

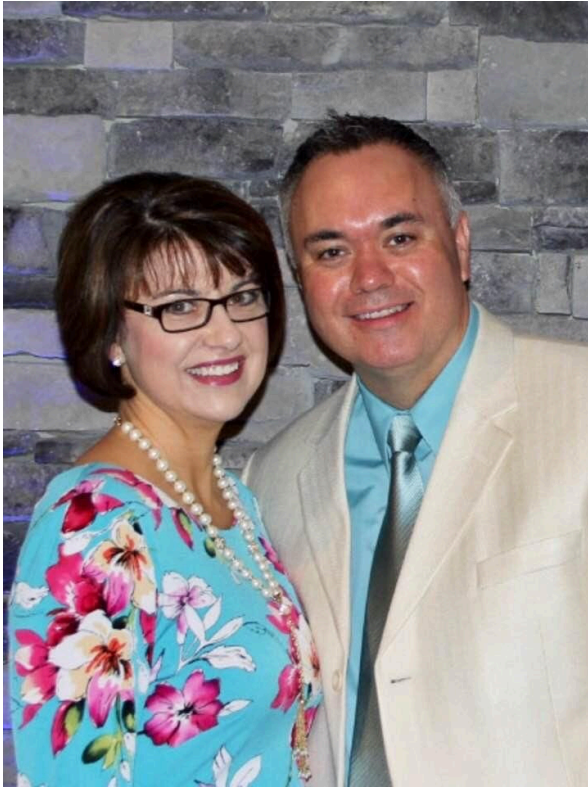


# NEW LIFE CHURCH

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*Happy &  
Blessed Spring  
from our family  
to yours!*

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## Announcements

**As a security precaution, ALL church doors  
will be locked during our services.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

**WHEN ENTERING THE SANCTUARY,  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONES 🤫**



Be sure to listen to your one calls for NLC news and any necessary changes or prayer requests. Be in the know!

**Ministry Orientation Class...9:30 - 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP .....10:30 AM**

**KIDS UNITED... 10:30 AM**

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

\*The fourth Sunday of the month is *Family Day* & all children will remain in the sanctuary for service.

**LIFE GROUPS**

Sunday Evening

5:00 - 6:15 PM

Pastor Jimmy will continue teaching on Biblical Exposition.



**Quilting Ministry**

**Mondays - 1:00 to -3:00 PM**

Downstairs in the fellowship hall. See Evelyn House for details.

**REFUEL WEDNESDAYS**

**5:00 PM - 5:50 PM**

**Evening Meal & Fellowship**

(Donations Basis)

