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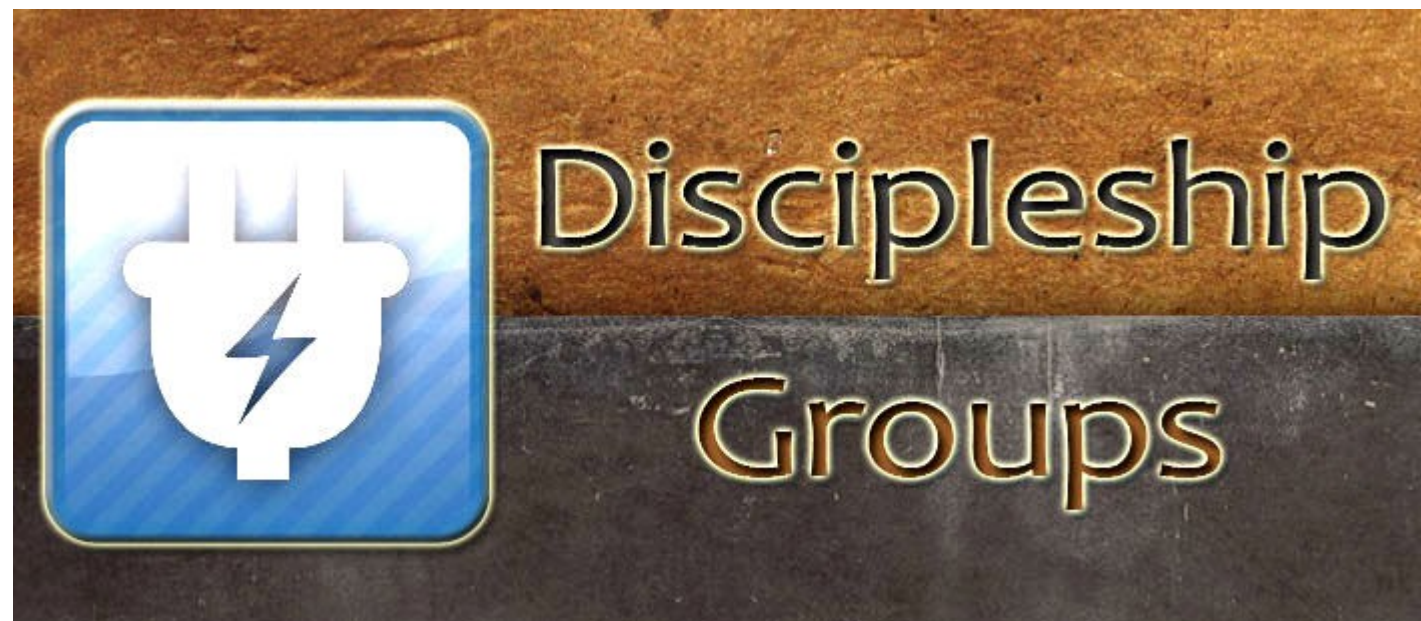
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Worship Times
Morning Worship 8:45 Am
Bible Fellowship 10:00 Am
Mid-Morning Worship 11:00AM
Youth Groups
6:00 PM

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Starting week of March 4th

March 2012 New Life News

Read Through Your Bible In One Year

Week 9

Monday – Genesis 32-35
Tuesday – Judges 17-21
Wednesday – Psalms 24-26
Thursday – Job 17-18
Friday - Isaiah 45-50
Saturday – Matthew 23-25
Sunday – 1Corinthians 1-2

Week 10

Monday – Genesis 36-39
Tuesday – Ruth
Wednesday – Psalms 27-29
Thursday – Job 19-20
Friday – Isaiah 51-55
Saturday – Matthew 26-28
Sunday – 1Corinthians 3-4

Week 11

Monday- Genesis 40-43
Tuesday – 1Samuel 1-5
Wednesday – Psalms 30-32
Thursday – Job 21-22
Friday- Isaiah 56-61
Saturday – Mark 1-2
Sunday – 1Corinthians 5-6

Week 12

Monday – Genesis 44-47
Tuesday – 1Samuel 6-10
Wednesday –Psalms 33-35
Thursday – Job 23-24
Friday – Isaiah 62-66
Saturday – Mark 3-4
Sunday – 1Corinthians 7-8



Vision Statement
Our Vision is to be a
Source of Help, Hope
and Home in our
Community

Steve Says...

