

DISCOVER NEW LIFE



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Membership Moment

Embrace the essential beliefs of New Life Church

These essential beliefs are the foundation that holds New Life Church together; the basis for why we do what we do. As you explore New Life Church, we welcome you to attend and be a part of the church whether you agree or disagree with these beliefs; however, a qualification for ministry partners or membership is that you wholeheartedly embrace these essential beliefs.

beliefs

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The Bible

We Believe the Bible

- Originated with God and is the _____ and _____ word of God.
- It is _____ by God and written by individuals specifically chosen for that task.
- Reflects the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of the _____ authors.
- Is the unique, full, and final authority on _____ matters of faith and practice.

The Bible tells the story of Creation and how God chose His people, made them a nation and gave them the Law. The Bible tells of the prophecies of the prophets and records the songs and poetry of ancient Israel. The Bible tells the story of Jesus Christ, His birth, death, and resurrection. It tells us about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ. The Bible informs us, instructs us, inspires us, and challenges us.

God

We believe God exists in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- _____ and giver of all.
(James 1:17)
- Continues to _____ His creation while fulfilling His redemptive purpose.

Jesus Christ

- Not _____ by the Father, but is one being with the Father.
(John 1:1)
- _____ through a miraculous Virgin birth.
(Matthew 1:23)
- Lived a _____ life.
(Hebrews 4:15)
- His _____ death on the cross paid the price for the sins of all humanity.
(Galatians 3:13)
- _____ from the dead.
(Matthew 28:5-6)
- Is the only intercessor between _____ and mankind.
(1 Timothy 2:5)
- Will return to earth, _____ and _____ to fulfill the eternal plan of God.
(Acts 1:9-11)

Holy Spirit

- _____ with the Father and the Son.
- Is in the world to make humans aware of their need for _____.
(John 14:26)
- Enters our _____ at the moment of salvation.
- Improves our _____. (the fruit of the Spirit)
(Galatians 5:16-17)
- Empowers our _____. (the gifts of the Spirit)
(1 Corinthians 12:7)

Spiritual Gift of Tongues

New Life Church believes that all Spiritual gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 remain appropriate and effective for ministry in the world today. Most often we are questioned about the gift of tongues. Based on the teachings of the New Testament (1 Corinthians 12:7-11), we believe that the spiritual gift of tongues is valid for use today, but is most useful in personal prayer and intercession. If speaking in tongues is part of a public gathering, whether in weekend services, small groups, or prayer meetings, tongues should be followed by the spiritual gift of interpretation so everyone can understand and be encouraged. We believe Paul the Apostle encouraged Christians to speak intelligibly in public gatherings so everyone could understand, but he also encouraged the use of tongues.

People

We believe people

- Are made in the _____ image of God and are the supreme object of His creation.
(Genesis 1:26)
- Have potential for _____ and _____.
(Matthew 5:16) (Mark 7:23)
- Have _____ sinned, which separates us from God.
(Romans 3:23) (Isaiah 59:2)

We value people because we believe

- All people are _____ by God.
(John 3:16)
- All people _____ God.
(Romans 6:23)
- All people can be _____ by God.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Everything we do here at New Life Church is because we believe people matter. “Our Mission is to awaken the spiritually disengaged to a vibrant life journey with Jesus Christ and others” because we believe people are made in the image of God, as eternal creations, loved by God, who need God, and can be radically changed by God. It’s all about people!

Salvation

We believe salvation is

- Free gift of God for all humans who receive Jesus Christ as Savior.
(Romans 6:23)
- Not acquired through good works and _____.
(Titus 3:5)
- Acquired through repentance and _____ in Jesus Christ.
(Luke 24:47)
- A _____ relationship with God.
(Philippians 3:10)
- An _____ and progressive work.
(Colossians 1:10)

Human Destiny

We believe human destiny is

- _____ communion with God after death.
- _____ from God's presence for the unbelieving.

