

## “New Life!”

A foul ball on a would-be third strike in the ninth inning, a penalty against your opponent on the last play of a tie game, a lane violation during a missed free throw with no time on the clock: all these situations create a chance for a “do-over”, a second chance to change the previous result. Shouts of “**New life! New life!**” come from the crowd as they encourage the athlete to take advantage of the opportunity. God’s Word speaks of the possibility for EVERY person to live a new life spiritually. Let’s consider a few passages:

- In John 3, Nicodemus, a ruler among the Jews, had a conversation with our Lord about being “born again”. He was confused because no person could physically go through the birth process as an adult. Jesus explained that being “born again”, given the name of “new life”, was about changing how one lives spiritually. Jesus said, “I am the light of life”.

- In II Corinthians 5, Paul discusses that changes in one’s life must be made to avoid judgment for the evil deeds he’s done. In verse 17, he says “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new”. Obeying His commands allows us this new life that will put us in a right relationship with God.

- In Romans 6, Paul relates to us a comparison between Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection and baptism. Verse 4 says “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” His description of our old man of sin being “destroyed” when we are “planted in the likeness of his death” in baptism allows us to be “freed from sin”. The “new life” we are able to enjoy comes from Jesus’ willingness to give His life on the cross for us coupled with our obedience to His plan of salvation that includes baptism for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Though “new life” in sports or other earthly endeavors can often be illusive at best, God is not only **capable** of providing this “new life”, but He also strongly desires to **grant** it to ALL who follow His will while seeking it.

- the Elders

## West Side Youth



### Upcoming Birthdays:

Halle Edwards—10/5

Claude Crowe—10/5

Cameron Brown—10/6

Yvette Mays—10/6

Happy Anniversary this week to:

David & Hazel McFalls—9/26



## WOW

The next regular meeting will be on October 12th at 10:30.



Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, finished basic training for the Army National Guard. He will stay in Missouri for Advanced Individual Training for several more weeks.

Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

### **BUNCO KICK-OFF**

The new BUNCO game kick-off will be October 15th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Come learn how to play. Sign up sheet is posted. See Amanda Brown for more details.

### **REMINDER**

Dishes from the Whitlows are in the fellowship hall for pick up.

Next Preachers' Meeting is at West Side October 18th with Garland Elkins speaking. All are welcome to attend.

### **SEPT. ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:**

"Snack pack" 100 calorie snacks (Cheetos and Ritz Mix), sliced pepperoni.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

**TBS at the Teen Center will be rescheduled. Don't forget the BUNCO night 10/15 @ 7pm**



### **TEAMS**

Please let the office know of any planned upcoming team events.

### **"POWERFUL PROMISES"**

Turn, Turn, Turn speakers this year are: Donna Faughn, Sandi Stilwell, & Elizabeth Bailey. It will be on Saturday, October 2, at West Side from 8:30a—2:00p. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge. Register one of these ways: [www.westsidecofc-salem.com](http://www.westsidecofc-salem.com), give your name and email address to Jeanny, or call the church office at 540-389-9139.

### **TEMPORARY BULLETIN CHANGE**

Starting with next week's bulletin, October 3rd, the office will be using "unperforated" bulletin paper to make use of some older sheets we have had for a while.

Beginning with the new year's, 2011, "100 day readings" we will go back to using the sheets that have the perforation on the outer edge.

Thank you for your patience with this change.

## For Your Information

### TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

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### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Our first Fall LNO will be September 30th at 6:30 pm at Frank's Pizza on Brambleton Avenue. Sign up sheet is posted.

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### TEACHERS' MEETING

The first Teachers' meeting of the new session is scheduled at 4:30 **today** with the Cradle Roll teachers providing snacks. Come with any needs, suggestions or ideas that you might have and give these to Josh prior to the meeting.

### ATTENTION TEACHERS

Your help is needed by the TTT planners. Please look through your material for pictures for women of the Bible. Be sure to put your classroom information on the back of the picture so it can be returned to you. Give this material to Lori Cook or Sandra Neighbors.

### TTT DECORATIONS

TTT planners are needing clocks to use as decorations on October 2nd. If you have an unusual clock or sundial that can be borrowed for that date please see Rebecca Durham or Lori Whitlow.

### GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Retreat is scheduled for February 16-19, 2011. at the Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center. Registration is limited to the first 500 couples. For details see [www.smokymountainmarriage.com](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com) or call (256) 435-9356. More details are posted on the board.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Pulaski gospel meeting is Sunday, Sept. 19-22 with various speakers. Dale Ridge meeting with Garland Elkins will be October 17-20. Collinsville meeting is October 24-27 with Steve Canup. Also, an area-wide sing is scheduled for October 2nd from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Harrisonburg, Va. church. More details for these events is posted on the board.