... that I am really excited about all the discipleship groups that are forming right now. (You can find out the details of those groups in Steve Broughton's article.) It is an exciting time in the life of our congregation when so many are committing themselves to growing and serving and being accountable. There is a sense in the church of a growing dissatisfaction with simply believing in Christ and a growing desire to be a disciple of Christ who is making disciples of Christ.

One thing that the elders and staff have discussed is that whenever we take steps to grow in discipleship and disciplemaking, our enemy takes notice and attacks. We have consistently seen this in the past and are already seeing it happen now. Satan attacks in a variety of ways. He attacks individuals through busyness, through struggles and hardships in life, and through doubt. He attacks groups through conflict, through gossip, and by trying to discredit leaders.

One example of Satan attacking our Church is the rumor that I heard this week that we had removed the baptistry in our recent remodeling project. This is totally untrue. We repaired and refurbished the baptistry. This rumor is, however, the perfect example of how the enemy works. The rumor sows the idea that we are somehow moving away from the foundation of Scriptural truth, it raises doubts and leads to slowed or stopped momentum as the leadership is forced to deal with false rumors rather than continue the work of making disciples who make disciples.

In response to these attacks, I am asking you to lift New Life up to the Lord in prayer. Specifically pray for unity in our body. Pray for unwavering commitment to making disciples. Pray for the leaders of the discipleship groups. Pray for the folks that are joining these groups. Pray for the elders and staff. Pray that God would bless us and that we would see through the enemies tactics!

1. IDENTITY – *Who am I?*

(See Ephesians 1:3-14.)

I have made a commitment to be a Christ follower (Acts 2:38)
I choose daily to place Christ's desires ahead of my own (Luke 9:23-25)

2. MIND – *What do I believe? What motivates me?*

(See 1 Corinthians 2:9-16)
I love God (Matthew 22:37)
I love people (Matthew 22:39)
I am obedient to God's authority (Philippians 2:5-11)
I model a living faith (Matthew 5:1-12)

3. CHARACTER – *How do I live? What are my priorities?*

(See Matthew 4:1-10.)
I am knowledgeable about God's Word (1 Timothy 3:16)
I am focused (1 Corinthians 2:2)
I am teachable (Philippians 4:9)
I demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23)

4. HABITS – *What should I know, so I can use it when I need it?*

(See Luke 2:41-52 and Hebrews 5:8)
I spend time in prayer (Matthew 6:5-13)
I regularly practice spiritual disciplines (e.g., silence, fasting) (Matthew 6:16-18)
I adhere to Christ's teaching (John 8:31, 32)

5. RELATIONSHIPS – *How do I treat others?*

(See John 13:34, 35.)
I am: merciful, compassionate, influential, encouraging, caring, grace-filled, and unselfish (Matthew 5:43-48)
I seek to understand before I am understood (James 1:19)

6. INFLUENCE – *How do I reproduce new disciples?*

(See Matthew 28:16-20.)
I readily share the Gospel (Romans 1:16)
I am accountable (1 Peter 3:10-12)
I am intentional in reaching lost people (Luke 19:10)

7. SERVICE – *How do I minister?*

(See Mark 10:25-39, 45.)
I am willing to serve (Ephesians 6:7, 8)
I am obedient to the Word (James 1:22)

8. TRANSFORMATION – *Who do I need to become?*

(See Romans 12:1-3)
I regularly engage in self-examination (Ephesians 4:22-24)



So, a few months ago, I ran across an article about a mom who was challenged by her young daughter. The girl was reading through her Bible. Every opportunity she got, she was reading. The mom was saying how she felt like she didn't really know what brought this about and how she was challenged to look at her own motivations. Did she choose to read her Bible when given the chance? I got to thinking - WOW! What a great kid! I wish I could encourage my girls to do the same.

Funny thing happened. You know the 40 day challenge we're doing. Well, we started adding a regular devotional time to our evening family prayer time. At first, my nine year old, felt like she just didn't get it. I thought, this is going to be a struggle. How in the world will this be a blessing? I hate to discourage the kids by doing something they don't understand, but yet we need to do devotions, right?