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

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

**6:50 - 7:15 PM - Prayer**

**TEENS UNITED**

**6:00 PM - downstairs to the  
room on the right**

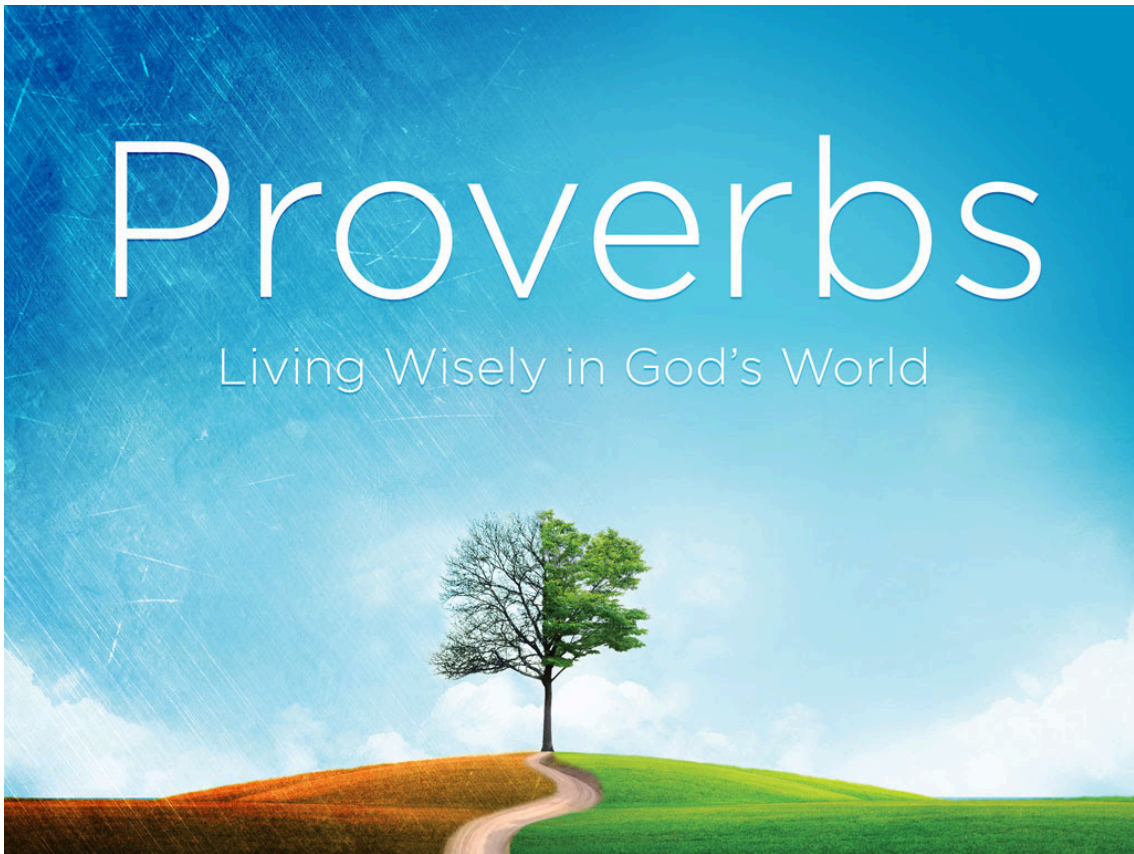
We are teaching about  
(Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit)



*Dearest Sister Roberts,*

*Your New Life Family wishes you a very Happy Birthday. We all love you dearly and treasure you as a gift given to us by God. Thank you for your great example of Christ's love. We are grateful for your encouragement to us all, your smiles, your hugs, and your prayers throughout the many years that we have known you. Enjoy your special day!*





Pastor Jimmy encourages everyone to read through the book of Proverbs in April. He will be emphasizing a lot on wisdom.



## **IMPACT NIGHT**

Friday, April 12th - 7:00 PM  
Church of the Living God  
Winchester, KY

We will have a time of worship, word, and fun. Come expecting!

**TALENT  
EXPO**

**2024**

**SATURDAY APRIL 13**

**CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD**

**114 FRANKLIN AVENUE,  
WINCHESTER, KY**

**IMPACT NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 12TH @ 7:00**

**IMPACT KY STUDENT  
MINISTRIES**



## KEENAGERS

Saturday, April 13th

Meet at the church at 12:30 PM

(Please let Teresa know if you will be going)



Friday - April 26th - 7:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall

## THE BISHOPS CORNER



### ***What does the Bible say about Perseverance?***

The Bible has a lot to say about perseverance in several different contexts. Clearly, the Scriptures teach that those who “overcome” and persevere in the faith will inherit eternal life ([Revelation 2:7](#)). This truth is also expressed in [Colossians 1:23](#) where we see that people will be holy, blameless, and above reproach “if they continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel.” So all Christians should be in agreement that those who are ultimately saved are those who do [persevere and continue to believe the gospel](#).

There are two very distinct views on the issue of perseverance of the saints among Christians. The first is the Arminian view that it is possible for true Christians to turn away from God and not persevere. This is consistent with the concept of salvation which has man’s “free will” at the center of it. It is logically consistent that, if man’s “free will” choice is the

determining factor of his salvation, then it would also be possible for that man to later choose to reject God and thereby lose his salvation.

However, the Bible clearly teaches that we are “born again” by the Holy Spirit, which results in our coming to faith in Christ. All who have been “born again” do have eternal security and will persevere. The doctrine of the perseverance of the saints is founded in the promise that “he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” ([Philippians 1:6](#)) and Jesus’ declaration that “all that the Father gives me will come to me” and “I shall lose none of them that he has given me” ([John 6:37, 39](#)).

