

New Life in Christ Church



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3am Easter broadcast FSR (Class of 1984)</p> <p>9am Sunday School -Carmel Academics (Grades 1-3) -Pastor Doug</p> <p>Easter Sunday Cantata: <i>A Time for Alleluia</i></p> <p>6pm NO Evening Service -Sanc 7 NO 41/51 Youth Disciple-Learn @9pm 7pm NO Prayer Time @9</p>	<p>NO Christ Covenant School</p> <p>STAFF RETREAT (12-4).....</p> <p>6-8 NO New Geneva Sem. Class</p> <p>7pm Open Gym Basketball</p>	<p>NO Christ Covenant School</p> <p>STAFF RETREAT (2B - 30L).....</p> <p>NO Child's Drama Vocal/Handbell Choirs 6:30p NO Sanctuary Bells 7:15p NO Adult Choir/Drama</p>	<p>NO FAYM 10am-3:45pm Bible Study @20</p> <p>7p Foundations Bible Study -Mars #1 7:30p Foundations Bible Study -Franklin St 7p Younglife Campaigners @12</p>	<p>9 AM Praise Teams 10:30am WMC Training</p> <p>2-4:30pm <i>Bridal Shower</i> Amber Bouy</p> <p>Outer Banks, NC (6-8).....</p>	<p>7am-6pm Vocalists (Presbyterian) 18th Womans 9am Women's Breakfast</p> <p>10 Central VA Justice Initiative 10:30am AM Praise Team reh. S (Walk for Life) 11am-1:30pm (conference 8 am)</p>	<p>7am-6pm Vocalists (Presbyterian) 18th Womans 9am Women's Breakfast</p> <p>10 Central VA Justice Initiative 10:30am AM Praise Team reh. S (Walk for Life) 11am-1:30pm (conference 8 am)</p>
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Every human person reflects upon their life and their future decisions by talking to themselves in their own mind. We consider this self talk as meditation. Yet if we only listen to our own opinion and interpret life by our own purposes without any other reflection we are subject to self delusion.

The Bible as the Word of God is designed to interrupt our self talk and meditation to consider God's instruction and guidance. As Hebrews 4:12 says, the Word of God enables us to discern our own thoughts and motivations.

Often we do not know why we do the things that we do. But God knows and He gives us words to describe our thoughts and motivations when we could not find the right words.

The Word of God interrupts our thoughts and enables us to listen to God and to communicate back to Him. Christian meditation is a conversation with God. We may often think of it as prayer.

We see how the Psalmist in Psalm 119 is continually talking to God as the words "You"

and Your" are the most frequently used words. "Your Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

The Psalms then are the temple in which we draw near to God. David spoke of dwelling in the house of the Lord all the days of his life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple (Psalm 27:4). What is striking about this desire is that the temple was not yet built as David's son, Solomon, was to build the temple after him.

Then the temple is God's spiritual presence where we are able to meditate on God's Word and know His personal presence to commune with us.

Again in Psalm 18:6 David says, " In my distress I called You the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him even to His ears."

Meditation is worship as we reflect upon our lives in the Lord's presence. "We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, in the midst of Your temple" (Psalm 48:9).

I pray that our Lord would deepen our meditations as we prepare to reflect upon the Psalms this summer.

Gratefully in Christ,
Pastor Doug

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 8 - May 27
9:00-9:50 a.m.

Bible:

James

Skip Tyler and Eric Schroeder

The Epistle of James has persistently found its way into the hearts and affections of countless Christians through the ages, and it remains one of the most cherished books of the Bible. When read carefully and expectantly, it is not hard to see why. James addresses everyday issues of living—how we speak, how we should think about wealth or lack of wealth, how to approach conflict, sickness and suffering.

Christian Doctrine:

Building a Christian Worldview

Larry Plating and Robert Williams

Christian Practice:

Tactics

(A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions)

Pastor Sean Whitenack

In a world increasingly indifferent to Christian truth, followers of Christ need to be equipped to communicate with those who do not speak their language or accept their source of authority. In this class we will learn how to get in the driver's seat, keeping any conversation moving with thoughtful, artful diplomacy.

Family and Relationships:

The Intimate Marriage (book study by RC Sproul)

Kim Lorei and Jay Storms

Covenant of Discipleship:

Pastor Doug Kittredge

Pastor's Office

Are you interested in joining New Life in Christ Church? In this class Pastor Doug will cover the core convictions of the church and our structure as you prepare to make a public profession of your faith.

6:00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

April 1:

- NO PM Service -

April 8:

6:00 p.m. Bob Rumbaugh

Mark 1:16-34

7:00 p.m. SH Youth *OASIS*

JH Youth Discipleship Grp.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Time, Room 142

April 15:

6:00 p.m. Pastor Sean

Mark 1:35-2:12

7:00 p.m. JH/SH Youth

Discipleship Groups Rm. 217/200

7:00 p.m. Prayer Time, Room 142

April 22:

6:00 p.m. Rich Leino

Mark 2:13-17

7:00 p.m. JH/SH Youth

Discipleship Groups Rm. 217/200

7:00 p.m. Prayer Time, Room 142

April 29:

6:00 p.m. Sammy Asirifi-Addo

Mark 2:18-22

7:00 p.m. JH/SH Youth

Discipleship Groups Rm. 217/200

7:00 p.m. Prayer Time, Room 142

New Life Korean Church

Sundays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Korean Worship Service

Sanctuary

Pastor Shin

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Korean Bible Study

Room 203

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Korean Bible Study

Room 203

Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Saturday, 6:00-7:00 a.m.

Korean Prayer Service

Sanctuary

Pastor Shin

New Geneva Seminary

WINTER/SPRING 2018

Biblical Hermeneutics

Days: Mondays, 6-8pm; Jan. 8 - May 7

2 Semester Hours (Audit available)

Teacher: Bob Rumbaugh

An introduction to the principles of general and special hermeneutics and basic exegetical methods and tools, with an emphasis on both the theory and practice of biblical interpretation.

Robert Rumbaugh is an elder at New Life in Christ Church and a graduate of Geneva Theological Seminary.

Church History - Reformation to Present

Day(s)/Time: Jan. 18, 19; March 9, 10

2 Semester Hours (Audit available)

Teacher: Dr. Dominic Aquila

This course is a survey of the history of the Christian church from the Reformation to the present, providing a time-line of major people, events, movements, and places. Recommended as preparation for all Systematic Theology courses in which the standard theological themes will be considered historically.

Dr. Aquila is President of New Geneva Theological Seminary, Colorado Springs, CO. and Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Doctor of Ministry Program.

Registration and payment for **credit** or **audit** must be made with New Geneva Theological Seminary directly via www.newgeneva.org or call (800) 554-5669 by December 27. Please let Pastor Doug know of your interest in taking classes or call the church office: 786-4848.

TUITION

CREDIT: \$300 PER SEM HOUR

AUDIT: \$50 PER SEM HOUR

CEU: \$ 75 PER CEU

(There is a one-time \$25 application fee)

April 2018 Nursery Schedule

Date	Side	10:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
4/1	A	Andrew & Trina Ewing	<i>Easter – No Evening Service</i>
	B	Julie Whitenack Camille Lorei	
4/8	A	Matt & Amanda Oberlin	Jim & Karen Melnick
	B	Roselyn Dale & Family	
4/15	A	Cameron & Amy Auker	Bob & Dayra Rumbaugh
	B	Doloras Ewing Laurie Tryfiates	
4/22	A	Caleb & Cindy Hughes	Stan & Sandy Pruchnic
	B	Dave & Jennifer Ross	
4/29	A	Mary Jane Kittredge Phyllis DiBella	Lisa Capitano & Family
	B	Amy Liu & Family	

COMMUNION PREP.

See Wes Horn if you would like to help prepare the Communion elements.

JR. WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/1 NO Jr. Worship
 4/8 Carrie Verbosky & Julie Hastings
 4/15 Ruth & Megan de los Santos
 4/22 Andrea Sanderson & family
 4/29 Lucinda Lorei & Grace Whitenack

(See Nate/Angie Henriksen to be part of this rotation.)

