



And Now We Return To . . . The Story!

In the first part of the year we worked our way through the entire Old Testament, and now after taking a break for the summer, we are resuming our journey through-The Story. We will pick up with the New Testament on Sunday September 11. But to get us back in the right state of mind, on Sunday, September 4th we will review the entire Old Testament in a single sermon!

For those of you who are new or who have forgotten, The Story, is a book that consists of scriptural excerpts that walk us through the entire story of God's work with mankind from the beginning until now. All the text is scripture, but it has been edited to read more like a novel. Each week we read a chapter and then on Sunday the sermon covers the material in the chapter.

We will be picking up with Chapter 22, "The Birth of a King." On our website you will find a page for The Story, where you will find devotions for each chapter, a prayer, and the sermon video for that chapter as well. Our pattern is to break the overall story into bite sized series and the series title for the first several weeks of the New Testament will be "The Man With A Plan"

I am praying that God will again speak into our hearts and our lives as a church and work in us so that we become more conformed to His image as we finish our journey through The Story of His work in this world.

It's hard to believe that the first week of November is only a few months away and that means that New Life Theater 2017 is quickly approaching, November 4-6. We hope and pray that this year's event will reach many people with the Truth and that they will experience the love of His Church.

We need you to be involved! There are several ways that you can participate in this outreach event:

- We need enough homemade pies to serve at all three performances.
- We need kitchen help in plating pies and serving drinks.
- We need servers who will interact with our guests and help them with any needs as well as make them feel welcome.
- We need volunteers to serve as ushers and registration table assistants that will show hospitality to our guests at each performance.
- We need people to help with decorations in the New Life Center as well as table centerpieces.
- We need individuals to take care of publicity and help get the word out about our event by posting flyers and handing out invitations.
- We need individuals to help set up tables and chairs on Tuesday, November 4th at 3:00p.
- We need everyone to invite individuals in order to build relationships with them for the purpose of discipleship.
- We also need people who would be willing to follow up with our patrons after the event by contacting them regarding their Event Survey Card.
- We need prayer warriors who will take New Life Theater before the Lord throughout the production process.

Please feel free to contact Ryan with any questions or if you want to help in any of these areas. There will be more information coming soon.

Prayer Wall

Have you ever used a few of those pennies that other people leave at the cash register? There is often a sign that says something like, "Have a penny, Leave a penny. Need a penny, Take a penny." Our new prayer wall works on the same idea. If you have a prayer request or praise, simply write it on one of the tags and leave it for someone else to take and lift up in prayer before the Lord. You can also take a prayer and pray for someone else's request or praise. You do not have to leave a prayer to take a prayer nor do you have to return the prayer tag that you took. We hope that this will help us to visualize the importance of prayer and the needs of others around us as we rejoice with those that rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, and everything in between. Enjoy watching God at work through His people as we pray.

Pray 4 Me

Summer has come and gone and our students are back to school. Pray 4 Me is in full swing so it's time to hit the Holy Book and disciple the next generation. This year we will be making the Guidebook available on our website for you to print if you choose. Simply go to the Prayer page and click on Pray for Me. There you will find a link for the Guidebook. A few printed copies will be available here at the church for those without internet access. Our goal is to form relationships between generations in order to grow in our faith. By studying scriptures, praying, and mentoring these students, we will declare the mighty acts of God as we live life together. We encourage everyone to not only pray for their student but also spend time together in discipleship and fellowship.

This year, we have also included a silicone band that you can give to your student when you contact them. It is meant to be a daily reminder that you are praying for them throughout the school year.

There have been many stories shared about the impact of this ministry on our youth as well as the spiritual growth that happens in our own lives when we disciple another person. We hope that you have a great experience with Pray 4 Me while providing spiritual guidance and wisdom to those that follow in your footsteps.



Kyle's Korner

It's almost time for the Bellville Street Fair! Hard to believe it, but mid-September is right around the corner. The dates of the actual fair are September 14-17. We would like to extend a helping hand to the Fair Board again this year by having a crew assist with fair clean up. The date for cleanup will be Sunday, September 18. Anyone interested in helping is asked to show up at the Bandstand at 6:45am. Leaf blowers are a tremendous help, so if anyone could bring one it would be great. Rakes may also be helpful to have. Let's also be reminded that the Lord isn't offended for people to show up to worship Him looking like they just finished working. If you don't have time to clean up and change after clean up before church, don't worry! Just come as you are! Hope to see you there!

Another important event on the horizon is coming up September 25 when New Life Church of Christ will be hosting Compassion In Action. For the past three years Compassion In Action (CIA) has been using our facilities here as a home base for their fundraising 5k to help assist families struggling to pay for medical bills. Information about registering for the 5k, along with various opportunities to help with the event, will be published as soon as it becomes available. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in whatever way they can to show support and love to our community. Please keep eyes and ears open for information about this event as it draws closer.

If you have any further questions about either of these events please let me know. Thanks!
Kyle

A Line from Liming

I sure enjoyed talking to you at church on Sunday morning, and I sure hope that you are going to start inviting many visitors to church with you. It is such a great joy to have such a congregation.

In case you were not able to catch all the things that were included in the outreach program, let me give the basics now.

1. Please ask your guests to fill out a connection card and ask them to put your name on their card.
2. Fill out a card too and put the name of the guest on your card as well.
3. We will send a letter to them with a \$5.00 gift card to say that "we are glad they were here".
4. We will also send you a letter with a gift card in it as well.
5. If they come a second week we will give them a phone call to thank them for coming and a letter from Steve Kistler.
6. On their third visit they will get a goodie package delivered to their home.
7. Following this they will simply get invited to the Welcome class taught a couple of times a year.

As you can see, we really want to make the visit something special. Yes, this is a good deal of work, but it is well worth it. Thanks for your help.

I love you all,
Steve

September Birthdays

- 1 – David Roseberry
- 2 – Sheri Noe
- 5 – David Rogers
- 6 – Tom Carroll, Emily Leedy
- 8 – Bob McConkie, Michelle Fluty
- 10 – Pat Frontz
- 11 – Bev Thompson, Jacob Hamilton
- 15 – Jessica Brown
- 16 – Annaliese Litt
- 17 – Rachel Maglott
- 19 – Stella Slone
- 20 – John Masters
- 22 – Scott Shaffer
- 23 – Morgan Armstrong
- 24 – James Twedt, Ben Starling
- 25 – Steve Liming, Brenda Johnson, Mahala Brown
- 26 – Alec Armstrong, Mason Armstrong
- 27 – Amber Litt
- 28 – Carolyn McGugin, Hunter Benick
- 30 – Cole Fletcher

Jason's Jam

Kingdom kids happenings

We have lots going on with our kids in the coming months. They are still in their Finding Jesus series and will be starting back up in The Story with the rest of the church. On September 11th, we will have move up Sunday, so if they are old enough, they get to move up to an older class. We have also started implementing new security features starting with the Kids Check program. There is information on what that is by the entrance to the kid's wing. Please pray for our kids as school is starting back up!!! Phew, I think that is everything!

