

New Lifer News



Carrying Out God's Call

by Bob See

I'd like to update you on progress being made on New Life's Strategic Plan as we act on the goals that we think God has given us as a church to accomplish. Eph 2:10 speaks of God preparing a mission for believers to carry out and it's our desire as a church to be on target for God's call on us.

Our three big areas of focus are prayer, discipleship, and evangelism, and it's the prayer goals that have been most evident recently. Our Learning to Love to Pray seminar led by Dave Butts was a huge step forward in training our church to pray. If you weren't able to attend please check out the seminar on the New Life website – you can get a study guide for the seminar through the office. If you did attend I encourage you to keep the study guide in front of you regularly to continue applying the training to your life. Just this morning in my prayer time I worked through the pages on the five elements of personal prayer – good stuff! Also in terms of prayer goals, it's our desire to increase prayer ministry in our weekend services. For that purpose later this month several New Lifers are driving to Dave Butts' church in order to learn how they've formed prayer teams and how they've increased prayer in their congregation.

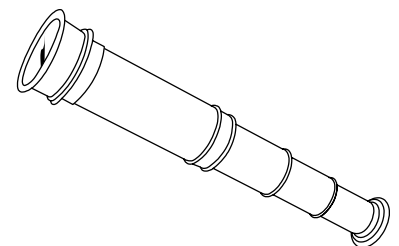
In addition to moving forward in prayer goals, there are a variety of projects underway for strengthening our small group ministry (ie discipleship goals) as well as formulating details for the eventual launch of an additional site for New Life. **Please continue to pray for God's purposes at New Life to be fully accomplished – we live in a world that needs Jesus and we want to be a church that reaches its full potential in bringing Christ to it!**

High Seas Expedition – Exploring the Mighty Love of God!

by Laura Walters

I'm sure you've heard by now, that VBS will be June 14-18, 6-8:30 p.m. We are working hard to put together another **AWESOME** experience for the kids and volunteers at VBS this year!

When we say, "All Hands On Deck," we mean it! VBS, though directed at the kids, always ends up being a ministry that involves people all across New Life. It is a great time of seeing adults, youth, staff and lots of kids



experience working together and growing in their relationship with God. If you've never been a part, I'd encourage you to give it a try! You will meet new people and feel a part of something that is so much bigger than you – God working in the lives of 100+ kids!

***Sign-ups to volunteer begin this Sunday in the program!

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Donations from our church body help us to keep our VBS budget reasonable. Right now we're collecting things that will help transform our church in an "expedition on the high seas!" Items we need a LOT of are: thick roping, white fabric, blue butcher paper, blue cellophane, rolls of brown paper, wooden barrels, lanterns, crates, blue paint and anything "nautical." Any of these items should be labeled with your name and dropped off at KidsLife Central.

***We will also be posting donation cards for many other items, beginning May 2nd. Please stop by our donation board at KidsLife Central and see if there's anything we need that you might have or can buy and donate.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check out the new VBS website! If you go to the New Life website, www.newlifeonline.org, and click on the VBS – "High Seas Expedition" link, it will take you to a website that has everything you need to know about VBS! You can sign up for volunteer positions there, look at the theme and plans for this year, or register your kids! We are updating it regularly, so check back and see how we're doing!

Thanks New Life body, for your involvement in HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION!