

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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*OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY*

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WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP

*CLOSING HYMN*, # 293 *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*

One: The Lord is the Almighty, who reigns over all the earth.

**All: We bless Your mighty and holy name.**

One: You have established nations by Your wisdom.

**All: And set boundaries according to Your perfect will.**

One: Shine Your light upon our nation.

**All: And help us to walk in Your truth and grace.**

BENEDICTION

*SENDING OUT* *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* (refrain only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you for all the VBS volunteers this past week. Our kids had an amazing time with Scuba VBS and diving closer to God.**

HYMN, UMH # 696

*"America the Beautiful"*

**ALTAR RAIL:** special donations left on the communion rail or the Narthex giving box supports **Operation Christmas Child**. Your support provides gifts and the postage needed to send to children around the world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Driskell

**Volunteer to assemble boxes this Wednesday at 5:00pm in Room 5**

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always trusted You with our whole heart. We have carried burdens and worries that You invited us to lay down at Your feet. We have even sought security in our plans. Cleanse us from our sin and renew in us a spirit of humility, gratitude, and courage. Help us to seek Your wisdom and justice, that we might honor You. Thank You for the mercy You have shown in Jesus Christ, who sets us free from sin and death. In Christ's holy name. Amen**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:** come to the fellowship hall after worship for coffee & refreshments before Sunday school time at 10:15am.

SILENT PRAYERS / WORDS OF PARDON

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri, # 33

SCRIPTURE READING John 8: 31 - 38

Dave Swartz

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:** meets this Tuesday, July 7, at 4pm in the Conference Room. Please note that this meeting is scheduled a week earlier than normal.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM Randall Slinkard

HYMN, UMH # 697

*"America"*

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT:** our church has been developing a new MDO program that we hope to launch in August that will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am to 11am. Paid teaching positions are open now for those who would like to apply. Those interested in a paid teaching position can contact Susan Bryant at: [mdo@newlifelg.org](mailto:mdo@newlifelg.org)

MESSAGE Free Indeed

Pastor Andy

**UM ARMY SUPPORT:** Our mission trip to Boerne is July 12 - 18. Our camp this year will be fairly small, which limits the dollars available to support our mission work. We are asking for donations in the form of **HEB Gift Cards** or **VISA Gift Cards** (in any dollar amount) to help in this ministry. Gift cards can be dropped off in the church office or placed in the offering plates. Thank you!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Music: OGRP # 426

*"I Come with Joy"*

**GAME NIGHT:** mark your calendars for July 19 at 6:00pm. Bring your favorite ice cream OR toppings as we gather for a fun evening of games. Bring your favorite board or card game.

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**PRAYER TEAM:** a dedicated team meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Conference Room to raise up prayer concerns. Open to all. Come join in prayer or to be prayed over. Our prayer shawl ministry has available shawls for anyone. Contact Dawn Eppers or Diana Wilson.

**THANK YOU:** for being so faithful in funding the ministries of our church. Your contributions are enabling us to grow in staff and ministries opportunities!

And with your support, our church provides emergency relief to our neighbors through HEB gift cards. We're able to help provide groceries and gasoline to those in need.

**As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:**

- \*For the blessing of our Nation
- \*For our Military & their families
- \*Nursing Home & Homebound members
- \*Roger Stone (*healing mercies*)
- \*Dana Hall (*ongoing health issues*)
- \*Betty Keeney (*eye surgery*)
- \*Twila Thurman (*chemo treatments*)
- \*Ed Murphy (*healing mercies & protection*)
- \*Dustin Machinsky (*healing mercies*)
- \*Melinda Lanier (*recovering from hip replacement*)
- \*Janice Alexander (*cleared from cancer*)
- \*Larry Joost (*at Care Inn*)
- \*Linda Childers (*healing mercies*)
- \*Tim Evans (*healing mercies*)
- \*Barbara & Frank Walla (*healing mercies*)
- \*Marrie Allen & Bill Wegmann
- \*Stephanie Bunch (*healing from a brain tumor*)
- \*Jack Anderson (*diagnosed with COPD*)
- \*E.J. and Beverly Gray (*healing mercies*)

**For Our Extended Family:**

- \*Cathy Gillentine (*struggling with COPD*)
- \*Michael Ballard (*cancer treatments*)
- \*Randall Slinkard (*healing from stroke*)
- \*Mark Gillentine (*fighting cancer*)
- \*Sheila Traybig (*Stage 4 colon cancer*)
- \*Brea Laudano (*recovering from back surgery*)
- \*Merry Douberly (*healing mercies*)
- \*Ron Boggess (*Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer*)
- \*Adam Lively (*Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies*)
- \*Jennie Schaefer (*Maxine Ballard's Neice now at home*)
- \*Paula Gilliam (*struggling with COPD*)

**Birthdays**

- \*Linda McBroom (7.11); \*Alex Morgan (7.11)

**JOINING THE CHURCH...**

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

*A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.*

\_\_\_\_\_ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY**

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

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Former Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:**

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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## Celebration of Worship

July 5, 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.  
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo