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Monthly Newsletter of New Life Church of Christ | April 2016

Mark Your Calendar

April 6

Comfort & Joy Sewing
9:00am-12:00pm

April 9

Ladies Day
9:00am-3:30pm

April 13

Community Meal
5:00-6:30pm

April 29

Devoted 242
6:00-10:00pm

Steve Says...

... that I continue to be excited and impressed by your response to our new mission in Honduras. As of the time I am writing our **Honduras Power and Light Project** is up over \$8,000! Thank you! Also we are planning and recruiting for a trip there from October 5-12. If you have any interest in participating in this trip, contact Scott Cromer or myself. Also we will have in the next month or so information on child sponsorships for kids associated with the Choloma church. I believe there are just over a dozen kids available. Lots more info on that to come soon.

... that we are jumping back into **The Story** after Easter. I believe that this has been one of the most powerful things we have done as a church in years. It is true that God's word does not return empty! So keep it up. Don't get discouraged! If you haven't been keeping up, this is a great time to get back in the game. Don't worry about trying to catch up, just go to this week's reading and go from there. We have a "**The Story**" page on our website where you can find out where we are. It has lots of other stuff available for use as well.

... that we continue to see a growing intolerance toward faith in the American culture. This does not change our responsibility to show love, to share the gospel, and to be a witness for God's grace. It only makes it a little harder. Do not be dismayed by what you read or hear on the news. God is not surprised nor are things beyond His control. Our job is to stay faithful!
Stay faithful my friends. Stay Faithful.

Kyle's Korner

A couple of years ago I remember a day when Hannah and I were out on a date together. We were sitting at a booth waiting for our food to arrive and we started looking around the restaurant at those who were seated around us. Up until that point we had been talking to one another and had been unaware that the seating area was filling up quickly, but then once we looked we saw that most of the tables now had people at them. Those filling the tables were mostly couples like us, but we noticed something seemed off. That sense of 'off-ness' came because nearly every couple that we saw was sitting at the same table but seemed to be barely aware of the presence of the other person. Their attention was on a small, rectangular electronic device that they kept swiping with one finger and occasionally widening their eyes to readjust their focus. At a few tables both people were looking down at their phones, occasionally looking up or around the room. At others only one, usually the man, was plinking away on the phone while the other sat sipping their drink. One table especially caught my eye: There was a middle-aged couple sitting at the table directly across from us where the man was focused on his phone but the woman was focused on the man. It was obvious that she was trying to have a conversation with him but was even more obvious that he was more interested in what the phone had to show than what she had to say. That night, more than ever, I became aware that we have a media problem.

Don't get me wrong! I'm not saying that media is intrinsically wrong and that we should avoid it like the plague. I'm sure it has its uses. But what I am saying is that culturally we have an unhealthy appetite for media and that we are raising a generation that has little to no concept of what appropriate boundaries for media are. We live in a time that faces issues that were completely unknown in generations past. How do we parent kids that can literally access anything they want with the push of a button? The potential risks for such access are huge, and are often undetected. Many parents aren't aware at the dangers that children face as a result of media, especially unrestricted internet access. It is because of this that we are having a seminar to do our best to inform and equip parents with tools to help them navigate through the murky waters of media.

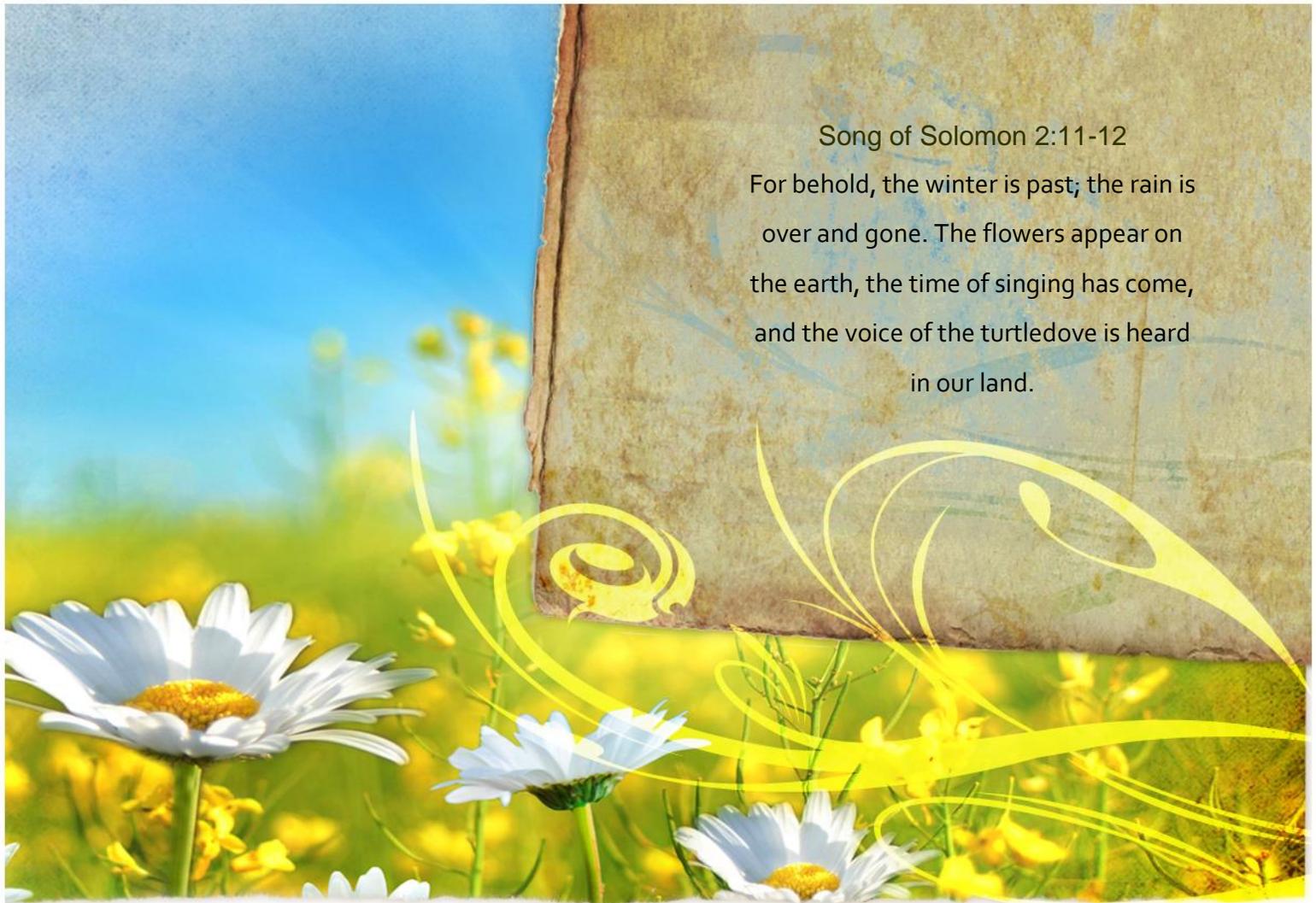
I encourage you to join us here at the church on Saturday, April 23 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Counselor Tom Day will be sharing wisdom for us regarding safe media usage. He will review some of the possible risks of media usage, inform parents of often missed areas of concern and then provide us with a framework to help parent wisely in the media realm. Please contact me (Kyle) if you are planning on attending the seminar. Just call the church office and let us know you are coming. There is no cost, but we do ask that you inform us if you plan on attending so we know how many to plan for. This would also be a great event to invite family, neighbors and friends to since it is an issue that everyone has to deal with. Also, because of some of the nature of what is being discussed, we ask that adults only attend this seminar. Childcare will be provided for children under 12 years of age. We especially ask that you let us know if you plan on bringing children that will need to be supervised.

