

Sermon Notes

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**The View
From My Window**
WITH PASTOR JOEL

Usually I'm not a fan of following a school bus but the other morning one stopped in front of me to take on a load of kids that warmed my heart. A young father stepped out of his pickup followed by three boys. The two older boys each gave him a hug then ran onto the bus. The younger boy stood with his dad waving at his brothers. The father & son didn't jump right back into their truck ... they stood there waving. The man looked relaxed with his boys; they appeared appreciative of his attentiveness. That guy wasn't too busy or in a hurry: it looked like he was taking care of the most important item on his agenda for the day.

Much of what we do we do just to get something done, cross it off our list, put in our time, etc. But there are some things in life that should be treated with special care. There are some things we need to do with the right mindset or we shouldn't do them at all. Fasting is on that list. Fast with the right motives & the right goals or please don't bother. We'll be talking about that this morning.

- Pastor Joel

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Welcome to New Life ...

Happy New Year!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

7:00am - Prayer Meeting

Open prayer for all in Room 10

8:00am - First Service

9:00am - Self-Serve Café Open

Join us for coffee & treats off the main lobby!

9:15am - Sunday School

- Kids Clubhouse: Pre-K kids
- Room 3 & 4: Grades 1-8 kids
- Basement: Grades 9-12 teens
- Kids Church Rm: Youth Worship Team Practice
- Gym: Married Couples (*My Better Half* class)
- Sanctuary: Adults

10:15am - Second Service, Nursery (0-3), & Kids Church (age 3-6th grade)

Family Room open: A live stream of the service & a play area for kids is available for families in Room 9.

*No 6pm Service, Kids/Youth Programs

Moms A private room for nursing mothers is located off the Main Lobby in Room 2

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Isaiah's Fast

Isaiah 58

Rev. Joel Everhart

This Week ...

WED, JANUARY 3

40 Days of Fasting Begins

7pm - Evening Service

Adult Bible Study, Royal Rangers, Girls Club, & Rainbows

SAT, JANUARY 6

5pm - My Better Half Dinner for Married Couples

Sign up in the Main Lobby!

Joel Everhart
SENIOR PASTOR

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Please send van/room reservation requests to calendar@nla.today

Please submit announcements to hello@nla.today one week in advance

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New to New Life?

Thanks for being with us today! One of our greeters would be happy to show you around the church & answer any questions you may have about New Life. You can also find out more on our website at www.nla.today or by emailing our office at hello@nla.today.

Here at New Life, we strive to be a spirit-empowered family of believers who **worship** the Lord, work together to **build** a body of believers, **reach** the lost, & **minister** to a hurting world. We **Expect Jesus** to meet us here & to use us beyond these walls.

Worship

What Will You Take Off Your Plate? From January 3 to February 12 our church will spend time fasting & focusing on prayer. We'd love for you to share what you're 'taking off your plate' during your fast to encourage others & to help you stay on track! Stop by our display in the main lobby to join the conversation.

4 Ways to Give. There are several ways you can give to New Life: (1) cash or check dropped into the offering, (2) via credit card online at www.nla.today/give, (3) by purchasing gift cards to Giant or Weis through our Business Office (New Life receives 5% of the proceeds), & (4) by shopping online via Amazon Smile using our link: smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675

Build

My Better Half Sunday School Class. The Hershes will teach a new 12-week Sunday School class called 'My Better Half' in the gym starting Sunday, January 7. The class will kick off with a date night dinner on Saturday, January 6 at 5pm in the gym. This class is for all married couples - from newlyweds to seasoned spouses. Sign up for the dinner & class in the main lobby.

January Coordinator Meeting All Ministry Coordinators are encouraged to attend the Coordinator Meeting on Wed, January 31 at 7pm in the Youth Room. There will be no kids or youth programs, but there will be childcare for kids of Coordinators who attend the meeting.

Water Baptism & Membership. Interested? Email our office at hello@nla.today to discuss next steps & register for our spring *New Members* class.

The Gathering Women's Bible Study. This small group women's Bible study will not meet in January or February.

Monthly Men's Breakfast. The Men's Ministry meets for breakfast & fellowship on the second Saturday of the month at 8am in the gym. The next breakfast is set for January 13. See Wayne Esbenshade for more info.

Reach & Minister

Prayer & Worship Service. Join us for a time of Prayer & Worship on Sunday, January 7 at 6pm as part of our *40 Days of Fasting & Prayer*. Additionally, the church will be open weekdays from 8am-10am and 7pm-9pm for prayer through February 12. You can also join us weekly for prayer on Sundays at 7am in room 10.

Ruth's Harvest Food Drive. We're accepting single serving size packages of shelf-safe milk, cereal, & ravioli for Ruth's Harvest, a program that provides a weekend's worth of meals to over 150 students & families in the Bermudian Springs School District who are in need of food. Drop off donations in the main lobby. Thanks!

The Gift of Turkey & Gravy. Steven's Legacy wishes to thank everyone who gave funds & gravy *in memory of Candy Gebhart* for our Thanksgiving meal outreach in partnership with New Hope Ministries. With your donations & generosity, New Life was able to give 610 turkey gravies as well as \$1,000 toward the purchase of turkeys for neighbors in need at Thanksgiving!

Family Ministries

BGMC Surpassed Its Giving Goal! The Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge is the missions program for kids that instills a heart of compassion to reach the lost through praying, giving, & going. We set our sights on raising \$1,000 for Jackson's Ridge Children's Ministry Training Center in South Africa. With your help, through special offerings, craft & bake sales, & our VBS fundraising competition, we raised \$1,606.36 in 2017!

Kids Can Serve Too! On Family Worship Sunday (the first Sunday of the month), we'd like kids to feel welcomed & engaged in our Family Service by having them serve as greeters & ushers. If your child would like to serve in these positions, please see our Kids Church Coordinator Dana Catania.

Junior Bible Quiz Update. Logan Bortner, Lyric Womer, & Joshua Myers make up our Championship Division team, coached by Dara Womer. Kacie, Emily, Jacob, & Caleb Myers make up our Discovery Division team, coached by Stephanie Myers. In the last match, Kacie earned 8th place with 90 points for the day & Lyric earned 6th place with 575 points & five quizouts in his division. Logan also had a number of quizouts. Great job, scholars!

JBQ's next match is January 13 at 9am at Harrisburg First Assembly, 4100 N. Progress Ave.

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Stephen's Legacy 2017 Recap. New Life's benevolence team provided aid to several single parents, widows, elderly, & families in crisis in 2017. Stephen's Legacy has knowledgeable volunteers ready to help with home & car repairs, financial aid in hard times, & home-cooked meals. *Over 200 meals were made for 20 families in need!* The group also has trained nurses who can provide aid with health needs & medications. In partnership with the Salvation Army, Stephen's Legacy now assists with their voucher program, & oversees the applications in East Berlin for distributing aid for utilities & rent assistance. Members are

Open Positions

You tell us your availability & we'll work with your schedule!

- Nursery Helper**
for Babies Age 0-3
Sun at 6pm & Wed at 7pm
See Dara Womer
- Sunday School Teacher**
for Kids Pre-K - Grade 8
Sundays at 9:15am
See Ariel Strine
- Rainbows Teacher or Helper**
for Kids Age 3-6
Wednesdays at 7pm
See Mandi Geiman
- Prims Girls Club Teacher or Helper**
for Girls Age 7-Grade 6
Wednesdays at 7pm
See Mandi Geiman

No Kids/Youth Programs Jan 31. There will be no kids or youth programs on Wed, January 27 as our Ministry Coordinators will be meeting. Kids & teens should join their parents in the service. *There will be childcare for kids of Coordinators who attend the meeting.*

STEPHEN'S LEGACY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Angie Kline	Ray Mummert
Dave Mickley	Mark Hinkle
Wayne Esbenshade	John Quinn
Carolyn Tanner	Wendy Wagner