

October 2011 Newsletter

New Women's Study Beginning Crazy Love by Francis Chan

"Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy if you think about it. The God of the universe – the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and e-minor – loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss.

Whether you've verbalized it yet or not . . . we all know something's wrong.

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that

addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts – it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same.

Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything."

The study will be led by Angel Wadman & will take place weekly on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. starting on

October 10th. The first night will be at the church with one night per month held at Angel's home. Sign up in the entryway so Angel can get books. If you are interested or have questions, please see Angel or call her at 317-945-7619.



What's For Dinner 2? Crock Pot & Soup

As we continue with the dinner theme, our goal is still to reclaim sanity during the dinner hour and have some good, quick and fun dinners that can be made ahead of time. We will be adding more info about

setting the table and table discussions as well as touch briefly on general health and nutrition.

The class will take place on Saturday, October 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. All are

welcome to attend. In lieu of a product donation we are suggesting a donation of \$5.00 which will be sent to "Baby D's Catering" in Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Sign up in the entryway.

Inside this issue:

Woody Church, All Church Work Day, Art of Marriage, Thanksgiving Dinner	2
New Year's Eve, Children's Area News, Christmas Musical	3
Youth Spotlight	4
Family Ministry Taskforce	5
October Calendar	6

Make sure to read the whole newsletter to find out...

- What things are coming up at New Life this fall
- Lots of cool info about Stacia Dwelle
- What was discussed at the Family Ministry Taskforce meeting

New Life Welcomes Dr. Woody Church

We are privileged to announce that Woody Church will be preaching in both services on October 9th and 16th. Woody is a long-time friend of New Life and has inspired many at New Life with timely messages that challenge us to walk in faith. You won't want to miss what he has to teach us!!!

All Church Work Day

Saturday, October 29

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come one, come all! Bring the family for an hour or all day! We need people to do lots of odd jobs, from cleaning to fixing. Lunch will be provided.



The Art of Marriage Coming to New Life



Friday & Saturday,
November 11 & 12

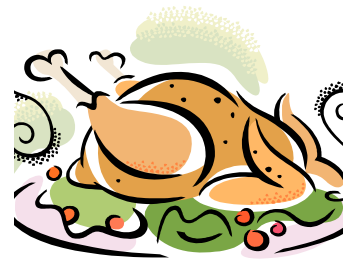
Starting Friday night, 11/11, NLCF is hosting a six part DVD series called the **Art of Marriage**. The event will last Friday evening from 7-9:30 p.m. and then 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Saturday, 11/12. Cost is \$40 per couple. To register or for more info, please contact Chris or Ehrin Howe chrisandehrin@gmail.com, 317-258-9334, or visit www.TheArtofMarriage.com.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Make plans to attend the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday November 20 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, please contact Jeff Sylvester. After dinner, Pastor Mark will be sharing about the upcoming changes that are being discussed in order to address the

exodus of children and young adults from the church. Some exciting things are being considered!
We hope to see you there!



Spend New Year's Eve at New Life

Plan on spending New Year's Eve at New Life with great fun and inspiration for the entire family. You will hear much more in weeks to come, but we will have a wonderful time together with all types of games for all ages, a family movie on the big screen, and best of all, a powerful worship experience that will end with communion at midnight as we welcome the new

year. Mark your calendars and save the date!



News from Pastor Tina

Please be aware that children K-5 receive a parent newsletter/homework sheet in children's worship each week. This helpful tool gives parents ideas on how to reinforce and reteach each week's lesson. It is complete with activity ideas and Bible verses. Make sure to ask your child about this handout so that you can utilize it throughout the week.

Make sure to ask your K-5 child for the parent newsletter they receive in children's worship!

The show *Children's Worship* must go on!

While Pastor Tina is on maternity leave (coming soon!), please be aware that Children's Worship will be covered by Audra McFarland, Claudia, Pope, Ehrin Howe, Rhonda Sullivan and Robin Keerns. The curriculum will be the same, and the parent newsletter should still be coming home each week. Don't worry kids, there will still be fun activities to help us learn from the Bible!

Christmas Musical Planned

New Life will begin preparing for a Christmas Musical on Wednesday nights in October and November. If you would like to sing, please contact Kathy Wilson for more details.



Youth Spotlight – Meet Stacia Dwelle

Stacia graciously consented to be our first “youth spotlight” by answering the following questions. Enjoy!

Full name: Stacia Renee Dwelle

Age & grade in school: 16 and Junior (11th)

School attending: Mt. Vernon High School

Parent’s/siblings/other family/pets you’d like to mention: My parents are Brad and Sherry Dwelle. I am an only child and love it. I have three cats: Hughey, Cleo, and Gidgette; and one dog named Bambi. When I was little my family hosted an exchange student each year to be like my big sister. We hosted five in all. Three were from Germany, one from Japan, and one from Austria.

Extracurricular activities including jobs, volunteer work, etc.: I work at Geist Station Animal Hospital as a kennel attendant and have worked there for around two years. I was on the high school tennis team both my freshman and sophomore years. I played volleyball my freshman year as well. I was just recently accepted into the Mt. Vernon High School National Honor Society. Most importantly, I am very involved with the Mt. Vernon at Fortville FFA chapter. I am Vice President currently and District Sentinel on a higher level governing over 13 schools.