Thanks and I hope to see you there,

Kyle

April Birthdays

1 - Larry Ramey,
2 – Brian Clark, Karen Mascazzini,
Mikayla Vail
4 – Leroy Sargent
5 – Barbara Kindt, Josh Dixon
8 – Cindy Golden
9 – Jim Mowry
11 – Carol Walker, James Hawkins
12 – Gerald & Linda Schumacher,
Larry Mowry
14 – Anita Hawkins
18 – LillyAnn Dawson
22 – Zain Brown, Ryan South
23 – Shirley Bahr, Crystal Maglott
24 – Linda Ellis, Mary Kempton,
Jared Starling
26 – Betty Hamilton, Sam Dixon,
Jacob Smith
27 – Laura Dearth
28 – Julie Brown, Jamie
Mascazzini,
29 – Ron Ernsberger, Sherri
Benick, Sheila South



Song of Solomon 2:11-12

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Ladies Day

Ladies events at Round Lake and different churches inspired me to want something similar hosted at New Life Church of Christ. The first Ladies Day Gathering was held here in April of 2008. I prayed and asked for God's leading and He provided beautiful ladies that used their talents in sharing God's message of love, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus our Lord. My daughter, Sandee Leeka was a huge part in planting the seed in me to pursue this endeavor. Today we have a team that works together in planning Ladies Day every two years. The talented ladies God provides amaze me. The last event was attended by close to 180 ladies. All I have to do is ask and their yes answer provides God with a willing spirit to work in. This year's event is led by the Micah 6:8 scripture: He hath shown thee oh man what is good, and what does the Lord require of thee but to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God. The date is April 9, 2016 from 8:30am-3:30pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register by March 31 at \$5.00 per family, which will be giving to Dave & Annette Dryden's ministry. I love all you ladies and young girls. You inspire me very much.

Love, Pat Frontz

A Line from Liming

The seniors committee met to go over the upcoming activities and they sound real nice.

The next one is on "how to use our cellphones and computers" by Stacy Ward. I am sure we all have questions. I know I could make a long list of them. The older I get and the fancier the equipment gets, I get left in the dark.

If you have questions you would like discussed, please write them on the registration card ahead of time so Stacy can prepare to answer those questions.

We will eat at the church at 12:00pm here at the church. The menu includes a baked potato bar with loads of toppings, a great salad bar and some wonderful cookies. Be sure to register at the church.

Steve

Devoted 242

DEVOTED242 | Contend For the Faith
We are excited to begin our time by sharing a meal together of homemade soup, salad, and bread. Feel free to bring additional beverages and snacks for after dinner. Immediately following we will begin exploring various techniques, methods, and strategies for observing, interpreting, and applying scripture as we make our way through the book of Jude. Within this short book we see that Satan tries to sneak "secret agents" into God's Church to confuse and ultimately crush true believers. It is the job of every Christian to "earnestly contend for the faith" as passed down by Jesus' disciples and recorded in the Bible. We encourage you to join us as we dig into scripture and gain the tools needed to get the most out of studying God's Word. **DEVOTED242 will be on April 29th from 6:00-10:00pm.**

Jason's Jam

C.I.A. continues to be going great! We average about 20 kids each week and parents are telling me that the kids are loving it. The kids especially enjoy the opportunity to earn bible bucks. They earn them by attendance, bringing their bible, as well as memorizing that week's memory verse. They save up these bible bucks and will get to spend them at a store we will have later in the year. The kids get to eat together, sing together, and grow in Christ together, doesn't get much better than that. Please continue to pray for C.I.A and our kids that their hearts will be for Christ!