GREETER SCHEDULE

DATE	FAMILY
4/1	Kathryne Marple/Phyllis DeBella
4/8	Pam Lopes*
4/15	Kathryne Marple*
4/22	Kathryne Marple*
4/29	Darlene Tyler*

*Opening for another Greeter

USHER SCHEDULE

DATE	10:00 a.m.
4/1	Ricardo Perez, Sr. Larry Root Christopher Dale Colin McConnell
4/8	Jay Storms Fred Allison Craig Cuddy Tony Morales
4/15	Alan Dowell Kim Lorei Tristan Lorei Ray Mattozzi

DATE	10:00 a.m.
4/22	Wes Horn Jimmy Whitman Dan Deaconson Ricardo Perez, Jr.
4/29	Jeff McConnell Robert Williams, Jr. Jack Burrows Jim Miller

MEN WOMEN YOUNG ADULTS YOUTH CHILDREN

MEN

- 12, 26 **YoungLife** 'Capernaum'
Select Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Room 100
See Gale Puffenberger
14. **Central VA Justice Initiative**
(Movement to end Human Trafficking)
3rd Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.
Fireside Room - See page 9
16. **Christ Cov. Schl. Open House**
Monday, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Room 100
21. **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
3rd Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
Fireside Room
27. **Creation Club**
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary/Fireside Room
30. **Jerusalem Gateway Prtnrshp**
Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Room 100

JH/SH YOUTH

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.:
SH -Room 200
JH -Rooms 120, 116

Discipleship Groups

Sundays, 7:00 p.m.
SH -Room 200
JH -Rooms 217

Choirs, Handbells, Drama

See Music page (p. 5)

- 12, 26 **YoungLife** 'Capernaum'
Select Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Room 100
See Gale Puffenberger
8. **Senior High OASIS**
1st Sundays, 7:00 p.m.:
Church Sanctuary
14. **Central VA Justice Initiative**
(Movement to end Human Trafficking)
3rd Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.
Fireside Room - See page 9
- 20-22. **Senior High YoWAW**
Friday-Sunday (see p.)
@ Shenandoah Springs
contact: Jay Storms
21. **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
3rd Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
Fireside Room
27. **Creation Club**
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary/Fireside Room

WOMEN

Women's Bible Study:

Tuesdays: *Women's Study*
Romans
Begins January 9th
9:30 a.m. / Room 219

- 12, 26 **YoungLife** 'Capernaum'
Select Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Room 100
See Gale Puffenberger
7. **Wom. Min. Comm. Training**
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Fireside Room
- 13-14. **Women's Mini-Conference**
Friday 6:30 p.m. and
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Room 100 / Fireside Room
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CHILDREN

Sunday School (2yrs-grade 12)
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.



Pioneer Girls
Fireside Room
Wed., 4-5:30 pm

Christian Srvce. Brigade (CSB)



Wed., 7-8:30 pm
Sanctuary

Choirs, Handbells, Drama
See Music page (p. 5)

15. **Kid's Food Pantry**
3rd Sundays
Collection box in foyer
27. **Night of Drama** (Tots - 6th Grade)
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
27. **Creation Club**
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary/Fireside Room
28. **JH/SH Drama**
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

YOUNG ADULTS

-Email Pastor Sean at sean@nlic.org to be added to the Young Adult group.

Sunday School Class

New Life in Christ has implemented a *Kingdom Training Plan* for Sunday School for all adults in the church. It provides excellent biblical teaching and growth in relationship with others in every stage of life.

Bible Studies:

Watch the bulletin and facebook page (New Life in Christ Church) for more information.

College:

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
@ Josh & Anacari Storms' home
jstorms743@gmail.com

Foundations -

-Young Professionals Group:

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
@ Manse #1
Contact Paul Hepperle...
capt.hepperle@gmail.com

-Young Adults Group:

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Esther Servais' home
Contact Mark Shigley...
shigleym@aol.com

CALENDAR

- 12, 26 **YoungLife** 'Capernaum'
Select Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Room 100
See Gale Puffenberger
- 6-8. **Young Professionals Retreat**
Friday - Sunday
Outer Banks, NC - Paul Hepperle
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Room 100

FACEBOOK

Look for New Life in Christ Church on Facebook. It is the primary way young adults communicate with each other.