Well, something happened. Over the next few nights, she got it. Again, like the mother I read about, my nine year old, started a plan to read through her Bible. Next thing I know, she is taking her Bible to school. Then, she comes home telling me she started her own Bible group, with some girls at school. Each day she came home with a new girl wanting to join. I've never seen such joy! She is pumped!

I can't tell you how this came about or some awesome plan to make your kid excited about God. But I can tell you that it is as simple as reading your Bible and praying. She hasn't had meetings for months to plan her Bible group. She didn't go buy an expensive, time-consuming Bible study. She didn't take a survey on the community. She is simply reading her Bible and talking about it with her friends. I know I've been blessed beyond words to see her grow. Now while I can't explain what happened, I can say that God desires our children to know Him and He WILL answer our prayers if we choose to follow Him!

Blessings-
Aimee

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
MARCH 9TH
6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Volleyball, basketball, board games
BRING FINGER FOOD AND A GAME

Steve B Scribbles

On Sunday, February 12th at 6:00pm I had the privilege of sitting in a room with 35 individuals who decided to invest in the lives of others. I am overwhelmed as I reflect on the diversity of the giftedness that each person brings to discipleship. New Life is blessed with people who love people! This month instead of hearing my normal ramblings I decided that it would be best that we see what Discipleship Groups are starting and also take a moment to be reminded of the purposes for the groups.

Purpose of being involved in a Discipleship Group

1. To grow in Christ through study, transparency and accountability.
2. To grow in Christ through service and outreach.
3. To grow in Christ by creating disciples who make disciples.

Open Discipleship Groups

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Day & Location</u>	<u>Co-Leader</u>
Eric & Linda Ellis	Sunday 6pm at New Life	
Scott & Deb Cromer	TBA	
Brad & Julie Brown	Saturday 6pm at the Brown's	Jon & Amy Beveridge
Steve & Stephanie Kistler	Monday 6:30pm at New Life	
Gunther & Stephanie Meisse	Sunday 6pm at the Meisse's	
Marlin & Reta Hamilton	Sunday 6pm at Hamilton's	Jason & Amber Sharp
Ron & Brenda Johnson	TBA	
Ron & Kim Landis	Sunday 6pm at Landis'	Todd & Lisa Awiller
John & Mary Masters	Thursday 7pm call for location	
	<u>Currently Full Groups</u>	
Scott & Renetta Shaffer	Saturday 6pm at the Shaffer's	Chris & Laurie Fox
Bob & Regina Jones	Wednesday 6:30pm at New Life	Joe & Barbara Kindt
Steve & Kristina Broughton	Sunday 6pm at the Broughton's	

If you are interested in joining a Discipleship Group please contact either the group leader or Steve Broughton.
You can reach Steve via email at: steveb@newlifebellville.com or call 419-886-3611.

Journeying with Jesus,
Steve Broughton

March Birthdays

- 1 – Brennan South, Michelle Rush
- 2 – Stephanie Meisse, Olivia Dudgeon, Bryce Fletcher
- 3 – Ashley Twedt
- 5 – Kyle Thompson, Megan MacTavish, Ava Williams, Way Ward, Cody Mann
- 6 – Laurie Fox
- 7 – Marj Snelson
- 8 – Dawn Garrabrant
- 9 – Obed Snelson
- 10 – Bonnie Fry
- 11 – Cody Fox
- 14 – Deb Cromer
- 15 – Ron Landis, Brittany Dudgeon
- 16 – Emily Broughton
- 18 – Maurissa Voyik, Belinda Boley,
- 19 – Jonah Beveridge, Lucas Starling
- 20 – Myles Sharp
- 21 – Gabe Roseberry, Abigail Hickerson,
- 22 – Kurt McLaughlin, Betty Lou Woodward
- 23 – Kathy Sargent
- 24 – Ryan Mowry
- 25 – Paulette Kuhn, Emily Hart
- 26 – Cayden Sharp
- 27 – Michelle Sharp
- 28 – Kurt Hamilton, Jessica Dawson
- 29 – Donna Shank, Clint Shaffer, Maleah Garrabrant
- 30 – Amy Lee, Drew Kistler,
- 31 – Luke Roseberry