

# **BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **FINAL CHURCH CONSTITUTION REVIEW THIS EVENING, MARCH 26TH, AT 6 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

In 2022 our church family voted to continue moving towards a goal of governance by Biblical Eldership (BE). The BE team has spent much of the last year working out what eldership should look like practically for New Life Church. This includes redistributing some church responsibilities from the pastor and deacons to the elders and establishing conditions for serving as an elder. The BE team recognizes that such a model of church leadership will require a number of changes to the church's constitution. To this end, the BE team completed a review of the church constitution, and we would now like to share those changes with you. We will be distributing copies of the revised draft of the constitution during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The BE team has set aside two Sunday evenings in March for the church to come together to review the proposed changes to the constitution. We will present the changes and allow time for questions and discussion. The first meeting will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, and the second meeting will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Both meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will be identical in format and content. The gym will be open for ages 2 yrs. through youth and will be supervised during these times. The nursery will not be staffed. Please plan to come out to one of these meetings.

In April, the church will be given the opportunity to vote to confirm the constitutional changes. A church business meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will take place immediately following the Sunday morning worship service.

The BE team is thankful for your continued prayers through this transitional period. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding these specific changes or BE in general.

Respectfully,

NLC's Biblical Eldership Team

Pastor Ronnie Riggins, Jeff Lundeen, Carey Fullmer, Kirk Zuercher, Matt Riggins, Dan Davis, Dave Davis, Benjamin Mathew, and Ian Maurer

### **Important BE Dates:**

Week of February 26<sup>th</sup> – Updated Constitutional Draft Distributed to the Congregation

March 12<sup>th</sup> 6 PM – Church Constitution Review

March 26<sup>th</sup> 6 PM – Church Constitution Review

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 PM – Church Business Meeting – Vote on Constitutional Changes*

NEW LIFE CHURCH AND THE MEMORY BARN INVITE YOU TO A



7:00 AM  
EASTER SUNRISE  
SERVICE

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CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP WITH US AS WE  
WAKE TO A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!

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April 9, 2023 7 AM Sunrise Service at The Memory Barn	April 9, 2023 10:30 AM Worship Service at New Life Church
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370 Yocumtown Rd  
Etters, PA 17319  
[www.thememorybarn370.com](http://www.thememorybarn370.com)

***In the event of inclement weather,  
the Easter Sunrise Service will be held  
in The Memory Barn.***

Following the Sunrise Service,  
light refreshments will be served until 8:15 am in the barn.



With the change in venue for the Easter Sunrise Service, *we are in need of persons to serve in the following areas:*

Directing Traffic

Assist / Direct With The Parking Of Cars

Assist Those Who May Need Help Walking To The Seating Area

If you are able to serve your church family and our local community in any of these areas, contact Ginger Wallace at [gwallace@nlcfamily.org](mailto:gwallace@nlcfamily.org) or text to 717-779-3126.

# House Of The Lord

## **Verse 1**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

## **Chorus**

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

## **Verse 2**

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

## **Chorus**

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

## **Bridge X2**

('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

## **Chorus X2**

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

## **Ending**

We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

# In Christ Alone

## **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

## **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

## **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

## **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

## **Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **Ending**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

# How Great Is Our God

## **Verse 1**

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

## **Chorus**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

## **Verse 2**

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

## **Chorus**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

## **Bridge X2**

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## **Chorus X2**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!  
New Life Church  
March 26, 2023

SPARKS IN MARCH!  
(To Energize Your Journey To Easter)  
Message 3 - Romans 12, NKJV

"Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic - be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!"

**HOW TO FUEL YOUR FIRE!!!**

♦ **Fuel Your Relationship With God** - *Romans 12:1-2, NKJV*

- ◇ Give God Your Body  
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. *Romans 12:1, NKJV*
  
- ◇ Give God Your Mind  
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, *Romans 12:2a, NKJV*
  
- ◇ Give God Your Will  
that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. *Romans 12:2b, NKJV*

♦ **Fuel Your Relationship With Believers** - *Romans 12:3-16, NKJV*

- ◇ Honest Evaluation  
For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of him self* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. *Romans 12:3, NKJV*

◇ Faithful Cooperation

<sup>4</sup>For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. *Romans 12:4-8, NKJV*

◇ Loving Participation

<sup>9</sup>*Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>*Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup>not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. *Romans 12:9-16, NKJV*

◆ **Fuel Your Relationship With Your Enemies**

<sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Romans 12:17-21, NKJV*

*For a fire to be kept burning it needs oxygen and fuel.*

*In the same way, for our spiritual lives to remain burning we need the breath of the Spirit and the regular addition of fuel in the form of prayer and Scripture.*

**A Daily Challenge To Practice A Daily Rhythm Of Prayer And Scripture**

- **Morning:** Commit your day to God by reflecting on Scripture and praying!
- **Noon:** Set an alarm in the middle of the day and choose to stop and pray the Lord's Prayer!
- **Night:** Finish the day by thanking God for the blessings of the day, acknowledging the challenges, and asking Him for strength, perspective, forgiveness, peace and rest!

**NLC's 2023 Verse**

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;  
*1 Peter 2:9, NKJV*



# CONNECT CARD

Welcome to New Life Church! We love welcoming and connecting with people from our community. If you are visiting with us today, please complete the top portion of this card so we can connect with you. You may place your card in the basket when exiting the worship service. Thank You!

## How did you hear about us?

\_\_\_\_ Friend/Family    Friend/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Website    \_\_\_\_ Advertisement    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: First Time Guest    Returning Guest    New Resident    Would Like To Be Contacted    Member    Regular Attender

## Contact Information

(Please Print - Thank You!)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_    Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

(Please Print - Thank You!)

Age Group (please circle):    13-18    19-25    26-35    36-45    46-55    56-65    65+

Category (please circle):    Married    Single    Engaged    Divorced    Widowed    Youth

Children (names & ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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I have a **PRAISE** that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply):    Congregation    Pastor    Staff

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I have a **PRAYER REQUEST** that I would like to share with the (circle all that apply):    Congregation    Pastor    Staff

I Would Like The Pastor To Contact Me

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