MUSIC NOTES

"...saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and
wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory
and blessing!"

And every creature which is in
heaven and on the earth and under
the earth and such as are in the sea,
and all that are in them, I heard
saying:

"Blessing and honor and glory and
power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"
-Revelation 5:12-13

Worship should be our delight. If our aim in worship is our satisfaction we will fall into the trap of looking for what we enjoy, to be entertained, and neither God nor we will be satisfied. If our aim is God's satisfaction we will both be satisfied. Men are satisfied with too little. Anything other than God cannot satisfy.

Worship is reorienting ourselves to our real purpose - to set our affections on God rather than idols. *You are never more human than when you worship.*

Good worship engages the mind, heart and will. The mind must be engaged with truth to dislodge idolatries and realign the mind. But if only the mind is engaged worship becomes an intellectual exercise. The heart must be engaged, but heart only becomes sentimentalism and confuses the unbeliever. The will is changed when the mind is enlightened with truth and the heart warmed. Then the will will let go an idol.

(From Pastor Skip Ryan)



Adult Choir

Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the Music Room. We sing most Sunday mornings during the school year as well as seasonally (Christmas/Easter) and for special occasions (banquets, etc.). No Audition! For more info, contact Jonathan Allison.

AM Praise Team

Rehearsal are generally Saturdays. Meets in the Sanctuary. A rotating schedule is being used - participate every week or once a month. Contact Jonathan Allison for more information.

Sanctuary Handbells

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Open to High School and older by audition. There will be positions open for Fall 2018. Contact Jonathan Allison for more information.

PM Praise Team

Sundays, 5:00-5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Open to H.S. ages and above. A rotating schedule is being used - participate every week or once a month. Come rehearse with us Sunday nights. For more information contact Jonathan Allison.

Drama Teams

See Rehearsal Schedule: next column.

Please Contact Jonathan Allison if you have questions about music at New Life.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Children's Vocal & Handbell Choirs, and Drama Ministry meet each Tuesday. Join us for a day of fun, music and drama.

Below is the schedule for 2018.

<u>4:00-4:45</u>	<i>Cherub Choir</i>	3yrs-5yrs
	<i>Joyful Choir</i>	2nd-3rd
	<i>Beginning Chimes</i>	K5-1st
	<i>Trinity Bells</i>	4th-6th
<u>4:45-5:30</u>	<i>Trinity Choir</i>	4th-6th
	<i>Joyful Bells</i>	2nd-3rd
	<i>Ringers 1/2</i>	7th-Adult
	<i>Drama Tots</i>	K5-1st
<u>5:30-6:15</u>	<i>Angel Choir</i>	K5-1st
	<i>Youth Choir</i>	7th-12th
	<i>Drama 1 & 2</i>	2nd-6th
<u>6:15-7:15</u>	<i>Sanctuary Bells</i>	9 th -Adult
<u>7:15-8:30</u>	<i>Adult Choir</i>	9 th -Adult
	<i>Jr./Sr. High Drama</i>	9 th -12 th

Dates to Know

Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.:

Easter Cantata
A Time for Alleluia

Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.:

Drama Tots & 2nd-6th Drama
A Night of Drama

Saturday, April 28, 6:00 p.m.:

JH/SH Drama

The Secret Case of
Sherlock Holmes

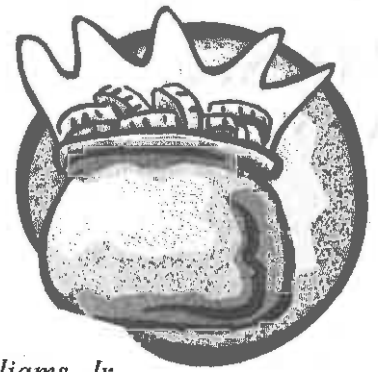
Please see Veronica Allison if you are interested in teaching, assisting or accompanying a choir this year. She will provide training, curriculum and oversight for each vocal and handbell choir.

