



New Life NEWS

Week of February 12, 2023

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THIS Sunday, FEBRUARY 12: 2023 Ministry Update Meeting

During Sunday School hour, at 11:15a, this Sunday, Pastor Joel will be updating us on progress in our *Outward to 60 Vision*, Ministry Priorities for 2023, announcement of the VBS 2023 Program, and other exciting news. Don't miss this opportunity to hear how our ministry year is taking shape under the banner of the gospel, our mission of being a gospel community joyfully loving God and others by gracious means, generous mercy, and global mission, and our vision of moving that mission out into our neighborhood. Not every current ministry will be discussed, but we are working on providing that opportunity SOON!

Sound Panel Installation in the Fellowship Hall

A years-long project is coming to fruition this week. Thursday and Friday morning, we received shipments of 102 sound panels for sound mitigation in the Fellowship Hall. David Oostra (Facilities Supervisor) and Miguel Riveron (Ruling Elder & Trustee) wasted no time perfecting their system for installing this attractive addition to our campus. With this effort, we will see more comfortable use of this space for large events, worship, and other opportunities.



Biblical Counseling Training is HAPPENING!



We're quickly approaching this excellent opportunity for training for certification through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors! Even if you don't pursue full certification, these weekends will be great opportunities to grow in your understanding of how to handle life's problems from a Biblical perspective.

Sign up THIS SUNDAY, so we can finalize the list of those attending. Training will be at Kindred Community Church (Anaheim Hills) February 24-25, March 24-25, and April 28-29. The cost is \$275, and an overnight will be required for each weekend, so please register (link below) and make your hotel arrangements soon. The three weekends, together, will cover 30 hours of training for Certification. See the schedule of topics to be covered at <https://www.newlifelamesa.org/pages/biblical-counseling-training>. Pastor Joel will be teaching sessions at the March weekend. Questions? Email Pastor Joel: (joel.wood@newlifelamesa.org).

Register here: <https://www.kindredchurch.org/calendar/event/178/counseling-discipleship-training-weekend-conferences/2023-02-24>

a gospel community joyfully loving God & others

2022 Giving Letters

Giving letters have been mailed. If you desire a digital copy, send an email to info@newlifelamesa.org.

New Officers to be Ordained & Installed

During AM Worship on February 19, our new Ruling Elder and Deacon will be ordained and installed.

INTERMISSION

Come enjoy dinner at 5:30p, then stay for prayer, study, youth, or kids ministry!

5:30p - 6:30p - Intermission Cafe (Grab-N-Go foods for everyone.)

6:15p - 7:45p - Kids' Clubs, Newth Group, Women's Bible Study, & Prayer

Staffing Need: Intermission needs a Game Coordinator to play organized games with elementary-aged kids from 7:30p to 7:45p. See Pastor Joel for more information or to fill this important need.

RUF-Global to start in Kampala, Uganda - FUNDRAISER

The four-year old Reformation Church in East Africa (RCEA) and its Uganda Presbytery (UP), are working with Mission to the World of Sub-Sahara Africa and with RUF-Global to establish an RUF work at Makere University in Kampala, Uganda's oldest, largest (40,000+), and most prestigious university. This pioneer work will model and set a foundation to multiply RUF campus ministries in all the countries and major cities of East Africa (EA) in connection with the work of the RCEA's church and presbytery planting mission and vision. Hal Farnsworth, of Athens, GA, is approved to serve the UP as the RUF Kampala mentor and trainer of RUF East African campus ministers and candidates. Hal is a pioneer in US RUF work and has immense experience in training laborers. Also, Ezra Kwizera (MDiv, ARTS-Kampala) will serve as the first RUF campus ministry intern and trainee under Hal and to establish the initial RUF work in Kampala.

Would you consider a gift to help the UP/RCEA to raise funding for this work? They have been given a matching fund from MTW in which every dollar that is given over the next three months will be matched, up to \$30,000. Gifts may be sent to MTW, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165 or given through the mtw.org website. Please indicate the MTW project account for this initiative as #P-0552 (RCEA RUF EA Campus Ministries).

Walk Thru the Bible ReCap

Over 70 enthusiastic folks gathered on February 4th to learn 40 motions to summarize the story of the Old Testament. From 9a to 12p they literally walked through the totality of the Old Testament, learning hand motions to help solidify it in their memory. The teacher was blessed by seeing the vitality of our church, saying, "You should be proud of your people! This is an excellent turnout!"

We look forward to having Walk Thru the Bible back soon for the New Testament Seminar. Watch for it. You won't want to miss it!



Mark Your Calendar

February 12 @ 11:15 - 2023 Ministry Update - No Sunday school

February 13 @ 11a- Katherine Meek Graveside Service in Palm Desert

February 15 @ 5:30p - 7:45p - Intermission

February 18 @ 3p - Katherine Meek Memorial Service

February 19 @ AM Worship - New Officer Ordination & Installation

February 23 @ 12p - Gloria Whitson Memorial Service

February 24-25, March 24-25, and April 28-29 - Biblical Counseling Training