

the CONNECT

MONTHLY NEWS & EVENTS AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



Redeeming Technology

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It's easy to forget how quickly the world is changing. It is amazing to think that this September will mark the 24th anniversary of the launch of the first website. That's right, before September 1994 there were no websites to surf and no web browsers to

surf them with. This means that Millennials (ages 24-38), the largest generation in western history, grew up and have begun their careers in a time when almost every home had internet connection and a computer.

While we often bemoan the corrupting power of technology in our world today; we cannot run away or dismiss digital technology — smart phones, smart watches, tablets, computers, the internet and whatever is next will be with us in one form or another while we live on this earth. Therefore, we must think carefully, deeply and theologically about digital technology.

Technology has played a vital role throughout history. God has gifted human beings with a remarkable ability to dream, create, and invent technologies that serve us as we serve him, technologies that enable us to better serve him. Technology is a gift that should be redeemed and utilized by the church for the global mission of God – to see people from all nations exalt Jesus as Lord.

In that spirit we believe it is important for us as a church to take advantage of technology in order to support the church's mission. We believe technology is a resource that we can use for God's glory. Here are three ways we are seeking to redeem technology to facilitate our mission:

1. Technology Facilitates Communication – Through social media, emails, our new church app and our upcoming church blog, we can easily communicate directly with each other, throughout the day and week.
2. Technology Facilitates Community – Technology allows for a greater dynamic of community that doesn't demand proximity. This is not to allow a replacement for face-to-face communal interaction but a complement to it.
3. Technology Facilitates Discipleship – Our church app allows access to sermon outlines and to use phones or mobile devices to follow along and take notes. Technology enables members and attendees to enhance their discipleship experience at church.

No doubt, there are unintended side effects of technology that are both de-personalizing and dehumanizing. But there are some wonderful benefits of technology that facilitates the mission of the church. Our goal is to use technology in our church to enable communication, community and discipleship. †

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS:

visit ncc-stl.org call the church office lobby or information center registration required

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 // 8:00 AM

EAST ST. LOUIS

CITY OF JOY WORK DAY

Serve together for the sake of the gospel.

Paul DeYoung paul@ncc-stl.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 // 6:30 PM

DAN & GAIL NIELSEN'S HOME

NEWCOMER NIGHT

Enjoy an informal dinner with staff, elders and church members.

Sara Drinkard sara@ncc-stl.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 // 6:00 PM

NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

MEN'S STEAK-OUT

Men, bring your own meat to be grilled and enjoy teaching from Kempton Turner.

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ONLINE GIVING

CHURCH APP

WEBSITE

Newcomer
Night
APR 20 @ 6:30 PM

6 PM
APRIL 27
MEN'S STEAK-OUT

APRIL EVENTS

THE BULLETIN BOARD

NEED TO CONNECT AT NCC?

We send out a weekly newsletter, prayer requests and special announcements through email. Stop by the Information Center and fill out a database form to make sure you stay connected or visit ncc-stl.org/email.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Lost items are waiting to be found at the Information Center. Items are purged once a month so be sure to stop by and see if your items are there!

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know would like to meet with one of our biblical counselors, contact the church office to set up an appointment. Visit ncc-stl.org/seacounseling for more information.

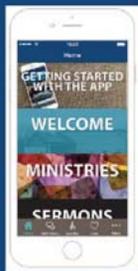
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Verse of the Month

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of man but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers." 1 Thessalonians 2:13



Book of the Month

The Next Story: Life and Faith After the Digital Explosion

Tim Challies

Even the least technical among us are being pressed from all sides by advances in digital technology. We rely upon computers, cell phones, and the Internet for communication, commerce, and entertainment. Yet even though we live in this "instant message" culture, many of us feel disconnected, and we question if all this technology is really good for our souls.

Providing the reader with a framework they can apply to any technology, Tim Challies explains how and why our society has become reliant on digital technology, what it means for our lives, and how it impacts the Christian faith.

