NEW LIFE PARENT UPDATE

OCTOBER 2022

A note from Drew

October is almost here and what a busy month it will be! From Fall Break for all our students, to Fall Retreat, to Trunk or Treat, we will have plenty of opportunities to make memories and serve God and His church!

In Sunday School this month, we will finish up Unit 13, Your Passions Wage War Within You on October 2. Then we will be looking at humility in the unit entitled, *Seek the Lord, All You Humble of the Earth.* The Lessons for this unit are: A Humiliated King (2 Kings 11-12;2 Chronicles 22-24); A Humiliated Nation (Isaiah 13-31); A Humbled People (Zephaniah); and A Humbled Heart(Doctrine: Repentance).

On Wednesday nights in Refresh Student Worship, we will have a different thing going on each week. I want to point out two in particular: October 12 and 19. On October 12, we will be doing Prayer stations during our service. This is a different approach to worship that gets us thinking and experiencing God. The theme for these stations is Be Still. On October 17 we will be having YOU OWN THE NIGHT. Our students will be in charge of all aspects of the worship service from leading the game, leading worship, running the tech, and bringing the message. We are hoping to do this once in the fall and once in the spring going forward. If you as parents would like to join us for either of these nights, please feel free to! We will also be having a pack the room night for YOU OWN THE NIGHT where we will challenge our students to bring as many of their friends as possible.

On October 21-23, the youth will be headed to Camp Kaleo for our Fall Retreat. I need at least one (could use 2) more male adult to go. Please let me know ASAP if you may be interested. Final payments are due October 5 unless you make arrangements with me. We also have scholarships available for anyone who may need them, so see me about that as well. If you know of any other teens that may be interested in going, they can still sign up, so get with me on how to. We also have releases for everyone to fill out for the retreat that will be given out on October 5 so be looking for those as well.

On October 26, New Life will hold our Trunk-or-Treat from 6-8PM. Students are allowed to decorate their cars for this, but remember to point to Christ with your theme, and no scary or questionable costumes. If your student does not have a car or does not want to participate in the trunks, then we will have plenty of other ways they can serve from helping with food, face painting, balloon animals, and games. We will have a sign-up sheet out soon for trunks and a separate one for different jobs.

Looking ahead a couple months, our high school students will be going to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Atlanta on December 3. We are limited to 15 spots, and that includes adults. We have a sign-up sheet in the youth room so if you or your student would like to go, please have them sign up ASAP. This will be first come, first serve.

In our college and young adult ministry, we will have a group going to the Passion Conference in Atlanta January 3-5. High School Seniors can also attend. The cost of this conference is \$145 plus hotel room. We will determine the hotel cost once we know how many we have going. If you know of anyone that would like to go, they will need to pay by October 9 so that we can order their tickets and determine how many rooms will be needed.

If I can serve your family in any way, please reach out to me! I am praying for you all!

In Christ,

-Drew

Children's Ministry News

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 8:38-39. Having this assurance is a blessing from God! How has God shown His love to you recently?

On Wednesday nights this month, our lessons will be The Arrival and The Messenger. The Arrival is all about Jesus being born at the right time to fulfill God's promise. Read through the second chapter of Luke with your kids and talk about Jesus' birth and boyhood. The key verse for this lesson is John 1:1 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

The Messenger is all about John preparing the people for Jesus' arrival. The passages for this lesson are Mark 1:1-8 and John 1:19-23. You can read through these passages to discover how John the Baptist announces Jesus' Ministry. The key verse for this lesson is Mark 1:15b - *Repent and believe the good news!*

We will not have Children's Church on Sunday, October 16. We will be observing Communion as a family. Please take this time to explain the purpose of communion and what it means to YOU as a follower of Jesus Christ!

Cook County Schools will be on Fall Break October 7-11. We hope you spend some time as a family enjoying each other during this time! Don't take for granted this time because it passes so quickly!

We will have our Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We hope you will make plans to attend this fun event and invite lots of friends! We will have games, candy, hot dogs, and more candy!

As always, please let us know if we can do anything for you! We are looking forward to a great Fall with our New Life kids!!

Mandy & Tonya

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5: Final Balance for Fall Retreat Due

October 9:

Deadline to pay for Passion '23 \$145 (College & H.S. Seniors)

> October 13: Open Gym

October 16: Communion in AM Worship Church Conference in PM

> October 21-23: Youth Fall Retreat

October 26: Trunk or Treat

November 4: Fifth Quarter @ FBC ADEL

November 6: Time Change

November 9: Fields of Faith

November 10: Open Gym

November 11: Veteran's Day

November 14-21: OCC Collection Week @ New Life

November 22: Church Thanksgiving Meal

November 24: Thanksgiving

December 1: Adel Christmas Parade

December 3: H.S. to OCC in Atlanta

December 9: Youth Christmas Party

December 10:Children's Christmas Party and
Caroling

December 11: Choir Christmas Program

Stay Connected to what is happening with New Life Students

Students text: @nladelyuth to 81010

Parents text: @parentnlsm to 81010

5 Ways to Disciple Your Child

There is no clear-cut formula on how to disciple your child. However, here are some ideas to help you start!

- 1. **Start with prayer-** Pray for them and yourself as you parent!
- 2. **Let them hear you pray-** This models prayer for them and helps them learn how to pray.
- 3. **Set aside time for a family devotion or family worship time** This sounds scary, but once you do it, you will not regret it.
 - 4. **Serve together as a family-** This teaches them that service for God is important.
- 5. Use Discipline as a tool to point to the Gospel- When they fail, use it to point to what God has done for us.

Bible Reading Plan Memory verses for October

Week 40: Acts 17:24

Week 41: 1 Corinthians 1:18

Week 42: 1 Corinthians 13:13

> Week 43: Romans 1:16

Week 44: Romans 5:1

FALLRETREAT 2022

CONVERGENCE

OCTOBER 21-23

YOU OWN THE NIGHT

OCT.19 ONLYIN REFRESHSTUDENT



9/25: Fixer Upper Week 5 Nehemiah (Joe Eunice will bring the message)

10/5: The Parable of the Sower Luke 8

10/12: Be Still Prayer Stations

10/19: YOU OWN THE NIGHT Youth Led Night Speaker: Caden McDaniel

10/26: Trunk Or Treat





STATE FARM ARENA
PASSION

ATLANTA, GA / JAN 3-5, 2023

Deadline to pay is
October 9

Wednesday Night Snack Supper

9/28 Corn Dogs and Chips

10/5 Nachos with Taco Meat

10/12 Pizza Bagel Bites

10/19 Corn Dogs

10/26 Trunk-or-Treat

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. 2 HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING. 3 ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM, AND APART FROM HIM NOT ONE THING WAS CREATED THAT HAS BEEN CREATED. 4 IN HIM WAS LIFE,, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. 5 THAT LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND YET THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:1-5 CSB