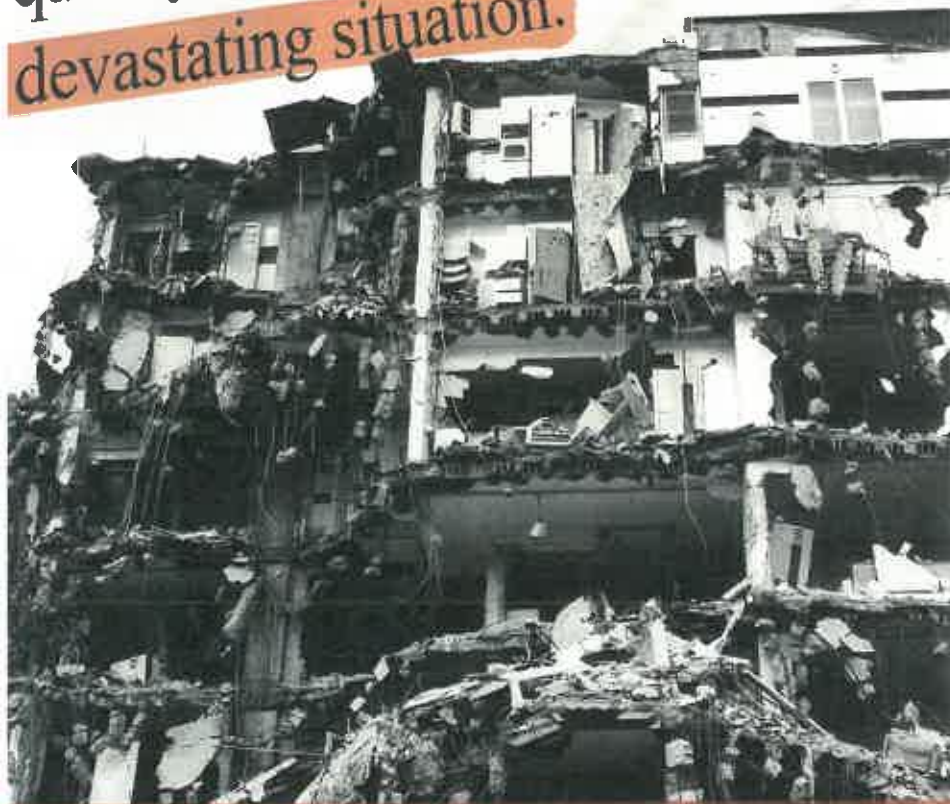


On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake killed thousands of people in southern Turkey and northern Syria. Another 7.5 magnitude earthquake quickly followed, escalating the already devastating situation.





For days, rescuers recovered
both the living and the dead
from the rubble.

The death toll climbed into the 50,000s. Strong aftershocks continued to crumple buildings and cause injuries. Thousands lost everything—their homes, their livelihood, and many lost their entire family.

Our churches provided hope.

Thanks to donations to the MTW Compassion Fund, our workers in the region were able to channel immediate relief to partners and churches in the most devastated areas. They distributed clothing, food, and other material aid to more than a thousand needy families. In the weeks after, they were also able to use the funds to provide for long-term needs such as temporary housing, rental and food assistance, building repairs, and small grants to help people get started on the long road to recovery.

While providing physical help, our workers and partners also offered pastoral and spiritual support to traumatized people. After sharing the gospel to a pair of Syrian sisters, the girls stayed up all night discussing the pastor's words. The next morning one of them decided to follow Jesus!

Every year the Compassion Fund enables our missionaries and national partners to respond to urgent situations in their communities, meeting physical needs and sharing the love of Christ. We are grateful for your past support.

*This year, will you once again help us
extend compassion to a world in need?*

Donate online at mtw.org/compassion or mail check to:
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Christ Covenant School

began in 2004 to help raise a generation of young people who know and fear the Lord, are salt and light in our culture and manifest Christ in every area of their lives. We exist to help families educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord as a primary concern.

CCS Lower Elementary

As a ministry of New Life in Christ Church, our mission is to help disciple families with a Biblical view of Christian life and education. The Lower Elementary offers classes for students preschool age through 6th grade. Classes run from the end of August to May. We meet on Mondays and Fridays, then families continue classes at home during the week. Teachers provide lesson plans, support, and guidance to new families as needed. Currently, Bible, Literature, History, and Science are taught together, while Language Arts and Math (RightStart™) require separate classes. All classes use the *Principle Approach*® using *Noah Plan*® Curriculum Guides.

"Our curriculum and methodology are consistent with Reformed practices. The *Principle Approach*® is a method of teaching and learning that places God's Word at the heart of every subject and sees God as the author of every subject. It teaches children how to think and reason from principles found in God's Word and teaches them to relate those principles to their lives and the world around them. It builds on the premise that there is a Providential purpose for every subject with a goal of captivating the hearts and minds of our children for Christ. *Principle Approach*® education applies the methods that honor the child's unique value in Christ and lays a foundation of Biblical principle and precept in every subject while forging the character that is Christian – Christ within."

We are passionate about growing Christ Covenant School to equip our children to be Kingdom Builders. All the teachers are happy to share information about CCS and answer any questions.

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CCS Upper School

As members of New Life in Christ Church, we have covenanted together to help one another raise godly children who know and love the Lord. Our classes are an expression of our conviction to equip and train godly leaders in their generation. We seek to promote hearty, informed Christian fellowship among our teens and stimulate them to value covenant life in the local church.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Upper School is offering the following classes. All classes meet on Fridays.

Classes Available (7-12 th)	Instructor
Chapel	Various
Bible Classes - N.T. Survey - <i>The Sum of Saving Knowledge</i> (Dickson) - Christian Vocation*	TBD Pastor Sam Capitano Pastor Sean Whitenack
History/Literature - Middle Ages History and Literature - Literature (1600-present) - British Literature (1 semester)	TBD Mrs. Jessica Peters Mrs. Nanette Giddens
English Composition - IEW: Writing with Structure and Style; - IEW: Elegant Essay - IEW: Research Papers (1 semester)	Mrs. Sharon Leaman Mrs. Sharon Leaman Mrs. Sharon Leaman
Social Sciences - American Government (1 semester)	Mr. George Giddens
Sciences - Apologia Science TBD - Apologia Physical Science	Mrs. Catherine Ferguson Mrs. Joy Plaia

*Meets Wednesday afternoons

For More Information

Enrollment for both campuses is currently open and ends May 5th.

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Questions? NLICC’s GA Volunteer Recruiter is Heather O’Hara, heather.nlicc@gmail.com.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Please join the Baseball Ministry in welcoming special guests Scot Small, Metro Director of Battlefield FCA, Aaron Eppard, former Liberty University baseball star, and Webb Turner, College Umpire. Their messages and stories, along with other exciting testimonies, will inspire and encourage us all.

This event is for anyone with children in sports as well as the players themselves. Together, we will set the tone for a season filled with achievement, fun, and fellowship. Your presence will make a difference as we aim to not only improve our game but also strengthen our bonds and faith.

Be Inspired

Be Encouraged

Be Renewed

On Monday, April 15, at 7pm

New Life in Christ Church Sanctuary

Plan on Attending!

Invite your friends

RSVP by Saturday, April 13 to

clboth33@gmail.com

Reception to follow

Additional time for fellowship & questions

In the Fireside Room

Please sign-up to bring items to share <https://signup.com/go/fsEyZJi>

For additional information, please contact Baseball Commissioner Christopher Dale at baseball@nlcc.org or Assistant Commissioner Connie Both at bothclan@outlook.com

For Reflection and Discussion

Week of April 14, 2024

**"Turning the Other Cheek:
When Weakness Becomes Strength"**

Matthew 5:38-42

Read Matthew 5:38-42

1. Think about a situation where you wanted to get back at someone for some misdeed done to you. What was that time of your life like? Did your desire for revenge negatively affect you? Why do you think you wanted to get even?
2. Matthew 5:38 is a restatement of Leviticus 24:17-20. Have you ever heard that expression before? You probably heard it misused.

In its original form, it expresses Israel's need for proper justice in their court system. It was right to punish wrongdoing with a measure of punishment similar to the crime that was committed. It was also a limit to punishment. It is "Eye for an eye" not "Eye for a hair". However, it was useful for a court system, but it was not intended for justifying personal retribution.

Can you think of some dangers of applying it to personal retribution? What is the danger of revenge?

3. So, Jesus is talking about our personal response to evil. What does Jesus say we should do instead of retaliating according to Matthew 5:39?

How does Jesus describe "non-resistance" in verses 39-42?

Note that Jesus is talking to individual disciples, and He is not addressing court systems, warfare, or national governments. Thus, this passage cannot be used to advocate for pacifism, or a refusal to go to war to serve a country. It also cannot be used to keep people from seeking or hoping for proper justice in courts. Believers can legitimately use the legal system to seek justice for wrongs committed against them by individuals, even if believers may choose to forgive offenses and endure losses for the sake of God's kingdom.

4. There are three areas we see Jesus calling us to non-resistance, and the three things believers must believe to handle those:

<u>Non-resistance in Loss of ...</u>	<u>What does a disciple need to believe?</u>
personal offense (turn the other cheek, v. 39)	That my safety and reputation are found through my union with Jesus Christ
property (tunic (v. 40), borrowing (v. 42)	That my home is in heaven and my earthly possessions only have a limited grip on my life
time and energy (walking v. 41)	That I am called to serve others with my time and need to allow inconvenience for the service of God and the good of others

Which is hardest for you? Where have you learned you need to trust Christ?

5. Read Romans 12:17-21. What do we need to know before we will be able to give up revenge seeking?

6. Read Ephesians 4:31-32. What do we need to remember before we seek revenge on others?

7. How does the life of Jesus model the response of non-resistance to evil, according to 1 Peter 2:23?

What attitude do we learn from Jesus? Read 1 John 3:16-18.

8. Notice that the response to the hardships in verses 39-42 and how Jesus calls us to generosity to others, even if they are not a people who we are inclined to be generous with. What is the place of generosity toward others?

9. As we consider this instruction, how do we apply it and not be a doormat? If a person tells you that this passage shows that the Christian faith is for weak people, what would you tell them?

10. What ways do you need to apply this passage in your life?