

SUPPORTING REC TEAMS



New Life Christian Center has had the honor of supporting some of our local recreation sports teams again this year. Pictured in orange is the Summer baseball team. In blue is the Fall soccer team. Both teams wore the New Life logo and represented well. It is a great way to bless these kids as well as to promote the King of Kings!

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Tom Sanford



Want to spark a fire among youth for Jesus Christ? Joe and Gina Dewhurst have spoke at our church many times about this ministry currently based in El Salvador and how they are impacting youth's lives for Jesus. They are currently fundraising for mission trips, camps and crusades with a goal of \$25,000. You can help change lives by a tax deductible donation either online at crossfireinternational.org or by mail at:

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The church office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 3. We will reopen on January 6, at 9 am.



We will not be having church on Wednesday, December 25, or Wednesday, January 1, due to the holidays. Enjoy time with family worshipping the Lord!

Due to the holiday and the offices being closed we will not be having a Newsletter after December 11. Our next newsletter will come out on January 8, 2020. Please be sure to read your bulletins to keep up on any events or check out our Facebook group page for upcoming announcements and news.



We will be printing our annual "Classified Ad" Insert page in January. This is a list of church members who have a business or a service they would like people to know about. We really want to bless those in our own body first if we can. Anyone wanting to advertise will need to submit an electronic, business card sized ad to Nichole by January 13, at atmoffice@atmintl.org. If you submitted one for the last ad please send an email letting me know you wish to place the ad again or if there are any changes to it. Those not responding will be removed from the ad.



Just a reminder that during the winter months you may want to bring a sweater or jacket to wear in the sanctuary before we begin our service. We purposely do not heat the room up to a comfortably warm temperature because once worship begins it warms up quickly and if we heated it before hand we would have to run the AC in the winter! Thank you for taking this into consideration!

STAY LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE A MEMORY

Pastor Justin

As we are approaching the busy schedule of the holiday season, we need to answer the question of "What really matters in life?" What really matters in life is our relationship with Jesus, family, and friends. We can get so busy running from this event to that event that we get more caught up with the busyness than we do the people at the event. My great grandmother once said, "stay long enough to make a memory." What great advice! This holiday season, set a new standard in your circles of influence. Staying long enough to make memories might look different for all of us. Make the most of the time you have with the people who are in your life. Whether you have just 1 or 2 people or a multitude of people, be grateful for what you have and enjoy each others presence. Leave the cellphone at the door. What does that mean? When you walk into the home, or the place in which you will be with friends and family, leave the cellphone on silent, put it in your coat pocket that goes in the closet. Take the AirPods out, silence all the outer noise and focus on those in your immediate presence. Leave the TV off. Why do we need to be constantly entertained with everything else when we are with family and friends? How about staying long enough to make a memory with Jesus? Here's an interesting thought, how quick are we to say a lightning fast prayer, only to move onto the next task of the day? I am reminded of Joshua in the Old Testament, when Moses would go to meet with God in the tent, scripture records that Joshua would "remain" at the tent. Joshua stayed long enough to make a memory! Ultimately, it was that relationship, which Joshua made with God, that enabled him to be the leader God called him to be! Who knows, maybe if we would do some more "remaining" with God, He could do some more working on our behalf!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: On Break

Discipleship 4: December 15, 22, 8 - 9:15 am



THE STORY OF SILENT NIGHT

Pastor Bruce

In 1818, a roving band of actors was performing in towns throughout the Austrian Alps. On December 23, they arrived at Oberndorf, a village near Salzburg where they were to re-enact the story of Christ's birth in the small Church of St. Nicholas. Unfortunately, the St. Nicholas' church organ wasn't working and would not be repaired before Christmas so the play was performed in a private home.



Assistant Pastor Josef Mohr upon looking at the snow covered town on his way home from the performance began to meditate on the Christmas story and the words of Silent Night began to come to him. The next day, Mohr went to see the church organist, Franz Gruber, who only had one day to come up with the music to the words that Pastor Mohr had given him. By that evening, Franz had the melody that could be sung with a guitar. On

Christmas Eve, the little Oberndorf congregation heard Gruber and Mohr sing their new composition to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar. The carol spread across northern Europe. In 1834, they performed "Silent Night" for King Frederick William IV of Prussia. He then ordered his cathedral choir to sing it every Christmas Eve. Twenty years after "Silent Night" was written, the Rainers of

Germany brought the song to the United States, singing it in German at New York City's Trinity Church. In 1863, nearly fifty years after being first sung in German, "Silent Night" was translated into English. Eight years later, that English version made its way into print in Charles Hutchins' *Sunday School Hymnal*. Today, the words of "Silent Night" are sung around the world in more than 300 different languages.