



New Lifer News



Dear New Lifer

by Bob See

We are seeing some good things happen this fall at New Life:

- Small Groups are going great; Pastor Josh says this is the best fall startup we've had in terms of new groups launching and new people connecting to groups.
- We have a "good" problem with trying to find enough room for the Jr High ministry - it is outgrowing the facility with 70+ students attending. We are looking at how to provide the room it needs.
- The 10:30 Central venue was re-launched and by common consent it has a great feeling of energy and community; this has resulted in a 20% higher attendance.
- Women's Bible Study has nearly 140 ladies attending.
- We heard this week of a young man who received Christ in Kidslife last Sunday, 2 kids baptized in Gathering last week, a young lady being baptized in Torch this week, and of a man who prayed with a small group leader to receive Christ.

Lives are being changed and people are coming to Christ! And I encourage all of us to continue to pray for the staff, small group leaders, and all the volunteers who serve in the ministries here. Look at Paul's words in II Corinthians 1:11 where he explains the importance of the prayers of others to release God's help in His ministry. So please partner with other New Lifers in prayer as they share Christ with others!

Thanks for reading,

Bob See

Passing on the Blessings

by Laura Walters

If the VBS decorations in these photos look familiar, they should! These photos represent TWO other churches who were able to be blessed by God and New Life, by renting our VBS decorations.

First United Methodist Church, in downtown Peoria, and Grace Fellowship Church in El Paso, both utilized our over-the-top decorations, to do VBS for their kids! In both cases, the church budget just didn't allow for them to do anything large-scale for VBS this year. But with New Life's help, they were completely outfitted to do a rockin' VBS!

(Both churches were able to help us in return, by making donations to off-set our budget.)



I was able to visit First United Methodist during their VBS in July, and was greeted by MANY volunteers who were so appreciative of being able to use our "stuff." Every person I met, who found out who I was, told me how thankful they were. Several already wanted to know what we're doing for VBS 2011, so we can partner with them again!

Vivian Giese, from Grace Fellowship, said, "we pray the Lord will raise up more churches like yours, who are dedicated and willing to do things with excellence and then share with others that do not have as many resources."



I love this kind of connection, because it serves a few really good purposes:

1. We aren't just throwing away or storing decorations after VBS.
2. It demonstrates good stewardship of God's resources, helping out brothers and sisters in Christ.

The most important - It provides opportunity for more kids to hear the message of Jesus Christ. Having cool decorations for VBS doesn't bring kids to Christ. But it might entice them to come and join in the fun, and hear about God's love for them in the process. What could be better?

So, with our connection with these two other churches, about 500 kids total and MANY volunteers, were blessed by the efforts and finances of folks at New Life. If you gave time, hard work, materials or money to the decorations for VBS 2010....good job!