



new life *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NEW LIFE CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAY 2019

Steve Says . . .

. . . THAT I wanted to update you on a few things that are in progress in the church. Earlier this year we had a brainstorming session in which we got ideas for the church in the areas of prayer, fellowship, and outreach. Those initial ideas were presented in all the adult Sunday School classes and then people gave their top answers in each of the categories. Those top responses were then tallied and the following ideas came out. (These are listed below in no particular order.) Ministry Teams are being formed for each of these three areas to help organize and promote these ministries.

PRAYER: Encourage daily prayer, have a women's prayer breakfast, have focused prayer for our government and country, have Prayer walks, create a group text to let people know about prayer needs.

FELLOWSHIP: Have a game night with dinner, Have coffee time, Ice cream social/soup or chili cook off, more churchwide events, have Discipleship groups meet together.

OUTREACH: (to the following groups) The Elderly, Kids, Our Community, The Homeless, Those with Special Needs

. . . THAT our search for a worship minister is moving slowly. We have had only a few applicants, which has lead us to widen our thinking about this position. The elders have thought to consider a part-time ministry and some options have appeared but nothing is complete at this point. I ask that you continue to be in prayer for the search team and the leadership as we seek God's solution to this position.

. . . THAT I want to thank Becky Sharp and all the other ladies who have so faithfully worked for so long to bring us the Sonshine Singers productions. Over the years a large number of kids have been involved and many families have been presented with the gospel. This ministry requires many hours and a lot of patience. Thank you ALL for what you continue to do in serving New Life and the Lord in this way.

Church Events

- **May 1st - Comfort & Joy Sewing 9:00a**
- **May 5th – Sonshine Singers Performance 6:00p**
- **May 12th – Mother's Day**
- **May 15th – Senior Moments Event 12:00p**
- **May 15 – Comfort & Joy Sewing 5:30p**
- **May 19th – Graduation Sunday**
- **May 27th – Memorial Day**

. . . THAT we have 3 mission trips planned for this summer. One to Choloma church in Honduras with 12 members, one to Diamond Willow Reservation with 8 or 9 members and a youth trip to Show Me Christian Home in Missouri with around 15 members. In addition Sara Johnson is going to be spending all summer on a mission internship. That represents between 35-40 people going to serve the Lord on the Mission field this summer. What an incredible and exciting thing for so many of our congregation to be actively involved in this important work! Please be praying for each group as they prepare and travel and serve!

. . . THAT many have pitched in to prepare the coffee before service on Sunday and to provide a snack before Sunday School. I thank all of you. These have both been appreciated things. They make us more welcoming for members and visitors alike. THANK YOU for your help in these areas. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would be willing to help out with the coffee! The Adult Sunday School classes are working out a rotation to handle the snack before Sunday School.

. . . THAT MAY is an incredibly busy month for everyone. Mother's Day, Graduation, End of school, start of Spring/summer. All of this leads to many activities. I get it we are busy. But allow me to just encourage you to not allow your business to get in the way of your personal devotion time with Jesus. Nor to distract from your worship of Him on Sundays!

May is here, warmer weather (finally), beautiful flowers, lots of green, sunshine. Just feels good, doesn't it?

May is also the month we have a day dedicated to recognize all the mothers in our lives. I personally have a great mom who raised my siblings and me in the Lord. She is extremely caring and forgiving. She is always there for my family and me.

I also have a beautiful wife who is a fantastic mother to our four little ones. She works so hard to provide for our family and I love her so much.

I challenge you to do what I just did. Tell them, write it down, pray for them. Show them how important they are to the family and how much you appreciate them.

The bible refers to a mother's comfort and love. Mothers are special, designed by God to have these attributes and we are so blessed God gave them to us.

~Jason Sharp



May Birthdays

3 - Aiden Armstrong

7 - Chad Richards

11 - Sandy Rhodes

12 - Tom Mascazzini

14 - Tyson Armstrong

15 - Lyle Beveridge

16 - Jan McLaughlin

17 - Rachel Shaffer

18 - Ed Clawson, Julie Dome,

19 - Natalie (Greer) Johnson

20 - Alaina Hawkins, Hannah
Thompson

21 - Amber Sharp

22 - Beverly Farst, Jessica Hart,
Iona Hickerson

23 - Tim South

25 - Roy Kehl

26 - Erin Slone

27 - Diana Shaffer

28 - Scott Armstrong, Brittney
Hart,

31 - Dottie Mowry

Graduation time is almost here! It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. But hard to believe or not we have entered into the time of year where kids finish one chapter of life and prepare to begin something new.

Some of the high school students from our church- Makenzie Frontz, Cole Fletcher and Scott Mullett- are graduating from high school this year.

They are moving on to fresh things and our prayers will go with them. As they move on some of our younger youth will move up into the youth group from their elementary classes giving me a new opportunity to get to know them better. So while some move on some move in.

And this is the way the cycle goes.

Having been here for eight years now I have seen this cycle go all the way through. Some of the youth that were middle school kids with cracking voices and acne when I first came are now married. Some have kids. Some of the high school youth we have now were in elementary school when I first came around. Some of our middle school youth were in preschool or kindergarten when I began my ministry here. All this makes me feel old. But more than that it makes me realize how blessed I am to be able to share in a small part of the process of your children growing up. We have great kids here. It is wonderful to be able to share life with them and to do my best to be their youth minister.

Thank you all for allowing me to minister to your children for the past eight years. I have been blessed by being able to do so and am thankful for you trusting me with this deeply important ministry. Thank you for your graciousness and for your confidence in me!

Blessings to you and yours as your kids grow up and move on to the next thing, whatever that may be...

-Kyle

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

June 5

Comfort & Joy Sewing @ 9:00am

June 12

Senior Moments Event @ 12:00pm

June 16

Father's Day

June 21-30

Diamond Willow Mission Trip