

JOY AND REJOICING

Pastor Bruce

Joy and rejoicing seem to be commonplace words for us. They are found in the scriptures, but seem to allude us, as to their true meaning, all too many times. Often, we seem to equate these words with happiness, but happiness is only found in our present circumstances in life and if our circumstances are not good, neither are we very happy. **Joy** and **rejoicing** on the other hand are based on an entirely “other reality.” A reality and dimension that is only found in the presence of the Lord. When Paul said, “to rejoice and again I say rejoice” in Phil. 4, he was in prison and about to be executed. He tapped into another dimension. Even Jesus in the darkest hours of His life after being tortured and nailed to a cross, was still connected to another reality as Hebrews 12:2 states, “who for the **joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Are you staying connected to the spiritual reality in the midst of life, so you might always have joy and rejoicing?

newLife THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

In the last year, our team has worked to restructure our youth group. We chose the name “THRIVE,” based on 2 Peter 1:4. Karlee designed t-shirts, we made wristbands, and we have established strong youth group traditions. The next step for us is to redecorate the Youth Center on Walnut Street. We believe doing this will create a great space for our youth group. In the past, we used this building for our youth group and experienced great growth and enjoyed using the space for events as well. With some relatively inexpensive cosmetic changes, we can make our building welcoming and fun for the youth. Ideally, we will do much of the work ourselves (the youth and the youth leaders together) to keep costs low. Just last month we were able to clean out the Youth Center and throw away or donate unneeded items. Some of the big changes we want to make include: replacing carpet, painting, redecorating, purchasing some furnishings as needed. We so greatly appreciate the continued prayer and support Thrive Youth Group receives from you all!

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Service at the Lake July 26, 10:30 am

Join us for this Community Worship Service at the lake! This event where we join together with other churches in our community

is highly anticipated and is a great time of worship with other believers. Plan to bring a lawn chair and we encourage you to wear your New Life shirts!

NO
SERVICE
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT July 22

Due to VBS, we will not be having church on this Wednesday evening.



New Life Vacation Bible School
July 19-23
6:00 - 8:30 pm
You won't want to miss this amazing railroad adventure! Mark your calendars and sign up your little conductors at the registration desk!

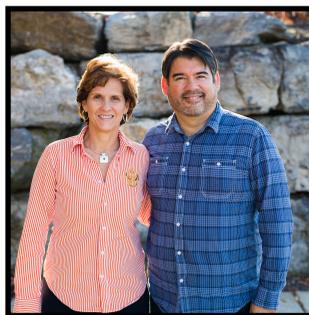


Dennis & Diane Cramer Friday, August 21, 7:00 pm Sunday, August 23, 10:00 am

Come join us for these awesome days of ministry that Dennis and Diane will be leading. Make it a priority to schedule around these times so that you can make it.

ATM Kingdom Camp 2020 July 13-17 Cost: \$199

Located again in St. Mary's, this camp is so much fun and close to home! This years speaker is J.C. Alzamora and he will be with us the entire week! Price break for New Life Youth. If there are any concerns over cost we can help. Ask your youth leaders for more details.



July 12, 10:00 am

J.C. and Maria will be ministering to our congregation. You won't want to miss this time!

J.C. ALZAMORA

Tom Sanford

We have the opportunity to hear from our good friends J.C. and Maria Alzamora on July 12, during our Sunday morning service. This is a time you won't want to miss because in this day we need to hear the Heart of God and know where He is leading us more than ever. J.C. is a faithful prophet and prayer warrior who has been ministering to New Life for years. God's Word through him has changed the lives of so many people within our church as well as outside of New Life. In the last days, God says there will be deception and I believe to follow the Voice of the Lord will be the most valuable action that we can pursue. J.C.'s reputation can speak for itself when it comes to his prayer life and prophecy. So, come prepared for with an urgency and hear from God. for The Spirit of you are going on work yourself up to expect certain things imagine these events, intentional to the driven to expect them. For example, when our family went to Disney World, I wanted to make sure we prepared as a family for the things we wanted to see and do most. What did we end up doing? Almost everything we planned for! It's the same way when we come to Church. Do you need something from God? Need to hear something or learn something? Ask God and then expect to hear an answer. God can certainly speak anytime and through anyone. When we have guest speakers come in who excel in certain areas, expect to gain from that area. Plan ahead, come willingly, hungry, and ready to learn more about the Heart of God. You will not regret pursuing The Lord. Not ever. This is the pursuit that matters most.



this meeting. Come an expectation to Come with a hunger God. It's like when vacation. You can be excited and to to happen. When we we make those ideas point that we are

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

- Discipleship 1: July 19, 5 - 7 pm
- Discipleship 2: July 12, 19, 8 am



SWITCH

Pastor Justin

Changing a human being into a good moral person with the goal to cope with the inner desire for self justification has always been something mankind has been attempting to do. From the Buddhist Monks who have traveled the Silk Road to Spiritualists seeking enlightenment. We as humans are always seeking a measure of inner peace by whatever means available. As a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, what has He revealed to us that all the world is searching for? In

Romans 8:6, For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. What all the world is looking for is found in Jesus. Here is the cool thing about Jesus. When He moves in, He brings all of Himself into you to be able to change your inner nature so that you can become a new creation! This is what Paul was speaking about in **2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** When we become

a new creation God places within us all the abilities to be just like Him. How do we do this? We have to **SWITCH** from thinking in our carnal man, the flesh nature, to thinking with our new man, the spiritual one. This switch, is operated by faith. That by faith, I am going to believe that I can switch on or put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Again, what does that practically look like? How do you know you're thinking like Jesus would? One way you could figure out which mind you are using is to

Putting off the old and putting on the new!

evaluate how you respond to situations. God allows certain situations to happen in our lives with one purpose in mind, to see how well we handle the situation. As I go about my daily routine, if I respond poorly to a test, I need to ask the Holy Spirit to change the way I think, to change the way I operate. I need to make a switch in my thinking, to turn on the faith, and start confessing and believing what God has spoken over me vs the lie the enemy wants me to believe.