### ROCKY MOUNT LADIES' DAY

A Ladies' Day will be held at the Rocky Mount church of Christ on November 13th with Jeanny Gilpin as the featured speaker. More information is posted on the board.

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### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Larry Phillips, Stephanie Stafford, and Garland Bargis, Lorine Wheeler (Claude Crowe's sister-in-law's sister).

# Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson  
Norma Miller  
Betty Buckner  
Marguerite Charles  
Jim Dorsett  
Al Farrow  
Collin Gregory  
Walter & Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Evelyn Scott  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood

NOV



- Kelli Railey (47), sister of John Gay, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- Willard Campbell is scheduled for heart valve surgery 10/5.
- Marguerite Charles is back at the Oaks. Short visits appreciated.
- Cindy Nicholas has shingles.
- Claude & Mary Ellen Crowe are both home with respiratory problems.
- Bobby Paxton has been sick with a respiratory infection.
- Collin Gregory is in LGH following hip surgery.
- Melissa Webster, wife of Allen Webster, is having eye problems. His dad, Milton, is in hospice care.

**Continue in prayer:** Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestain, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Natalie Valentine, Collin Gregory, Don Pettit, Willard Campbell, Marguerite Charles, Annette Shrader, Erica Register

October 2010

**Announcements:** Jeff Durham

**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart

**Opening Prayer (AM)**

10/3 Jim Harrington  
10/10 Marc Laplante  
10/17 Herman Lowe  
10/24 Bob Martin  
10/31 Wayne Dixon

**Preside at Communion:** Mike Durham

**Serve Table**

Jeff Williams, Mitch Jearls  
Nathan Pelfrey, Herb Baker

**Closing Prayer (AM)**

10/3 Mark Brooks  
10/10 Jim Cooke  
10/17 Squeaky Valentine  
10/24 Roger Mays  
10/31 Josh Whitlow

**Song Leader (PM)** Adam House

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

10/3 Tom Rogers  
10/10 Barry White  
10/17 Don Pettit  
10/24 Glenn Hartman  
10/31 Cameron Brown

**Scripture Reader:** Andrew Gibson

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

10/3 Charlie Gwaltney  
10/10 Jack Cook  
10/17 Glenn Gabbard  
10/24 Greg Edwards  
10/31 Bob Garby

**Serve Table (PM)**

Ethan Rogers, Sam Valentine

**Song Leader (Wed)** Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

10/6 Ron White  
10/13 Jerry Anderson  
10/20 Danny Guard  
10/27 Ethan Rogers

**Open/Close Bldg** Mike Durham

**Greeters** R. Mays/Neighbors

**Nursery Attend** Olivia Valentine  
Mary Halling (PM)

**Ushers** John Black, Norris Gearhart

**Handouts** A. Gibson, Dylan Tyler

**Prepare communion**

Lisa Valentine, Jo Ann Edwards

**Care of Bapt. Garments-** M. Earnhart

**Cards/Pencils -** H. Williams/Kevin Mickens

**Last weeks attendance** 9/19 & 9/22/10

Bible Class— 139 Worship Service—161

Sunday Eve.— 122 Wednesday Eve.—132

Contribution—\$5402

## “But God...” (19)

We continue our study of this most interesting phrase, turning again to the book of First Corinthians. In chapter three the distinction is clearly seen between what men did and what God did. Without God’s part in the matter man’s part would have been futile and fruitless.

Paul declared, “I have planted, Apollos watered; *but God* gave the increase” (I Cor. 3:6). Paul could have “planted” 24/7. Apollos could have “watered” 365 days a year. But, had not God given the increase these men’s works would have been in vain. The same is true for us today. We must understand that, although our efforts are necessary (cf. Mt. 28:18-20), it is God (through His word) Who gives the increase. The word is the powerful agent that converts souls (Rom. 1:16). As Paul further explained, “So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; *but God* that giveth the increase” (I Cor. 3:7). However, as already noted, man’s part is vital in the process. Paul’s next statement makes that clear, and also reveals that a reward awaits the one who plants and the one who waters: “Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour” (I Cor. 3:8).

We must be busy “about our Father’s business” of planting and watering (Mk. 16:15). In explaining about the soils Jesus stated about the good soil, “But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience” (Lk. 8:15). Obviously, in order for the soil to bring forth a good plant it had to have a good seed planted and a proper amount of water applied. The good soil is provided by the hearer. The good seed is God’s word (Lk. 8:11). But the one who plants and the one who waters refer to faithful Christians. Are you giving God’s word ample opportunity to bring forth fruit by planting and watering as God intended for you to do? God will give the increase, but we must do our part. To Him be the glory!

-Eddy