

# New Beginnings

**New Life  
Community Church  
A Christ Centered, Bible Based,  
Spirit Empowered, Prayer Dependent,  
Ministry Minded Church  
"Where new life is found in Christ"**

## **This Changes Everything!**

By John Motz

Easter is simply the most amazing day! It is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the power that event possesses to change any circumstance we face.

A quick look at the Gospels reveals a blatant pattern:

- For the grieving Mary who meets Jesus in the garden (John 20:11-16), everything changed.
- For the doubting Thomas who meets Jesus in the room with the others (John 20:24-29), everything changed.
- For the lost disciples who meet Jesus along the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), everything changed.
- For the failed Peter, who meets Jesus along the beach (John 21:15-19), everything changed.

Clearly the Bible record intends that we see the pattern of the resurrection changing everything for those who first experienced the crucified & resurrected Jesus. In each situation, there seemed to be no end in sight for the difficulty they faced, yet in that moment everything changed. That is good news for those of us living with an unbreakable habit, suffocating grief, lingering doubts, reoccurring insecurity or an inescapable sense of shame. We don't have to fix it ourselves but are invited to bring it all to our Risen Savior for his touch! Friends, Easter changes everything!

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So, with thankful hearts for the hope the resurrection affords us, all are invited to celebrate this Easter! For the early risers among us, Easter will begin with a community Sunrise service (April 20th at 6:00am). We'll gather at the Atwater High School football stadium while it's still dark, witness together the rising of the sun, and worship and celebrate together that Jesus rose on that first Easter! A little later that morning we will gather in the church sanctuary at the special time of 10:00am for an Easter celebration along with our friends of the Atwater Baptist Church. A reminder that He was raised, a celebration of the hope we have, and invitation to a new, changed life! Hallelujah, Christ is risen, and this changes everything!

**NLCC Eggstraveganza**



We are asking for donations of plastic eggs with wrapped candy inside. Empty eggs or wrapped bags of candy cannot be used. Please bring to the Church office or place them in the white basket found in the Narthex. The deadline for turning in the eggs with wrapped candy inside is Thursday, April 17th.

Thank you for your donation!

**Women's Spring Luncheon**



Saturday, April 26th

11:00AM-1:00PM

Rooms 7 & 8

Bring your favorite salad to share!

Child care will be provided.

Sign up at the Missions table in the Narthex.

**We Are Family!**

*Help celebrate these special occasions!*



**APRIL Birthdays**

- 4/3 Katie Koehn    4/25 Tyler Button
- 4/4 Robert Santistevan
- 4/4 Alistair Hale    4/26 Sue Peters
- 4/7 Autumn Dai'Re    4/26 Shawn Conour
- 4/8 Michaela Angelo
- 4/8 Sara Coate
- 4/9 Ila Slate
- 4/11 Autumn Brumett
- 4/11 Marijo Blasingame
- 4/12 Sandy Rentfrow
- 4/13 Debra Frago
- 4/13 Reagan Button
- 4/14 Emily (Coate) Casner
- 4/14 Kurt Wetzel
- 4/16 Joanna Campanario
- 4/17 Athena Gonzales
- 4/20 Jason Stephens
- 4/24 Gracie Santistevan
- 4/24 Mario Benitez
- 4/25 Pam Boesch

**APRIL Anniversaries**

- 4/12 Peter & Candace Friesen
- 4/20 Tim & Janey Martin
- 4/20 Juan & Jacqueline Romero



## New Life Youth Update

Dear New Life Family,

Thank you for your continued support of our Youth Ministry! Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity make a lasting impact on our students, and we are grateful for this church family.

We recently finished studying the book of Titus through RightNow Media, where we explored what it means to live out our faith with integrity and sound doctrine. As we move into the Easter season, we are beginning a new series focused on the resurrection of Christ and the apologetics surrounding it. Our goal is to equip students with a firm foundation for their faith, helping them understand and defend the truth of the Gospel.

Our youth group has officially moved to **Room 10**, and both middle and high school students now meet together on **Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Please note that we will **not** have our regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 22** (Spring Break). Instead, we will have a **special Easter event on Saturday, April 19th**, where students can gather for fun, fellowship, and reflection on Christ's sacrifice and victory over sin and death.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for **Summer Camp at Sugar Pine** from **July 6-11**. To help offset costs, we are continuing our **freezer and butchered pig raffle** fundraiser. Tickets are **\$10 each**, and every ticket sold helps make camp more affordable for our students. If you'd like to support the youth in this way, please reach out!

Again, thank you for being such a vital part of this ministry. Please keep our students in prayer as they grow in their faith and prepare for the exciting months ahead.

In Christ,

**Val-Pierre Dai'Re**

Youth Pastor, New Life Community Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Youth Night 6pm	2 Men's Study 7am	3 Women's Virtual Devotion every Thursday 6:45am	4 "D" Street Shelter 5pm 	5 Choir Practice 10am
6	7	8 Youth Night 6pm	9 Men's Study 7am	10	11	12 Choir Practice 10am
13	14	15 Youth Night 6pm	16 Men's Study 7am Passover Seder Meal 6pm	17 Board Meeting 6:30pm	18	19 Choir Practice 10am Youth Special Easter Gathering
20 Sunrise Service 6am at AHS Choir Practice 9am Combined Service 10am 	21	22 No Youth Group tonight	23 Men's Study 7am	24	25	26 4th Annual Ladies' Spring Luncheon 11:00am 
27	28	29 Youth Night 6pm	30 Men's Study 7am			