Truth Treasures

from the New Life in Christ Church Library

April 2018

Truth Treasures highlights Biblical truths hidden within the pages of books by some of America's most beloved authors of the Reformed Faith. In most cases, the selected highlight will be from a book available in the New Life in Christ Church Library, located at the end of the north wing of the church. -Robert Williams, Jr.



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For the first half of this new year, the monthly *Truth Treasures* articles will follow one theme from a set of articles by R.C. Sproul covering TULIP and Reformed Theology. This month we will cover the introduction and the following five months we will examine each of the five letters in T-U-L-I-P.

## TULIP and Reformed Theology: Limited Atonement

from R.C. Sproul, April 8, 2017

I think that of all the five points of Calvinism, limited atonement is the most controversial, and the one that engenders perhaps the most confusion and consternation. This doctrine is chiefly concerned about the original purpose, plan, or design of God in sending Christ into the world to die on the cross. Was it the Father's intent to send His Son to die on the cross to make salvation possible for everyone, but with the possibility that His death would be effective for no one? That is, did God simply send Christ to the cross to make salvation possible, or did God, from all eternity, have a plan of salvation by which, according to the riches of His grace and His eternal election, He designed the atonement to ensure the salvation of His people? Was the atonement limited in its original design?

I prefer not to use the term *limited atonement* because it is misleading. I rather speak of *definite redemption* or *definite atonement*, which communicates that God the Father designed the work of redemption specifically with a view to providing salvation for the elect, and that Christ died for His sheep and laid down His life for those the Father had given to Him.

One of the texts that we often hear used as an objection against the idea of a definite atonement is 2 Peter 3:8-9: "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." The immediate antecedent of the word *any* in this passage is the word *us*, and I think it's perfectly clear that Peter is saying that God is not willing that any of *us* should perish, but that all of *us* should come to salvation. He's not speaking of all mankind indiscriminately; the *us* is a reference to the believing people to whom Peter is speaking. I don't think we want to believe in a God who sends Christ to die on the cross and then crosses His fingers, hoping that someone will take advantage of that atoning death. Our view of God is different. Our view is that the redemption of specific sinners was an eternal plan of God, and this plan and design was perfectly conceived and perfectly executed so that the will of God to save His people is accomplished by the atoning work of Christ.

This does not mean that a limit is placed on the value or the merit of the atonement of Jesus Christ. It's traditional to say that the atoning work of Christ is sufficient for all. That is, its meritorious value is sufficient to cover the sins of all people, and certainly anyone who puts his or her trust in Jesus Christ will receive the full measure of the benefits of that atonement. It is also important to understand that the gospel is to be preached universally. This is another controversial point, because on the one hand the gospel is offered universally to all who are within earshot of the preaching of it, but it's not universally offered in the sense that it's offered to anyone without any conditions. It's offered to anyone who believes. It's offered to anyone who repents. Obviously the merit of the atonement of Christ is given to all who believe and to all who repent of their sins.

**The redemption of specific sinners was an eternal plan of God...accomplished by the atoning work of Christ.**



## Deacons Corner for April 2018

The Cuddys attended the *Do Justly, Love Mercy Conference* on March 9-10, in College Park, Md. The MNA-organized conference covered a host of topics addressing the needs of many and how the church can effectively assist, while drawing people to Christ. Sessions attended included:

- wisdom in giving assistance
- finding employment and Jesus
- the church in partnership with social service agencies
- short-term medical mission trips
- the role of the deacons and
- helping without hurting.

Anyone interested in any of these topics may contact Craig Cuddy (or Sandy) for information about what was learned.

In the past month we have found housing for a church member, repaired the sanctuary doors (we have plans to replace them), and did other minor repairs around the church. The Tell-a-Deacon link is a good way to report issues around the building.

The new paint and carpeting have greatly improved the appearance of the church. This is made possible by your generosity. The next project we are considering is to replace the sanctuary chairs.

