

PLANTED ROOTS



**NEW LIFE
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*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation
for your Life. Colossians 2:7*

May 2017

REACH

REACH – inward for fellowship & outward for evangelism. If you would like to join our ministry, all hands are welcome.

April was a very full calendar for us. We sent out 13 welcome packets to area newcomers.

April 14: Then on Good Friday, after a very thought provoking worship service remembering Jesus' last supper and crucifixion, Paul and Susan hosted a delicious meal for all of us. Many thanks to Paul and Susan for all their good work.

April 16: Easter Sunday we treated ourselves to a muffin breakfast. Yummy.

April 18: Cornerstone Christian Academy asked us to help make the chili for their annual fundraiser Chili and Potato Dinner. They furnished the ingredients and boy did we make Chili! 11 batches. That was a project! Thanks to all who helped us help Cornerstone. They are one of our supported organizations who do great work setting a Christian foundation for our young people.

April 22: Since the Bible admonishes us to not grow weary of doing good, we kept going with the spring clothing giveaway. We gave clothes away to 59 families on Saturday morning. We also gave out about 100 hot dogs, chips and lemonade. It was a very good morning.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make all these events possible.

Only three years after being planted, the Blue Rug Juniper spreads into this amazing cross.



PLANTED ROOTS STARTS IT'S 3rd YEAR!

THE STORY BEHIND THE NEWSLETTER...



Planted Roots was started with a thought that I had. I brought my idea to the members of the church to see what they felt about having a Church Newsletter. The majority of them liked the idea. A few months later the Newsletter was created and the first one came out in June of 2014. Again, I want to thank Carole Hopper for joining me with the making the Newsletter possible.

The Newsletter's name came about from Colossians 2:7 and the plant logo that is painted on the Church's wall. Between the two I came up with the name Planted Roots. (The old planted roots logo was changed later, after the Church changed its name from New Life Community Church.) As you can see the old logo is at the top of this article.

The very first paragraph for the Planted Roots Newsletter was written as follows.

This is our first attempt at a newsletter, and is a work in progress. Our plan is to try to get one out every month or every other month, to provide more information on events, activities and future plans, so you, our members can keep up with all that is going on. And, also, to provide a handout that we can give to our visitors, so they can get to know who we are and what we're all about. We would very much like to have your ideas to make it useful and informative.

Carole and I are excited to see that the Planted Roots Newsletter is posted on the church's website. This wouldn't be possible if Al Lorr didn't create the website for the Church. A big thanks goes out to Al for all his work on creating the website. Besides, I want to thank those who have taken photographs to add to the newsletter.

Carole and I hope that we accomplished our mission.



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BUILDING & GROUNDS

Just before Easter, several hearty souls braved the weather and came to help spruce up the grounds. They moved the gravel left by the snow banks to more suitable resting places in the driveway. They sprayed weeds, pulled out winters' leftovers, and freshened the gardens with new mulch. Things are beginning to bud. New Life! We need to do some planting this spring to finish the look. Talk to Carole if you can help.

This isn't very spiritual or uplifting, but the truth be told, the women's bathroom has had a little on-going problem with the toilet. Recently, the flopper stuck and it ran all night. Paul did some repair work on it, and hopefully it is all good again. But this has happened before, so please, if you are the last one out, be sure it is not running when we leave the building. Thanks for your assistance.



Neil has been working on a pot holder for the kitchen. So on the 28th, he recruited Dennis and Pat to help hang it up. We hope it works well and relieves some of the congestion in the kitchen. Thank you all very much.



Saturday, April 22 we had our Spring Reach clothing and hot dogs giveaway. We had 59 people show up and handed out about a 100 hot dogs, chips and lemonade that day.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue using the Wycliffe Kids Sunday school lessons. Starting April 23 we will be studying "Steps to Bible Translation".

**May 14 - Steps to Bible Translation
(Assemble the Team)**

**May 21 - Steps to Bible Translation
(Create an Alphabet)**

**May 28 - Steps to Bible Translation
(Write a Draft)**

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

If you are interested, contact Ruth Sinn at 317-627-0017 or by email, rgsinn.78@gmail.com. Anyone is welcome to participate.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER NEED?



