

FIRST TIME HERE?

CONNECT CARD

Fill out a green connect card and turn it in at the Welcome Center to receive a free gift or simply drop the card in the offering. Cards are available at the Welcome Center, or on the side of the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary. We want to send you a letter to thank you for coming.

WELCOME CENTER

Located in the Atrium, if you have any questions while at New Life, this is where you can go for an answer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings, the children meet in classrooms for each age group. Classrooms for ages 4-5 are found in the Education Wing directly behind the sanctuary. Ages 6-11 meet on the second floor above the Education Wing. Children need to check-in at the station in the foyer.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Please take advantage of our excellent Nursery and Toddler Rooms for ages 12 months - 3 years. These rooms are located in the Education Wing. Children need to be checked-in at the station in the foyer. If you choose to have your children in service, please be sensitive to those around you.

MOTHER'S ROOM

A Mother's Room is available, at the west end of the Education Wing, for mothers who need to care for their small children. There is a live video feed to watch the service. Parents must stay with children. If you choose to have your children in service, please be sensitive to those around you.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

On scheduled Sundays @ 6PM, students ages 12-18 have a worship service designed for their age group at our Student Life Center across the street.

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Christmas AT NEW LIFE 2022

JOYLAND

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11 at **10:00AM**

GLORY!

New Life Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 18 at **6:00PM**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Saturday, December 24 at **5:00PM**

No Service Christmas Day

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Where **no one** has a past and **everyone** has a future
Decmeber 4, 2022

A Message from Pastor Harpole

Gen 32:26 *And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*

Jacob is at the brink of a potentially volatile reunion with Esau. He's clearly uncertain as to the disposition of his once scorned brother. Esau had cried and begged to be included in the blessing of the inheritance two decades prior. He said to his father Isaac, "Isn't there one more blessing left?" It all went to Jacob.

The meeting between them is about to commence. It's a fragile moment for which Jacob has no confidence. So on the night before, he seeks the Lord, wrestling with the Angel of the Lord. This could have been a theophany; some physical, temporal manifestation of God. The night was difficult as Jacob sought for an answer. The scripture offers us a small insight in the breaking of dawn and the final moments of petition.

Of the many things preached, taught, and written concerning this passage, the final words echo in the corridors of time: "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." The request was open-ended. He did not ask for a specific blessing. It was God's choice. The night of struggle revealed Jacob's resolve, but it also pointed to the many who have let go.

The decision of letting go is in our hands. We cannot bless ourselves or change our situation. We are mostly inept as to what kind of blessing we need. There are issues on a daily basis. Past mistakes or poor paths always come with a reckoning. There is a cost for everything; a harvest for every seed planted. We all need help from the Lord. These are the times when we are given an opportunity to grasp God and not let Him go. Incredibly enough, He made it so that we can constrain Him. The grip of humanity in desperate prayer is sufficient to compel the very God of Heaven. He has allowed such.

This is not about talent, money, position, or power. The answer - the blessing given - has nothing to do with our faithfulness or merit. His blessing is given because First, He is Good and Secondly because we held on. There is no intellect in this equation. No inherent goodness on our part. We have nothing in our hands to exchange for His blessing. **The only thing in our hands is Him.** The word is found in Luke 11:8, Importunity! I did not earn it. I just did not stop asking, seeking, and knocking. I just would not let go of Him.

View Pastor's Blog at www.jeffharpole.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT STEPS

Whether you are ready to make New Life your home, or just looking for more information, the Next Steps Session is for you. **NEXT STEPS** will take place **TODAY** directly after service in the Prayer Room.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies' Ministry will be hosting their annual Ladies Christmas Party in the Atrium **Tomorrow at 6:30PM**. Ladies are asked to bring a finger food to share and wear a festive sweater. Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a wrapped winter scarf.

NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You do not want to miss *Joyland*, **Next Sunday @ 10AM** presented by the New Life Children. Be sure to invite you friends and loved ones. Doors will open at 9:00AM. The nursery will be open and unstaffed.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an annual gift-giving program that benefits children that would not normally have gifts to celebrate Christmas. There is still time for you to participate in this program. Simply place your gift in a marked envelope in the box located in the Atrium or drop it in the offering by **December 11th**.

NEW LIFE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 18th @ 6:00PM the Music Ministry will present *Glory!* Please invite your friends and family to come and enjoy this program. Sanctuary doors will open at 5:00PM. The nursery will be open and unstaffed.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Make plans to join us for a **Christmas Eve Service at 5:00PM** in the Sanctuary. The nursery will be open and unstaffed.

MARRIAGE RETREAT 2023

Registration is now open for Marriage Retreat 2023 taking place February 24-25 at the Hilton Garden Inn near the Indianapolis Airport. This year's speakers are Rev. Wayne and Janet Neyland. The cost is \$250/couple. This includes room, Friday's dinner, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Registration and deposit (\$120) is due **by December 18th**. Payment due in full by **January 15th**.



LIFE ACADEMY 2023/2024 EARLY REGISTRATION

Seats are limited and filling up fast, reserve your student's seat today! Preschool ages 3-4 (Tuesday-Thursday) through High School Early Enrollment is \$25 through Dec. 31st. Visit lifeacademyterrehaute.com to fill out your registration form. Full-Time Preschool with before and after care, please visit littliferterrehaute.com for details.

Today at New Life

9AM Morning Manna | East Wing
10AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
10AM Sunday School | Education Wing
3PM Nueva Vida Servicio | SLC

This Week at New Life

Monday

6:30PM

Ladies Christmas Party

Tuesday

7PM

Mens Prayer | Foyer

Ladies Prayer | Prayer Room

Wednesday

6:30PM

Kids Life | Kids Worship Center

Student Life Class | SLC

Young Adult Class | SLC

Sanctuary Series | Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

December

12/11 Children's Christmas Program
12/15 Food Pantry Day
12/18 Christmas Concert
12/21 No Midweek Activities
12/24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5PM
12/25 No Service
12/28-12/30 HYC
12/21-1/2 NLF Office Closed

January

1/1 No Morning Service
1/1 Worship & The Word
1/1 Communion Service
1/2 Prayer 300 Begins
1/7 All Church Prayer
1/8 Next Steps
1/16 NLF Office Closed
1/19 Food Pantry Day
1/21 Men's Meeting

February

2/5 Next Steps
2/13 Annual Business Meeting
2/16 Food Pantry Day
2/20 NLF Office Closed
2/24-2/25 Marriage Retreat

**IN PERSON**
During Service

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Church Center App

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Text amount to 84-321

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