Beyond the concept of perseverance in regard to salvation, there are biblical exhortations to persevere in the Christian life. In his [pastoral epistles](#) to Timothy, the apostle Paul reminds the young pastor to “watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers” ([1 Timothy 4:16](#)). Timothy’s character was that of a godly man, and his doctrine was sound and scriptural. Paul warned him to

watch them both closely and persevere in them because—and this is a warning to all Christians—perseverance in godly living and believing the truth always accompany genuine conversion ([John 8:31](#); [Romans 2:7](#)).

Further exhortations to persevere in the Christian life come from James, who warns us to be “doers of the word and not hearers only” because those who hear but do not do are “deceiving themselves.” “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it [perseveres]...this one will be blessed in what he does” ([James 1:22-24](#)). The sense here is that the Christian who perseveres in godliness and the spiritual disciplines will be blessed in the very act of persevering. The more we persevere in the Christian life, the more God grants His blessings upon us, thereby enabling us to continue to persevere. The psalmist reminds us that there is great reward in persevering in the Christian life. In keeping God’s commandments, there is “great reward” for our souls ([Psalm 19:11](#)), peace of mind, a clear conscience, and a witness to the world more eloquent than many words.

James also exhorts us to persevere “under trials” because those who do will be blessed and will receive the “crown of life” which God has promised ([James 1:12](#)). Just as the true believer will be eternally secure in his salvation, his faith will also persevere in affliction, sickness, persecution, and the other trials of life that befall all believers. If we desire to live godly lives in Christ, we *will* suffer persecution ([2 Timothy 3:12](#)), but the faithful will persevere, kept by the power of the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our salvation and who will keep us “strong to the end,” persevering so we will be “blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” ([1 Corinthians 1:8](#)).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-perseverance.html>

## Overcoming Fear When Sharing Your Faith



**LIVING  
WATERS**

Evangelist Ray Comfort

The fear we feel when it comes to sharing our faith is very real, even though it’s irrational. If we were going to be burned at the stake for being a Christian, or thrown to hungry lions, then our fear would make sense. But it’s nevertheless very real and it can paralyze us if we listen to it. So how can we just ignore it? Imagine you see a four-year-old child fall into an icy swimming pool. I’m sure that you would ignore any thought of the cold water and immediately dive in because you are thinking of something infinitely more important than your comfort: the life of a human being. That’s the mentality you and I must have with evangelism. We need to forget about how our flesh feels and instead think about what awaits people if they die in their sins.

Here is something else to think about. How would you and I describe the character of a person who could stand at the edge of the pool and let the child drown because the water was too cold? Then we need to apply that name to ourselves, if we let fear hinder us from speaking to the lost. Do you remember how Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was struck dumb because he didn’t believe God’s promise? The angel said to him, “But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time” ([Luke 1:20](#)).



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Perhaps you and I can identify with Zacharias. It's our lack of faith in God that causes us to be struck dumb when it comes to sharing our faith. If we fully trusted God, we wouldn't hesitate to open our mouths. If we find ourselves in that position, we should do what Zacharias did when he wanted to say something. He called for a “writing tablet” and used the written word.

If you and I are too timid to witness or preach, then we should use the written word by giving out gospel tracts. It's better to do that than do nothing. But then let that give you the confidence to speak to one person, then perhaps to a few gathered around you... and eventually to a crowd in an open-air setting.

Experts tell us that most deaths from skydiving happen because of “human error,” insinuating that careful skydivers will be okay. In reality, one jumper in every 100,000 fall to their deaths. Instead, if you are bored with life and want an adrenaline rush, try open-air preaching. It's more dangerous than skydiving (see [Acts 7:57–60](#)), arguably more scary, and infinitely more productive. And if your life is taken from you while you are preaching, at least your death will not be from human error. Rather, it will be by divine permission.

I have a friend who works for the US Customs Department. He's about 6'3", has a deep voice, and looks like how you'd imagine a federal agent to look. He flies jets that chase drug runners. Tough guy. Yet he said, “I have been skydiving, scuba diving, and drag racing, have ridden motorcycles and flown jets and helicopters, but by far the scariest thing I ever did was to get up on a soapbox and preach the gospel. But as soon as I stepped off that box I couldn't wait to get up and preach again.” I know exactly what he meant.

“If you and I are too timid to witness or preach, then we should use the written word by giving out gospel tracts.”

