBQ Ribs

(Shared by Renee Cox)

Use pork or beef ribs.

1. Remove the membrane from the back of the ribs. Just slide your fingers around the side to loosen it up and rip it right off.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the ingredients for the dry rub (recipe below). Rub this mixture generously over the outside of the ribs to coat.
3. Put your ribs in the crockpot. Drizzle on 1 1/2 cups of barbecue sauce, reserving 1/2 cup for later.
4. Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. The more racks in the pot, the longer you'll need to cook.
5. Gently remove the racks and lay them out on a foil lined baking sheet. Add the reserved barbecue sauce on top.
6. Broil under a broiler for 3-5 minutes until the barbecue sauce starts to bubble and caramelize. Alternately you could wrap them in foil after patting them dry gently and brushing on another layer of BBQ sauce; then throw them on a heated grill at 350-400° for 10-15 minutes.

NOTE: I use Stubbs Original BBQ Sauce which can be purchased at Walmart or Safeway.

Dry Rub

1 tsp. Paprika	1 tsp. Onion Powder
1 tsp. Salt	1 tsp. Garlic Powder
1 tsp. Black Pepper	1 tsp. Ground Mustard

Smiles For You-

*Worry is like a rocking chair; it will
give you something to do, but it
won't get you anywhere.*



Anonymous

Free Books!!

Due to several recent donations, there are many free books
available in the Information Center!



*Why does history keep repeating itself?
Because we weren't listening the first time.*



Taken from Joyful-Noiseletter, August 2026



⇒ Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

Abraham. He knew a Lot.

⇒ How do angels greet each other?

They say halo.

⇒ Why didn't Jonah trust the ocean?

There was something fishy about it.

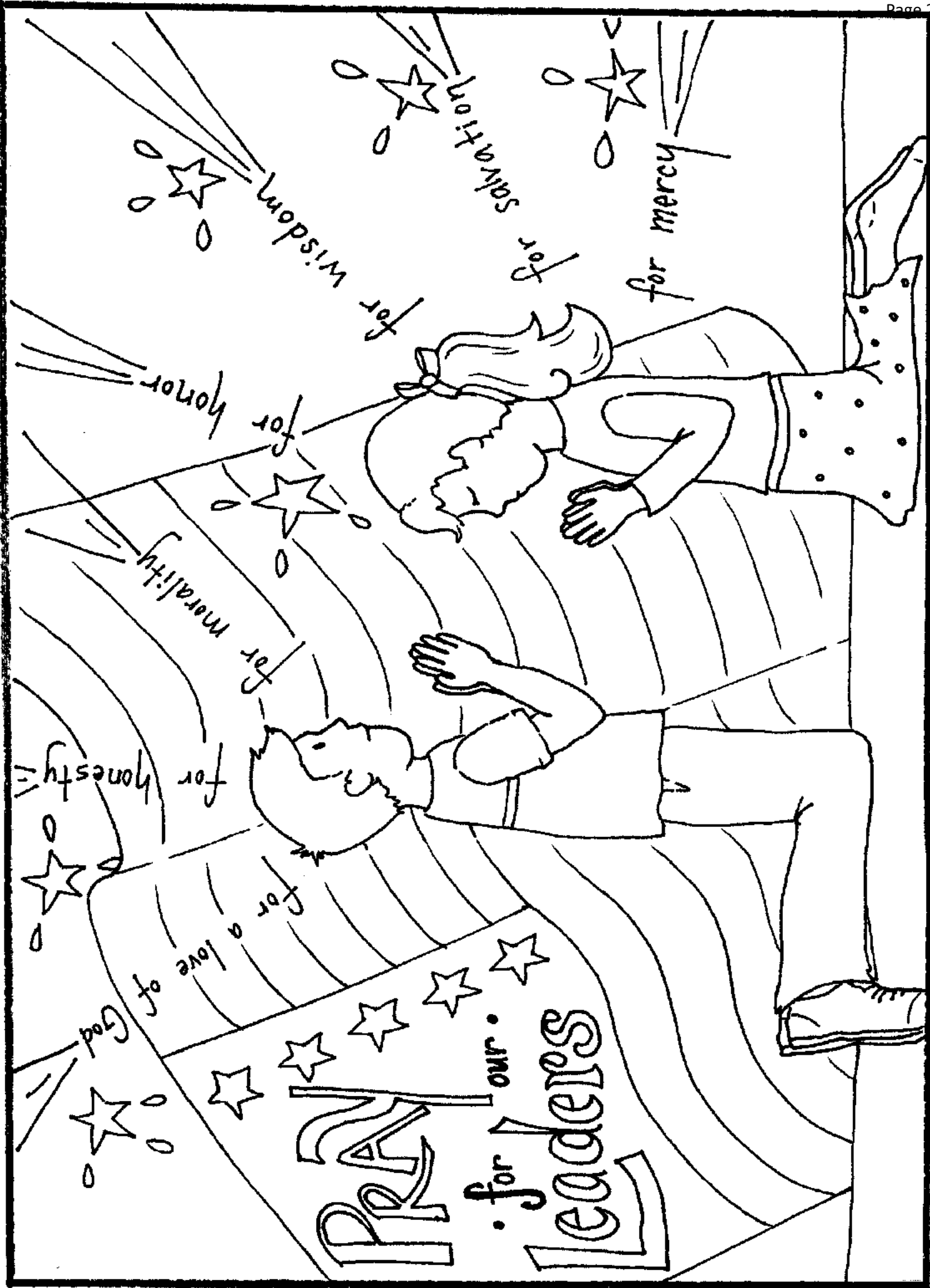
⇒ I went for a run with my Bible.

Now my Psalms are sweaty.



Lost Bracelet!

Recently I (Deb Zink) lost a very special, handmade bracelet that is made of black Swarovski crystals and has a magnetic closure. Please let me know if you have seen it or have any questions. It can be left on my desk in the front office. Thank you for your help!



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.

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/>

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

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