If you have a prayer need for the Prayer Chain, please contact Paul at 608-632-3888, or paulroberts@mwt.net. Thank You!

CHYC CAMP SPONSORS

We need volunteers to help sponsor students wishing to attend camp this summer. A week at CHYC costs 4th—12th graders from \$140 - \$150. 2nd & 3rd grade camp costs \$75. A typical camp sponsorship is half the cost of registration. Contact Paul if you are able to help! Also, registration forms are located in the foyer.

In addition New Life is investigating sending a group to "CIY Move" this summer if there is enough interest. Teens check out ciy.com/move.

MISSIONS

Door of Hope — reports that they found a home for a homeless mom just a few days before her baby was born on March 3. Her baby was born well and beautiful. We had a part in this remarkable change through contributions to this ministry.

Cornerstone Christian Academy — “Thank you for your continued prayers for our school. We continue to trust the Lord to give us wisdom on how to become a better school. We want to do all that we do to the best of our ability. Through your prayers and ours, we trust God will supply all our needs, and that lives will be forever changed as a result of our work. “

FAME —Thank you for your recent donation to FAME. The ministry of FAME uses donations like yours to share the love of Christ around the world through medical evangelism. We do this by funding sustainable healthcare projects, shipping medicines and supplies, and mobilizing short term trips. This month I'd like to share some words from Lonnie Burley, FAME's Director of Short-Term trips.

“God is amazing! I am sure you would agree. On my recent trip to Thailand, I stood in awe at just how amazing God truly is. After our arrival in Thailand, the Lord found it necessary to use us in ways we would have never dreamed. Proverbs 19:21 says, *Many are the plans in a person heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*

The Lord's purpose prevailed shortly after our arrival in-country. He took one team of 11 people and divided it into two, 5 on one team and 6 on the other. Then on top of that, He moved the team of 6 to another country...Myanmar! I would say that is more than amazing!”

Just like our Thailand team allowed the Lord's purpose to prevail, we are so very grateful that our donation to FAME was made with the same purpose in mind. FAME is passionate in taking help and hope in the name of Christ to the unreached and underserved in the world through medical evangelism and your donation makes that possible!

God Bless,
Bill Warren, Executive Director.



I'm happy to announce that 38 items of medicine were donated and now are on their way to help those in desperate need. Thank you for supporting this mission.



CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP

Work Weekend June 2—4, 2017



Preparation for the camp season.

- Cabin work
- Cleaning
- Yard work

For those who are staying over Saturday night, there will be a chapel service on Sunday.

Pick up a camp brochure and the health and insurance form today or go online at

<http://www.chyconline.org/chyc-information>

Thank You!

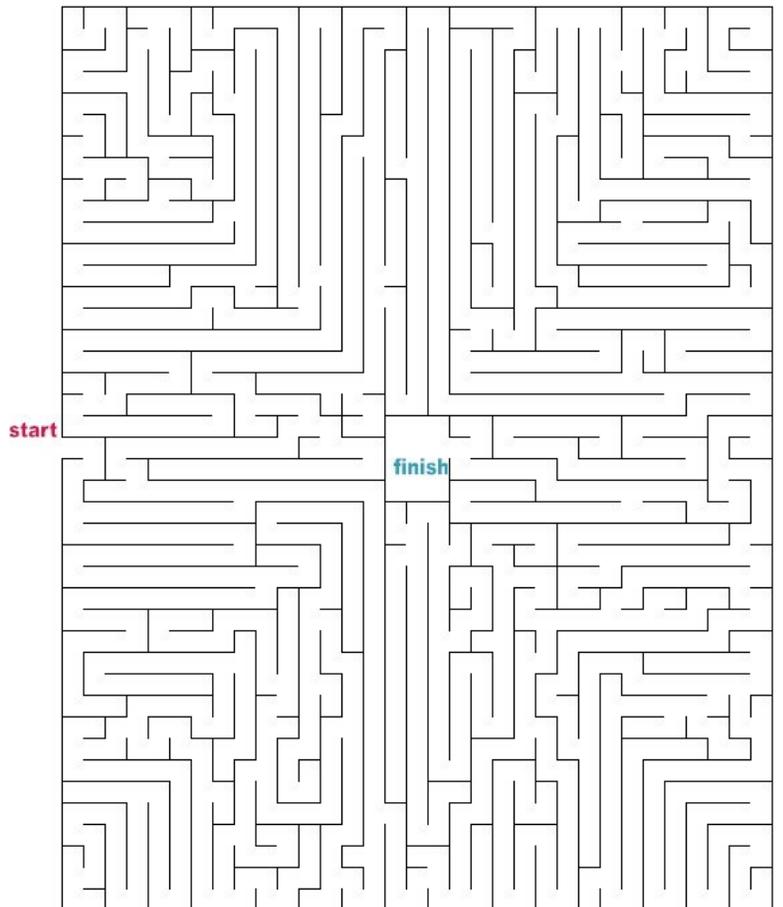
New Life Chili Maker - you know who you are!! Thank you so much for all your help and all your work for the “main dish” for our fundraiser. We thank you, thank you, thank you for being such a blessing to Cornerstone!!

