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<sup>27</sup> For this people's heart has grown dull,  
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lest they should see with their eyes  
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and turn, and I would heal them.'

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# Welcome to New Life

We are a church committed to the central and objective historical reality of Christianity—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everything we do here revolves around our mission: To worship the God of the gospel, To grow in grace together as a church, To communicate the changeless Christ to the culture.

**New Life Kids** (Sunday Worship) For information on all we offer for children (birth-5th grade) please refer to the yellow NL Kids sheet at each entrance. We also offer Children's Bulletins for children up to 5th grade. Bring your completed bulletin to the kids' booth on the patio for a prize!

**Gems and Cadets** (1st - 5th grade)  
Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Youth Group** (Middle & High School)  
Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8:00pm, Youth Bldg.

**Women Side by Side** (next meeting 9/22)  
Every other Friday | 9:30 - 11:00am, Room 4

**Women's Bible Study**  
Mondays | 6:30 - 8:00pm, Zoom  
Wednesdays | 9:30 - 11:15am, Sanctuary

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies**  
Various Dates | Stay tuned

**Evergreens** (60+)  
Fourth Thursdays | 11:30 - 1:30, Youth Bldg.

**Friends of Jesus** (Youth Building)  
Thursdays | 7:00 - 8:30pm, Youth Bldg.  
An adapted Bible study for individuals with cognitive disabilities

## Featured Events

### Memorial Service for Jack Battles

A service to celebrate the life of long-time member Jack Battles will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 11:00am.

### Theology on Tap - SPECIAL EDITION - Ladies Invited!

There's one more chance this year to enjoy a relaxed evening of food & fellowship...and the ToT experience will be shared with the women of New Life. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Roberts' home. Signups will start next week.

**As a worshipful response** to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ and in obedience to the commands in Scripture, we take an offering during the worship service. This is primarily for the members and regular attenders. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give. For your convenience, online giving is available through our church app or on our website at [newlifepca.com/give](http://newlifepca.com/give).

## FY23/24 Operating Fund (July 1 - June 30)

Last Week's Giving:	<b>\$27,831</b>
Received YTD:	<b>\$426,278</b>
FY23/24 Operating Budget:	<b>\$1,735,267</b>
New Life House Loan/Renovation Balance:	<b>\$609,925</b>

## Order of Worship Sunday, September 17, 2023

### God Calls Us as a Church to Worship Him

**Opening Song**  
**The Call to Worship\***      *Only a Holy God*  
Pastor Kevin Daane

### We Adore God & Confess Our Sins

**Songs of Approach**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
*Hope is Awake*

**Missions Moment**  
**- Quinn Sloan, RUF**      Elder Gordy Gustafson

**Shepherding Prayer**      Intern Joe Varadi

### We Prepare to Hear God's Word

**Song of Preparation**      *Ancient of Days*

### God Speaks to Us in the Word

**Scripture Reading\***      Acts 28:11-31  
**Sermon**      "The Gospel is Not Hindered"  
Pastor Ted Hamilton  
The Book of Acts: 1st Century  
Lessons for the 21st Century

### We Respond to God's Word

**Gifts & Offerings**      Pastor Ted Hamilton  
**Song of Praise**      *Hymn of Heaven*

### God Gives Us His Name in Blessing

**The Benediction\***      Pastor Kevin Daane  
**Postlude**

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If you hear some of our members making vocal noises during our worship service, no need to worry. We warmly welcome all brothers and sisters, whatever exceptional needs exist, to worship and gather here.

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