



## New Life Church

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**WISHING  
YOU A  
BLESSED  
NEW YEAR!**

For we are God's  
masterpiece. He has  
created us anew in Christ  
Jesus, so we can do the  
good things he planned for  
us long ago.



— Ephesians 2:10

# Highlights this Month

## Guest Writers

21 Days in His Presence - Bill Bright

Rich Toward God - Jentzen Franklin

## Announcements

### New Class, Rooted 9:40 AM-10:25 PM

Teens United Room downstairs (coffee & donuts provided)

Teacher: Pastor Jimmy

Ages: 20-35 years old

### WORSHIP SERVICE...10:30 AM

### KIDS UNITED... 10:30 AM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the morning praise & worship. Please Note: The 3rd Sunday of the month is Family Day & all children will remain in the sanctuary for service.

### QUILTING MINISTRY

Mondays - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

See Evelyn House for Details

### Wednesday Evening

6:00-6:20 PM - Praise & Worship

6:20-6:50 PM - Preaching/Teaching

6:50-7:15 PM - Prayer

### Teens United

Downstairs following Praise & Worship

We continue teaching from the book "Why Tongues."

STRATEGIES

# 21 DAYS IN HIS PRESENCE

*"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said..." Acts 13:2*

**Our annual fast to begin the New Year will begin on January 11th and end on January 31st. Our pastors are asking everyone to give up at least one food item for these 21 days and to be earnest in prayer for our church for 2026!**

## What is Fasting ?

A biblical fast can be defined as simply abstaining from food for spiritual purposes. It was encouraged and expected by Jesus that believers would fast (Matt. 6:17-18, Matt. 9:15). Many abstain from food, television and other forms of entertainment during this time and spend that time drawing closer to God instead. What makes this time of fasting rich is by using the time to pray, read the Bible and worship God. Simply said – if fasting is not coupled with prayer and Bible reading its simply a diet.

## Why are you fasting?

Is it for spiritual renewal, for guidance, for healing, for the resolution of problems, for special grace to handle a difficult situation? Ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His leading and objectives for your prayer fast. This will enable you to pray more specifically and strategically.

Through fasting and prayer we humble ourselves before God so the Holy Spirit will stir our souls, awaken our churches, and heal our land according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. Make this a priority in your fasting.

## Prepare Yourself Spiritually

The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance. Unconfessed sin will hinder your prayers. Here are several things you can do to prepare your heart:

- Ask God to help you make a comprehensive list of your sins.
- Confess every sin that the Holy Spirit calls to your remembrance and

**accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9).**

- **Seek forgiveness from all whom you have offended, and forgive all who have hurt you (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3,4).**
- **Make restitution as the Holy Spirit leads you.**
- **Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit according to His command in Ephesians 5:18 and His promise in 1 John 5:14,15.**
- **Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master; refuse to obey your worldly nature (Romans 12:1,2).**
- **Meditate on the attributes of God, His love, sovereignty, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, and others (Psalm 48:9,10; 103:1-8, 11-13).**
- **Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (Hebrews 11:6).**
- **Do not underestimate spiritual opposition. Satan sometimes intensifies the natural battle between body and spirit (Galatians 5:16,17).**

### **Expect Results**

**If you sincerely humble yourself before the Lord, repent, pray, and seek God's face; if you consistently meditate on His Word, you will experience a heightened awareness of His presence (John 14:21). The Lord will give you fresh, new spiritual insights. Your confidence and faith in God will be strengthened. You will feel mentally, spiritually, and physically refreshed. You will see answers to your prayers.**

**A single fast, however, is not a spiritual cure-all. Just as we need fresh infillings of the Holy Spirit daily, we also need new times of fasting before God. A 24-hour fast each week has been greatly rewarding to many Christians.**

**It takes time to build your spiritual fasting muscles. If you fail to make it through your first fast, do not be discouraged. You may have tried to fast too long the first time out, or you may need to strengthen your understanding and resolve. As soon as possible, undertake another fast until you do succeed. God will honour you for your faithfulness.**





If you would like to support the Richmond Campus and/or Meals on Wheels financially, please mark your offering accordingly.

# Nursery Workers Needed

We would love to have more hands to care for our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings!

See Pastor Melissa about volunteering in our Nursery. We thank you for your heart to serve in your local church.



## Girlfriends Unlimited

Monday, January 5th - 6:30 PM

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share!





## KEENAGERS CHILI SUPPER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH - 5:00 PM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

See Teresa for details

WHEN YOU SEEK FIRST  
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## Rich Toward God

Jentzen Franklin

*“So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21 (NKJV)*

Jesus tells a sobering parable about a man whose land produced more than he ever

imagined. His barns were full. His closets were full. His plans were full. But his heart was empty of God. Everything in his conversation was about bigger barns, bigger plans, more security. Not once did he pause to ask the Lord what to do with the blessing. Not once did he acknowledge where it came from. He planned his future as if his soul belonged to him.

You can almost hear the confidence in his voice. I am set. I am safe. I can relax now. Eat, drink, and enjoy life. But then another voice enters the story. God speaks. And in a single moment, everything changes. "Your soul is required of you tonight. Then whose will all these things be?"

Jesus is not rebuking work, success, or provision. He is exposing a life that is rich in possessions but poor in eternity. A life that was planned without God and dreamed without God. A life that enjoyed the gifts but forgot the Giver.

What does it mean for you to be rich toward God? It means your highest priority is not accumulation but obedience. It means you hold everything with open hands. Your time, resources, influence, and future are surrendered to His purposes. Loving the widow. Helping the poor. Serving faithfully. Advancing the gospel while living with eternity in view.

Jesus reminds us that life does not consist in the abundance of things. You can have everything the world applauds and still feel empty inside. Fame cannot fill you. Money cannot heal your soul. Success cannot save you. Only Jesus can do that. He is the pearl of great price.

When you seek first the kingdom of God, your life finds its true order.

Blessings become tools instead of idols. Success becomes stewardship instead of security. You stop living for bigger barns and start living for eternal impact.

One second after this life ends, what you achieved in the natural will not matter nearly as much as who you trusted and how you lived for Him. Choose today to be rich toward God. Put Him first. Everything else finds its place when He is in His.

Prayer: Lord, search my heart. I do not want to plan without You or dream without You. Help me to hold every blessing loosely and to value eternity more than temporary gain. Teach me to be rich toward You, to live surrendered, generous, and obedient. Let my life reflect that Jesus is my greatest treasure. Amen.



*Tithes and Offering*

HONORING GOD THROUGH GIVING



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- Venmo App - Search for NewLifeChurchKy in the business section
- Church Website - [Newlifechurchky.com](http://Newlifechurchky.com) - click on the word give and give via PayPal
- Text to Give - Text the word give to 502-825-0018 and follow the promptings in the reply.

Thank you for your faithfulness.