Jeff McConnell continues to replace the lights around the building with LED lights.

*Soli Deo Gloria* (To God alone, the glory),  
*The Deacons*

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### Food Pantry

The New Life in Christ Church Food Pantry blesses many in our congregation and in the surrounding community.

Suggested donations include:

*canned fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, pineapple), Applesauce, cereal, oatmeal envelopes, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, soup, tea bags, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, micro-wave popcorn, canned beans, Spaghetti and sauce, canned vegetables, pickles, pancake mix & syrup.*

*Toiletry items: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, and face soap.*

Basically, any non-perishable food items or other household necessities are helpful. There is a collection bin in the front foyer.

canned fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, pineapple) and applesauce



### LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: *Sundays*

8:50-9:10 a.m. / 9:45-10:00 a.m. / 11:30-Noon



## CREATION EXPLORED:

### "Frankenstein Foods and Fetuses"

This meeting will feature a DVD titled...

"Frankenstein, Foods & Fetuses."

This presentation deals with genetic engineering and reminds us of God's original intent, which should guide society today.

*In the event that Spotsylvania Public Schools close due to weather, the program is cancelled.*

**Date: Friday, April 27, 2018**

**Time: 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

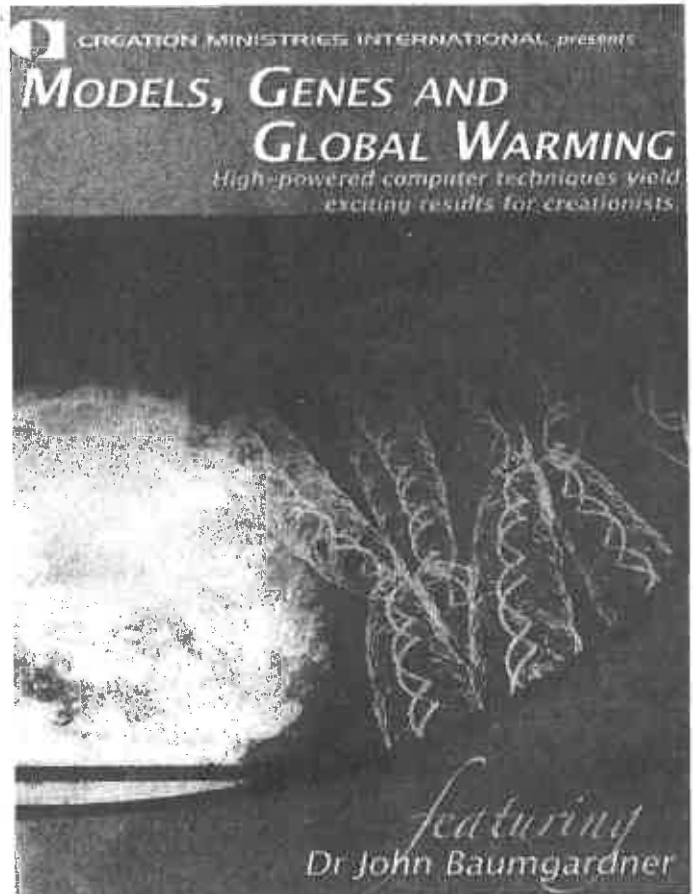
(dessert and coffee follow the presentation)

[www.reformedcreation.com](http://www.reformedcreation.com)

**Next Meeting: May 18 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**For more information contact:**

Jim Rakestraw 540-785-3282 or at: [jrakestrawfamily@att.net](mailto:jrakestrawfamily@att.net)



## Central Virginia Justice Initiative (CVJI)



**Saturday, April 14**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Room 219**

See Michelle Trampe for more info.

Facebook: **Central Virginia Justice Initiative**

## Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 Tuesday mornings



## Romans Part 1 with Professor Michael Kruger of RTS

**Room 219**

Co-facilitated by Heather O'Hara and Mary Farrell

*Childcare may be available.*

*Please RSVP to Heather ASAP if needed*

*(540)226-4904 or [mama.o@verizon.net](mailto:mama.o@verizon.net)*

# Kingdom Training at New Life

We are building the kingdom every Sunday morning, not only in our worship service, but also in adult education that is accessible and invigorating to everyone, providing a comprehensive biblical education so that everyone knows the Lord and His world, equipping us to more faithfully worship God and live for His glory.