Love, Deb Walker

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

Fitness for New Life

Monday's @ 6:30 p.m.

Fitness for New Life

Wednesday's @ 6:00 p.m.

Women's Connect Group

~ Susan Roberts

Wednesday's @ 7:00 p.m.

Iron Man Connect Group

~ Paul Roberts

TBA

Reach MTG

Monday, May 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Saturday, May 13 @ 8:00 a.m.

Please RSVP Paul

Door of Hope Event

Saturday, May 13 Walmart parking lot 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DOOR OF HOPE EVENT

On Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Door of Hope will be selling Rooster Andy's chicken dinners for \$10.00 in the Walmart parking lot. Door of Hope also needs people to help sell tickets, to serve and drivers to deliver dinners. For questions, contact DOH at 637-8688 or Beverly at 654-7686.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

HOW TO MAKE CHOICES YOU WON'T REGRET

Where do you go for direction? ...What do you do when faced with temptation? ...How do you decide what choices to make?

This study answers those questions by exploring the role of Scripture and the Holy Spirit in the process, as well as examining the decision-making of people such as David, Josiah, Eve, and Jesus.

Begins Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Books can be purchased for \$7/each.

Call Susan Roberts @ 632-3885 for more details.



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COMPLETELY COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

New **Sermon Series** coming May 14, 2017. If you'd like a book, you can order them at christianbook.com for under \$7.50, or see Paul about ordering one.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Carole Hopper, Pat Horkheimer, Roy & Glenda Kanis, Terry Noble, Ed Peterson, Paul Roberts and Leonard Thelen for cleaning up the church grounds and landscaping before Easter!

Thanks to Rachel Detweiler, Pam Grindle, Pauline Hauge, Carole Hopper, Pat Horkheimer, Susan Roberts and Ruth Sinn for making the chili for the Cornerstone Chili Supper. Thirty-three 5 quart pails of chili were made for the event. That's a lot of chili!

There were several individuals from New Life who worked with the Clothing and Hotdog giveaway for 4/22. Thanks to those who sorted clothes, set-up, packing up, cooking hotdogs. Thank you for serving our community.

New Life Vision Statement

Our vision ... is to become a community of believers who **look like Christ**, seeking to **change lives** within the church, across the street and around the world.

New Life Christian Church

GERANIUMS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Please join me by decorating the sanctuary for the memorial weekend in memory of a loved one by bringing in a red or white geranium. You can drop your geranium off starting Sunday, May 21 - Thursday, May 25. Please let Pauline know the name of your loved one.

You're welcome to bring your geranium home on Sunday, May 28. If, you wish to have it planted in one of the church gardens, please let Pauline or Carole Hopper know.

Thank you!

GREETERS



May 14 - Kevin Hauge & Al Lorr

May 21 - Ralph & Sheila Petersheim

May 28 - Ben Niemyjski & Carol Melcher

June 4 - Roy & Glenda Kanis

Sunday Services/ Activities

Adult Discipleship 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

▪For all ages

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.



Happy Mother's Day

