

# The Nutshell

The Weekly World of New Life 03/28/10

## LADIES CONFERENCE

Building an Eternal Heritage of Faith: What God can do with a life surrendered to Him

Are you interested in leaving a legacy that transcends a lifetime? Come join us for a weekend in which we'll follow the life path of Christian women over the last century and explore how God used their surrender to Him to transform them into extraordinary women of faith.

Apr 16 (Fri) from 7 – 9p

Apr 17 (Sat) 9a – 3p

Here at New Life! \$45 per person (includes weekend program, continental breakfast & catered luncheon). Tickets can be purchased in the lobby at the Ladies' Ministry table through Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## THIS FRIDAY!

New Life is hosting the annual Good Friday Service for City Ministries THIS Friday (Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>) & we could not be more excited about spending the evening together remembering & reflecting! Thank you to the nearly 50 of you who responded in the volunteer efforts of hosting - we look forward to seeing all of you at either the 6 pm or 8 pm services!

## ABFEST 2010!

New Life's Men's Ministry is having it's 7<sup>th</sup> annual abalone dive/camping trip May 20 - May 22 (Thu - Sat) at Salt Point State Park. It's amazing that we're even able to dive this year since many of the parks have been slated for closure or decreased hours, and there are now numerous no-fishing areas on our coast, but Salt Point Park has

been spared! Not an abalone diver? Not a problem! Please come out and join us for the camaraderie and fellowship, camping, kayaking, fishing, hiking and abalone feasts! The park rangers give tours too. The location is the group site at Gerstle Cove Campground at Salt Point State Park. Cost is \$30 per night of camping, which includes meals. Your welcome to stay any night Thu - Sat. Contact Max D at 762.4878 or maxdreyer@mac.com for additional information. This event is also posted on New Life's website at [www.newlifepetaluma.org](http://www.newlifepetaluma.org).

## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

If you have been around New Life for more than one Sunday, you have probably figured out that we rarely embrace the status quo. In fact "new" is right there in our name! Well, I wanted to catch you up to speed on some new things we will be trying during Sunday services. You have already seen our new communication card and probably noticed the programs were in the seat backs the last couple weeks. We will be trying new things to the increase & smooth out the flow of our service as well. I want to encourage you to try and make it to church early, because you may be late for your favorite part of the service. In other words, expect the unexpected. I am excited about the changes, because God calls us to experience Him in deeper and fresh ways. My hope is that the service will allow you to experience God, be inspired to change, and desire to go deeper with Him through Life Groups and your daily walk. See you at 9 & 11am sharp! -Justin Bartlow, Director of

Programming & Worship Pastor

## DREAMING WITH GOD

Is a three-day conference where senior leader's Bill Johnson and David Crone share the secrets of God's unlimited supply of imagination, wisdom, creativity and dreams for transforming your family and community, your job or business, the nation and the world! You have permission to dream! Dreaming With God is a 3-day seminar being held May 6-8 in Vacaville. Find out more at <http://www.tmvv.org/dreamingwithgod.html>. Questions? Call New Lifer, Chris L, at 328.9663.

## THANK YOU!

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Eric F and Mark S for there donation of a fabulous re-done parking lot! They not only worked the lot over, but they donated 100 tons of rock, the trucking to haul the rock, a huge tractor, and a huge roller to finish out the parking lot - and they did it all in just one morning. Later in the week we were blessed by Joe S, Steve M & Philip B who topped the whole project off with excellent landscaping work! What an incredible thing when God plants an idea & inspires people to work towards it. Thanks, guys!!

## NEXT STEPS IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

At New Life, it is our hope that every person is taking new steps in their spiritual journey no matter HOW long they've been around. The idea of spiritual growth is about becoming a little bit more like Christ each day & it's a journey we hope to be progressing on for a lifetime -

never stalling out. One of the steps on that journey is baptism - it's a chance to publically commit your life to the spiritual journey & it is a momentous moment in life. If you've never taken that step, we want to encourage you in that direction! Our next baptism service is coming April 4<sup>th</sup> & we'd love to have you participate! If you have questions about baptism or any 'next step' on the spiritual journey of becoming more like Christ, please mark 'baptism' on your Communication Card this morning & Pastor Kevin will give you a call this week!