This is a plan for everyone, bringing fresh insight to those who grew up going to Sunday school and for those who have just become Christians and need to get grounded in the basics.

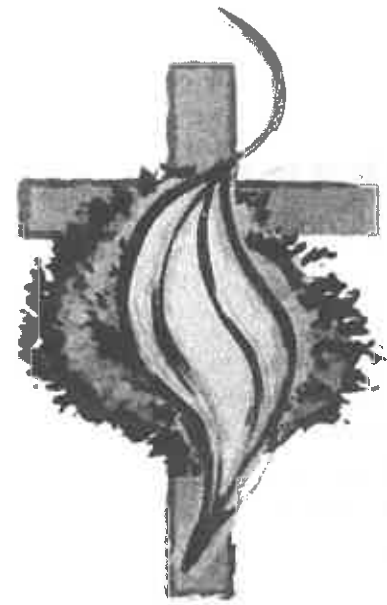
We have four tracks of focus:

- Bible Track – Knowing God's written message to the world.
- Doctrine Track – Knowing God and His work in our world.
- Practice Track – Knowing how to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and putting those strategies into practice
- Christian Living Track – Knowing how we put our faith into action in our daily life.

By taking cores in each of the four tracks over the next few months, you will ensure that you become well-rounded in your Christian worldview.

## Adult Discipleship at New Life in Christ Church

Bringing God's people to maturity and greater devotion to God and others through comprehensive Christian education.



## Care Groups:



- *A life changed by the gospel happens best in a community of worship and friendship as well as meditation on God's Word.*
- *Care Group is a means to grow in the joy and sufficiency that is in Christ.*
- *The care group is your prayer circle and support group here at New Life.*



Check with the church office for details.



### Free Desks:

#### **2 Student Desks**

- located in Red Room  
(across from Kitchen)

Contact Church Office:

540-786-4848

**Classifieds  
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### Male Roommate sought:

#### **Room for rent in Split Foyer house**

Located in Lancaster Gate Subdivision, Spotsylvania  
(Close to I-95, VRE and Massaponax/Southpoint Shopping)

- Large bedroom (second Master)
- Whole house privileges
- Professional Male requested
- \$500 plus 1/3 utilities

For information, contact: Scott Quann (540) 273-2346  
Charles.Quann@Yahoo.com

# APRIL

## Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Mangus
- 1 Tom Matthes
- 2 Rebekka Henriksen
- 2 Julie Root
- 3 Leopold Worman
- 4 Elisa Melnick
- 4 Ryan Middleton
- 5 Kevin Benedict
- 6 Mikela Grace Hughes
- 8 Jenna Hinson
- 9 Brenda Deaconson
- 9 William Erickson
- 9 Carol McMichael, Jr.
- 11 Kathi Carlson
- 11 Luis (Tony) Morales
- 11 Liz Stevens
- 11 Sharon Worman
- 12 Hughes Quinn
- 12 Samantha Capitano
- 14 Luke Garcia
- 14 Matt Oberlin
- 14 Isaac Reed
- 16 Pam Lopes
- 16 Andrew Quann
- 16 Dan Ritchie
- 17 Lucas Adams
- 17 Carter Heflin
- 17 Paul M. Johnson
- 18 Laura Heflin
- 18 Caroline Smalley
- 19 Liam Crowley
- 19 Thea Miller
- 19 Lydia Pelham
- 20 Teague Fleming
- 20 Bridgitte Root
- 22 Michael Prevost
- 23 Steven Verbosky
- 24 Peter O'Hara
- 25 Mari Colvin
- 25 Angie Henriksen
- 27 Rachel Jones Hall
- 27 Jack Henriksen
- 27 Tyler Selwyn
- 29 Cameron Miller
- 30 Riley Fulks Hall

