

New Lifer News



Dear New Life Family

by Bob See

You'll soon be hearing more about our special September series Life's Healing Choices but I want to start making you aware, now, of the opportunity this series provides for you. First, **Life's Healing Choices will be an opportunity to leap forward in your own personal spiritual growth.**

The series is about how our relationship with Jesus Christ provides freedom from the hurts, hang-ups, and habits that hold us back in our lives. On the surface it might sound like a self improvement program with a little gospel sprinkled in – actually, it is far more about true discipleship, that through faith and obedience to Jesus Christ we see our old way of thinking and living & relating to others transformed as we grow into the new people that Jesus promised we'd become through Him (II Cor 5:17). So, whether you've been a believer in Christ one year or thirty, I think you will find this a great opportunity for personal growth in Christ.



Second, it's an opportunity to reach out to people in your life who are hurting or struggling, people who don't have a church home, or people who aren't following Jesus in their daily lives. The series topics will impact everyone, regardless of where they are at in their spiritual journey, and it can be the entry point into a genuine relationship with Christ. Who is there in your family, at work, at school, who could benefit from this? I've already been talking about the series with some people in my life who don't currently have a church home, inviting them to be with us in September when the series starts. I encourage you to begin the conversation with people in your life and invite them to the services starting September 12 – all New Life venues will present the series. And incidentally, like usual, the topics preached in the venues will be the Big Idea that week presented to the youth and children in their weekly curriculum in age appropriate material.

Third, this series is an opportunity to serve, especially as small group leaders. Everyone will be in weekly small groups and there is a need for new leaders. We will be providing easy-to-follow materials, (DVDs, study materials) so as a new leader you will have lots of support. Pray about serving God and His people in this way.

We will soon have more details and information available about this series. For now, I encourage you to pray about serving, reaching out to new people & inviting them, and about how God will use this series in your life.

Thanks for reading!

New Life VBS 2010

by Valerie Irions

Whew, another VBS has come to an end. It's always so bittersweet! Some of the work is exhausting and for many of us, it has been prominent in our minds and efforts for months! God reminds me daily, as the VBS tunes continue to play in my head, in the family van, and out of the mouths of my own children, that ALL the effort put forth is more than worth it! The Vacation Bible School experience impacts the kids' greatly! And it's not just for the five days that they attend VBS, it's LASTING impact! Praise God!



We noted that at least seven kids accepted Jesus as their savior for the first time, countless others made fresh commitments, and even more kids grew closer to God this week! We had a total of 219 kids attend VBS this year. This not only impacts them, but their families as well – it's HUGE!



I was especially struck this year by the way that everyone worked so well together! So many leaders agreed to do the same role as other years, which makes everything go so smoothly. It was also great to see several new faces volunteering too. I love how this event allows for so many to serve God in so many different ways! I think we may have had a record number of volunteers this year – we had 173 people serving in 199 roles!

Thank you to all those who gave many hours in prayer, preparation, and energy to such a powerful and life-changing week! God bless each and every one of you for being available to be used by Him! I'm already looking forward to next year!