## THE MEXICO CONVOY

The Mexico Mission trip still needs a few more volunteer drivers to take us to the SFO airport (5 am on April 5) or pick us up (8 pm on April 10). We already have a cargo van and truck signed up to take our luggage & supplies both ways. So all we need now are cars, vans, SUVs of any size to transport people. If you can help, call Joe or Lori C. at 762.1792. Thank you and God Bless you!

## WELCOME C.D.F.

You noticed their banner and table when you came in this morning. So who is CDF? Their full name is Church Development Fund, and they are a very important ministry partner for New Life. CDF provided the funding for our new campus! And they did this not only for us, but for many churches around the country. It is their ministry. It is what they do for God.

Where do they get the money to loan to churches? From people who use them as a savings or investment vehicle. Like a bank, they receive money on deposit, and then loan it out...in this case only to churches. And that's what makes CDF such a unique investment opportunity. The money is not only safe and earning a good return, it's put to use for a great cause - God's kingdom.

CDF has been doing this for more than 50 years, and in spite of numerous recessions and downturns in the economy, no one has ever lost a single dime invested with them. Quite the contrary! Even during our current world economic crisis, CDF investors received a very good return on their investment.

They are here today because we want to highlight their partnership with us and because we want to pass along to you an excellent and safe way to invest...and still have your money doing eternal work. We invite and encourage you to stop by their table in the Lobby and get the information straight from their man, Bob Scott. It's a great way to bless and be blessed at the same time.

## CLASSIFIEDS

I have 12 units of Early Childhood Education (specializing in special education) as well as several years of experience. I am looking for a part-time position working with kids and have a fairly open schedule. I am also a lead teacher 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week in The Beach here at New Life!. Give me a call for more info! Freedom B at 415.690.0167.

I am currently a stay at mom and I am offering childcare. I have over 10 years experience working with children and have been formally doing childcare for about two years. I am located in Rohnert Park. Call New Lifer Amy D at 540.0889 for more!

## EASTER RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Easter is upon us once again. Now is the time to focus on Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary. If you would like an in-depth study guide that addresses the events surrounding the Lord's death and resurrection, there are free copies entitled "The Slaughter of the Lamb of God" available in the Lobby, where Dennis will be able to answer your questions. While based mainly on the Bible, this lesson also includes

historical facts, as well as information passed down through Christian traditions. The studies are free but donations are always appreciated to offset printing costs.

## IN KIDS LIFE (0-5yrs)

Jesus was the King of the Universe, but He knew that the best people are those who serve others. He showed us that no matter how powerful you are, you should always do nice things for people - He washed His friends FEET!!! (Story found in John 13:1-20). AND...Jesus knew He was about to die, so before He left His disciples, he had dinner with them to remind them they should never forget Him and how much He loved them. So much that He died for them! (Story found in Matthew 26:14-29). Our memory verse: "I will not be afraid because the Lord is with me." Psalm 118:6

## THE Zone (6-12 years)

We show our love through praises, that's our focus this week in the Zone, it's based on Matthew 21:1-11. Don't forget to ask your Zone kid about the challenges we have going on this quarter. Level 1 - memorize the 10 Commandments, Level 2 - recite the 66 books of the Bible, Level 3 - recite 5 memory verses in one day, and Level 4 is to perform a Bible skit in the Zone with your family or friends, your choice!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES (Jr. High & Sr. High)

Looking for something to do this week? Come on out to Ignite (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) on Tuesday night @ 7pm right here at New Life to connect with other high school folks, hang out, and talk through issues of life, faith, and ultimate reality. If you're in junior high (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) we'd love to see you at OVERFLOW on Wednesday night @ 7 here at New Life. If you have questions about Ignite or OVERFLOW give Kevin a call @ 765.0956 (x25).