## Missionary Birthdays

- 7 Jon Powell

## Missionary Anniversaries

- 2 Matt and Carly Chase



## Anniversaries

- 7 Harry and Gale Puffenberger
- 13 Darren and Robin Perrotto
- 15 Larry and Beth Hamilton
- 16 Dan and Tracey Fischer
- 20 George and Jill Haber
- 24 Bruce and Sharon Leaman
- 28 Steve and Kathryn Marple
- 30 Alan and Krystal Dowell

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST  
**BASEBALL  
 LEAGUE**  
 FOR  
 BOYS AND GIRLS



**BASEBALL BEGINS!**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE MINISTRY EITHER BY COACHING, WORKING THE CONCESSION STAND, CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVOTION TEAM, UMPIRING, OR SCOREKEEPING, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER CHRISTOPHER DALE OR CONNIE BOTH.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BOOKKEEPING FOR THE LEAGUE. PLEASE LET US KNOW.

OPENING DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>!!

# Vacation Bible School

at New Life

Save the Dates...

**July 16-20**

9:00 a.m.-Noon



**February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

Summer is a great time to begin preparing your submission for the next Festival of the Arts!

Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpting, Photography, Graphic Design, Book Art, Mosaics, Stained Glass Ceramics

**MEN'S**   
**BREAKFAST**

**APRIL 21, 8:00 A.M.**

ALL MEN AND BOYS ARE INVITED TO SHARE A HOT BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP AND TIME OF PRAYER.

## APRIL EVENTS

Tuesdays: *Women's Study - Romans*  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Room 217; through May 16

1. **Easter Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Cantata: *A Time for Alleluia*  
(6:00 p.m. **NO** Evening Service)
- 6-8. **Young Professionals Retreat**  
@ Outer Banks, North Carolina
6. Session/Deacon Meetings, 7:00 p.m.  
Room 217/215
7. *Wom. Min. Comm. Training*, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 217
8. *Women's Ministry Comm. Mtg.*, 4:15 p.m.  
Room 217
8. Youth Leaders Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Room 219
8. **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: OASIS**, 7:00 p.m.
- 12, 26. **YL younglife** 'Capernaum', 7:00 p.m.  
Room 100
- 13, 14. *Women's Mini-Conference w/Aimee Byrd*  
@ New Life (6:30 p.m. Friday / 8:30 a.m. Saturday)
14. Central VA Justice Initiative Mtg., 10 a.m.  
Room 219
18. Missions Committee Mtg., 7:00 p.m.  
Room 215
- 20-22. **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: YOWAW**  
Youth World Awareness Weekend  
@ Shenandoah Springs
21. **MEN'S BREAKFAST**, 8:00 a.m.  
Fireside Room
27. **Drama Tots/2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Drama**, 7 p.m.  
*A Night of Drama*
27. **Creation Club**, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 100 (see page 8)
28. **Jr. High/Sr. High Drama**, 6:00 p.m.  
**The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes**
30. *Jerusalem Gateway Partnership*, 10:00 a.m.  
Room 100

## MAY EVENTS

Tuesdays: *Women's Study - Romans*  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Room 217; through May 16

3. **National Day of Prayer**
4. Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Room 217
4. Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Room 215
5. **Baseball Opening Day**, 9:00 a.m.
5. *Women's Ministry Training*, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 217
6. Youth Leaders Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Room 207
6. **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: OASIS**, 7:00 p.m.
10. **YL younglife** 'Capernaum', 7:00 p.m.  
Room 100
12. *Women's Breakfast*, 8:30 a.m.  
Fireside Room
12. Central VA Justice Initiative Mtg., 10 a.m.  
Room 219
13. **Mother's Day**
13. *Women's Ministry Comm.*, 4:15 p.m.  
Room 217
16. Missions Committee Mtg., 7:00 p.m.  
Room 215
18. **Creation Club**, 7:30 p.m.  
Room 100 (see page 8)
19. **MEN'S BREAKFAST**, 8:00 a.m.  
Fireside Room
19. *Women's Ministry Training*, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 217
28. **Memorial Day**  
- Church Office Closed -