Body of Christ

We believe the Body of Christ is

- The _____, which is the glory of God on earth.

The Church should gather for

- _____
- Prayer
- _____
- Teaching of the Word
- _____ and _____
- _____ to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts
- Outreach to the world

Through union with Jesus Christ, all believers become members of Jesus Christ's body, the one true Church.

PRACTICES

Bible Study

Bible study is

- _____
(Romans 10:17)
- _____
(Revelation 1:3)
- _____
(Acts 17:11)
- _____
(Psalm 119:11)
- _____
(Psalm 1:2-3)
- _____
(James 1:22)

Prayer

Prayer is

- Communicating with God in an _____, genuine, and revealing way.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Principles of prayer

- The Holy Spirit helps us to know _____ and _____ to pray.
(Romans 8:26)
- The Holy Spirit _____ on our behalf.
(Romans 8:27)
- God hears our _____ in prayer more than our _____.
(Romans 8:27)

Community

Community is

- _____
- _____ hospitality
- _____ on each other
- _____ people

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:41-47

Membership Moment

Attend New Life Church regularly

We grow best in our spiritual walk in the context of community. Being surrounded by others who have similar desires to follow Christ provides encouragement and challenges us in our journey of faith. A qualification for ministry partners and membership is a commitment to attend New Life Church regularly.

Giving

Giving Time

- To _____
- To _____
- To serving _____

Giving _____

Both natural abilities and spiritual gifts vary and are given to people by God. Natural abilities and spiritual gifts are different but related. They can - and often do - work hand in hand. God has called us to serve the Body of Christ with the abilities and gifts He has given.

In 301 – bloom – we explore spiritual gifts

Giving _____

The biblical model for financial giving is a principle called tithing. According to the Old Testament, people were to bring 10% of their income to the Temple. In the New Testament, followers of Jesus brought financial gifts to the Apostles to provide for the ministry of the local church. At New Life Church we encourage a systematic method of financial giving known in the Bible as tithes and offerings.

Membership Moment

Financially support New Life Church
through tithes and offerings

The practice of giving is so important. Being giving people changes our focus from an “all about me, consumer” outlook on life to a, “what can I do to benefit the world around me,” attitude. We believe the Church is the hope of the world. Supporting your local church through faithful giving has an eternal impact on your community and the world and in-turn blesses you. A qualification for membership is a commitment to financially support New Life Church through tithes and offerings.

Reaching

Reaching is

- _____

This style is direct. People are directly confronted with the message of Christ and are encouraged to make an immediate decision.

(Acts 2:37-40)

- _____

This style gives a reasoned defense of the faith. In this style or approach, the presenter attempts to appeal to their intellect.

(Acts 17:16-34)

- _____

This style uses personal experiences from the presenter's or someone else's life to communicate the story of God's love. If a dramatic change has taken place in the person's life, those acquainted with him can't dispute the changes that have taken place.

(John 9:13-34)

- _____

This style is similar to testimonial but has a more restricted audience. This usually involves someone that the presenter is closely associated with.

(Mark 5:18-20)

- _____ oriented

This style looks for ways to serve people. By serving, an avenue is often opened for sharing the gospel with those individuals.

(Acts 9:36-42)

We believe the Church is the hope of the world. As Christ followers, each one of us is a part of His Church. We represent the Body of Christ here on earth. We are called to reach out to the world around us with the love of Christ through our actions and words. These are a few different styles of reaching. Multiple styles can be used to share Christ with others.

Conclusion

Natural growth and maturity are part of God's plan for each and every believer in God's Kingdom. As you grow as an individual in these areas, the result is growth and maturity as a corporate body or "church."

Just as healthy plants grow strong and mature, healthy Christians who are growing in these elements will become strong disciples of Christ and will help His church become a powerful agent for positive change and influence in the world around us.

Dates *upcoming sessions*

Join us for our next sessions - May 2, 2021

Watch for session dates on our website at nlcyorkville.org