The second day I preached in Christchurch I was more nervous than the first. This is probably because after preaching once I had eased my restless conscience. I could then say to that nagging voice, “I did it, now back off.” So the second time I didn't have the provocation of my conscience; it was simply a matter of my will. Would I preach because I cared about people,

or was it all about getting rid of guilt? Day after day I had that same feeling that had me visiting the restroom multiple times each morning before I rode my bike the mile or so from my leather shop to The Square. This went on for about three months. Finally, after preaching that many times I was still nervous, but it became more under control.

However, even after thousands of times, it remains a matter of discipline. It is a matter of setting my face like flint and ignoring negative thoughts, fears, tiredness, and other things that want to take priority. When I get texts today asking if I will be preaching open-air at Huntington Beach, I usually reply, “Is the pope a sinner?” Of course I will be open-air preaching, God willing—and I know He is.

We are soldiers in the most real of wars. No soldier fights on his own whims. I dare to say that few want to enter the heat of battle, but they go because they are not their own. They go because they’ve been instructed to go. That’s the essence of soldiering. So as you enter the battlefield, keep in mind that courage isn’t the absence of fear, but the conquering of it. If we really care for the lost, each of us must learn to push aside the fear of man and replace it with a healthy fear of God. How could we not obey Almighty God when He has commanded us to speak to the lost?

<https://livingwaters.com/overcoming-fear-when-sharing-your-faith/>



Some decisions seem to direct the course of our lives more than others. As believers, we desire to choose the right path—God’s path—with every decision we make.

But sometimes the right decision does not seem so obvious, leaving us two choices: fear of making a wrong decision or faith in God to guide us in to make the right one.

You never have to be afraid of making the wrong decision. Fear will always lead to the wrong choice, but faith and obedience to God will always end up right because He is a God of mercy and restoration, and His plan is for you to have a good and expected end.

If you’re facing some choices today, and you aren’t sure which road is the right one to take, here are 10 scriptures for when you need to make a decision that will give you confidence that God will speak to you. If you’re tuned in to Him, you will make the right decision. (All scriptures are taken from the *NIV*.)

1. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)
2. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” (Psalm 32:8)
3. “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105)
4. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

5. "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers."

(Proverbs 11:14)

Find out how to know the answer to any situation [HERE](#).

6. "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22)

7. "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."

(Proverbs 16:9)

8. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

9. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

10. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)

God wants to give you guidance! He desires that you walk with Him to get the light you need for each step you take in life. He is not the author of confusion. Step forward in confidence with Him!

<https://www.kcm.org/real-help/life-work/apply/10-scriptures-when-you-need-make-decision>



## SOME BIBLE VERSES ABOUT WITNESSING

[1 Peter 3:15](#)

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

[Mark 16:15-16](#)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

[Colossians 4:6](#)

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

[Matthew 5:16](#)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[Romans 1:16](#)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Mark 16:15**

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

**John 3:17**

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Isaiah 43:10**

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me."

**1 Corinthians 9:22**

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

**Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Acts 2:37-38**

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

**Galatians 6:9**

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

**1 Peter 3:1-2**

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

**2 Timothy 1:8-9**

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

**Colossians 1:28**

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**Isaiah 40:10**

Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

**Romans 10:14-15**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

**Proverbs 31:8-9**

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-verses-about-witnessing.html>



# MEMBER OF THE MONTH



## *Jerome Ward*

Hi New Life Family. My name is Jerome Ward born August 8, 1955. I have been attending New Life for several years now and serve as an usher each Sunday. I am grateful for New Life and my church family and happy to serve.

I have always believed in God so I guess I am a God-fearing man even from my youth because I know if I weren't, I wouldn't be here today. God made us from the dust of the earth and created us in His own image. I've always tried to read the bible and improve on the things I knew and come to understand the things I didn't know so that I would know how to tell those who were hard to convince and wouldn't consider the truth. I thank God that through His Word we can learn and know the truth that sets us free. May we all continue to grow in the Word to be an effective witness for Him.



Special blessings to all of our New Life Families celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of April.

We continue to be very grateful for your faithfulness and willingness to give your tithes and offerings. We are praying, trusting, and standing with each family that God will supply every need.

Your New Life Family loves you!

1 Pastor Jim Patillo

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*"Then the people rejoiced because they offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly."*