Future plans: I plan to graduate high school with an Honors diploma and attend an out of state college to major in wildlife/marine biology. I cannot wait to go to college and get away from Indiana’s constant corn fields.

Favorite Subject in school: Science (Zoology and Animal Science)

Book: Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

Thing to do: Play tennis (not the conditioning part) and plan for whatever FFA event is coming next. I am currently studying for coming crops judging competitions. Our team hopes to go to nationals this year.

Food and/or restaurant: an Italian style pizza called Margherita pizza but it does not have alcohol in it despite the name; and Ruth Chris

Color: sunshine yellow or eggplant purple

Bible verse, story, or lesson: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength” Philippians 4:13. This is my favorite verse because it encourages me and keeps me going even through rough days. It reminds me how powerful the God that I serve is.

“God moment” (This can mean whatever you want it to): My favorite “God moment” was probably at the 2010 IYC in Orlando, Florida. Francis Chan was on stage as one of our guest speakers for the convention and he was describing God’s throne in heaven using a passage from Revelations, I believe. He was talking about the sea of glass, striking lightning, bejeweled throne, and God sitting upon it. I had always heard the sayings “God is watching from heaven” or “God is the almighty God” but never had I imagined Him like I did that night. Francis Chan’s description was so vivid and empowering that everyone there couldn’t help but crying in front of the truly almighty God. There were pieces of paper lying on the floor in the back of the huge room. We were able to write a prayer or thought to God on them if we wanted. All I remember is how regretful I felt and writing “I am so sorry” for not realizing how lucky I am to have a God so powerful who loves me.

Memory: Standing within the Coliseum in Rome, Italy when I went on a trip with some art students to Europe in the summer of 2009. I had always seen pictures of the Coliseum but to be looking down past the marble floor into the basement where warriors used to prepare while being surrounded by the ancient walls was unbelievable. There were about 20 of us who went to experience the art and culture. It was an amazing week and a half getting to travel the world with my fellow peers.

Day of your life so far: Every day I get to spend with all my friends and family is a blessing. I could not pick just one.

What’s the one thing about you few people know (that you’re willing to share)? I love to dance. I used to take hip hop lessons when I was little until I broke my arm trying to teach myself how to do a back flip on the trampoline. I still hope one day that I can learn how to ballroom dance such as with the waltz, foxtrot, or quickstep.

What one word describes you most? One word that describes me most is dreamer. I am known for always thinking ahead or coming up with ideas that usually are not possible.

Give two more words that describe you. Two more words would be perfectionist and creative. Everything has to be in order and I have to know what is going to happen at every moment if I am involved. This can be a gift but can also be a burden. I would say that I am very creative. I enjoy coming up with things that others would not think of or doing things others would not dare because it is not the routine. I like trying new things and seeing what happens.

Minutes of Family Ministry Taskforce Meeting #1

Family Ministry Taskforce 1st meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Present: Mark Adcock, Joe Watkins, Tina Kerfoot, Rhonda Sullivan, Brenda Howell, Rick & Audra McFarland, Chris & Ehrin Howe

Discussion:

Multi-generational faith

Aspects of the Mission - to develop lifelong faith & wisdom (vs. knowledge,) to know Christ at a heart level vs. an intellectual level, training in discipleship

Goals - Bible-based teaching, Christ-centered focus, "equipping the saints" (teaching people "how to's...") to help develop personal & family study times, to be intergenerational & to develop relationships

Objectives - multi-generational work camps or missions opportunities, a dove-tailed approach (whole group studies same topic, Scripture, etc.) integrate sacred space & time back into the family (the idea of a family altar used daily or weekly)

Methodology - ARUCA = Awareness, Recall, Understanding, Commitment, Application; the Greek (all information) vs. Hebrew (out of the heart) approach

How this might look...

Potentially starting in January, first service would become a teaching/application time, and second service would be a more traditional worship service with a sermon. Second service would include all ages from kindergarten (?) up, and there would be an observation form based on age group to be completed during the message time. The service would potentially be broken up throughout to allow for young attention spans, etc. After service, the family or a group would use their observation sheets and potential discussion ideas/memory verse sheets for further study at home or within the group. On the next Sunday, the first hour would be the corporate teaching/application time for the previous week's lesson.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

October 2011

Special Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 <i>12 p.m. Retiree pitch-in</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Dr. Woody Church Fortville Food Pantry bags DUE</i>	10 <i>7:15 p.m. Women's study of <u>Crazy Love</u> begins</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. What's For Dinner 2</i>
16 <i>Dr. Woody Church</i>	17	18	19 <i>7:00 p.m. Family Ministry Taskforce</i>	20	21 <i>6:00 p.m. Fall bonfire @ Sylvester's</i>	22
23 <i>Walking in Faith series begins</i>	24	25 <i>7:00 p.m. Leadership Team meeting</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All Church Work Day</i>
30	31	<p>**Please note that this calendar is not meant to be an inclusive list of all events at NLCF. It does not include regular or weekly meetings such as Bible studies/small groups, youth group, prayer groups, etc. For a more complete list, visit the online calendar at www.nlcfonline.com.</p>				