



## **New Life Church**

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### **The Great Escape!**

**Harry Houdini was a magician who specialized in great escapes. As a matter of fact, he was said to have laughed at locks and to have sneered at fetters. They said of Harry that he had the flexibility of an eel; he had the lives of a cat. They did all kinds of things to try to incarcerate him. They would seal him in coffins—he would escape. They riveted him into a boiler —he escaped. They sewed him up in**

canvas bags—he escaped. They locked him in a milk can—he escaped. They sealed him in a beer barrel—he escaped. They put him in a maximum-security prison, and old Harry somehow got out. But then, in October 1926, Old Man Death laid his hands upon Harry Houdini, and put him in a grave; and, he has yet to escape. As a matter of fact, he told his wife, “If there is any way out, I will find it. If there is any way out, I’ll make contact with you—and, we’ll do it on the anniversary of my death.” For 10 years, she kept a light burning over his portrait. At the end of 10 years, she turned out the light. Death had Harry, and he couldn’t escape.

My friends, one day Death laid his hands on the Lord Jesus Christ also. Death put Jesus in a rock-hewn tomb, and there was a stone in the mouth of that tomb, and the seal of the Roman government was placed upon that tomb. But on the third day, Jesus Christ stirred Himself. He rose from the sleep of death. And He left those grave clothes that were wrapped around him like a butterfly would forsake a cocoon. And Jesus Christ passed through the walls of that rock-hewn tomb. By the way, the stone wasn’t rolled away to let Jesus out—it was rolled away to let the disciples in to see that Jesus had come back. Beloved, the Good News today is Jesus Christ is alive! He is not behind us in a tomb; He is before us on a throne! Praise God!

In conclusion, I heard a fable about a spider who saw a great massive lion go into a cave. The spider was envious of the great King of the Jungle, and the spider said to himself, “I will imprison that lion—that beast—in this cave.” So while the lion was asleep in the cave, the spider began to spin a web across the mouth of that cave. Back and forth, and up and down, he spun, and spun, and spun, until he almost spun himself away. And then, the little spider sat down by the side of the tomb—by the side of that cave, as it was—and said, “Now the mighty beast is my prisoner. No longer will he seek his prey in the dark of the night in the jungle. No longer will he bask in the golden sunlight. Now I have taken him captive. He is my slave.” But the lion awoke from his nap, shook the dust from his mane, gave a yawn, stretched himself, and then let out a roar that echoed through the valley and over the hill. Then, he walked out of that cave and never even knew that the spider’s web was there.

Church, one day Death wove a web across the tomb of our Savior Jesus Christ, but the web was not strong enough to hold Him, for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah woke up, let out His roar, and with great power came out of the grave! So today, may we shout from the rooftops that Jesus has risen from the dead! He is alive, and He is alive forevermore!

And that my friends is The Great Escape!

## Blessings to All!

Pastor Jimmy

### *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!*

*Our First Lady, Phyllis Roberts will be 90 years old Thursday, April 3rd! We will be celebrating her at the church on Saturday, April 12th from 1-2 pm. It's come and go! If you know her, you love her! All are invited to celebrate this remarkable birthday milestone!*



First Lady  
*Phyllis Roberts*

COME AND GO...

**90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
1-2pm

New Life Church Fellowship Hall  
770 Ridgeview Dr. Frankfort, KY 40601

## Highlights this Month

Guest Writers

**Near the Cross - Kenneth W. Hagin**

**SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**WORSHIP SERVICE...10:30 AM**

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

**Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall**

**following the morning praise & worship**

**\*The third Sunday of the month is Family**

**Day & all children will remain in the sanctuary for service.**

**QUILTING MINISTRY**

**Mondays - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**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**

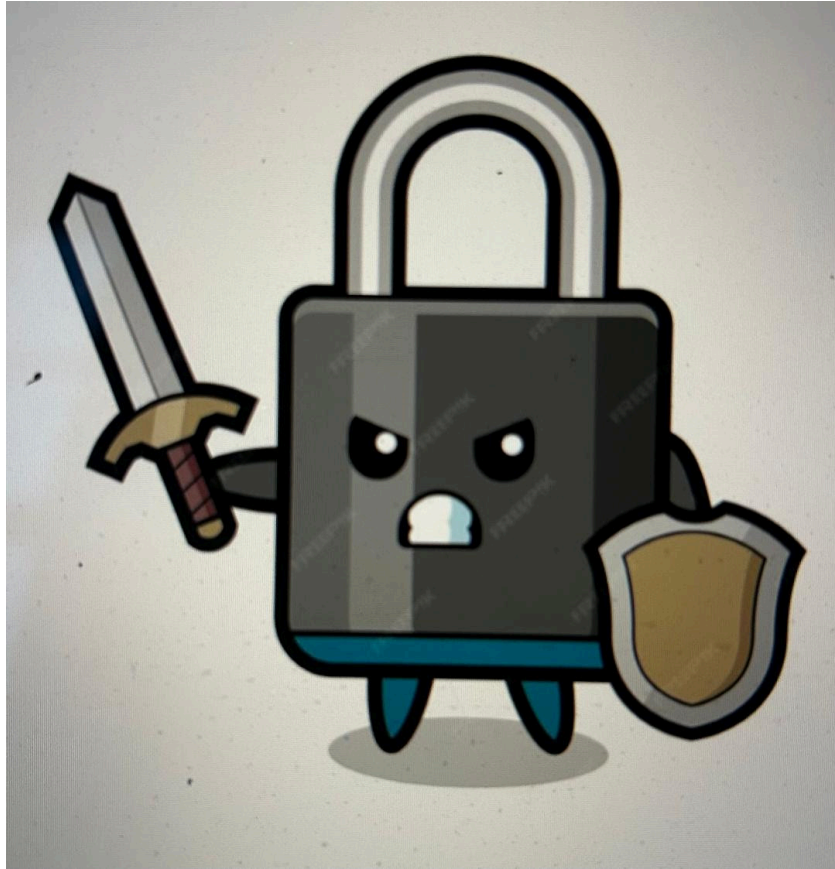
**6:50-7:15 PM - Prayer**

**TEENS & KIDS UNITED**

**Downstairs following Praise & Worship. Teens are continuing to study from the Book of Romans.**



**If you would like to support the Richmond Campus and/or Bless the Blue financially, please mark your offering accordingly.**



**As a security precaution, all church doors will be locked during the service. Thank you for your understanding.**



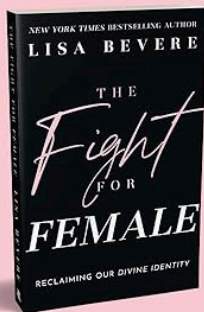
**NURSERY RENOVATION!!!**

New Life Family....we are in the process of completing our nursery reno and if you haven't had the opportunity to give towards this project, we would love your support. Any donations to complete this project is much appreciated. We want our babies in a fresh, fun, and clean environment that they can enjoy and be comfortable in. Please give donations to Sandy.



**Monday, April 7th - 6:30 PM**

Girlfriends will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend, a snack to share, and get ready for a night of great teaching from the book: *The Fight for Female*. Ladies...you don't want to miss this timely teaching.



*We Were Made for This Fight!*

IT'S TIME FOR WOMEN TO RECLAIM  
WHAT IT MEANS TO  
BEAR GOD'S DIVINE IMAGE



## Saturday, April 12th

**Kids United will be going to see the movie King of Kings. Tickets are \$10. Pastor Ashley needs to know by next Sunday who plans to attend in order to purchase tickets in advance.**



**Family Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, April 16th immediately following the morning worship service; we will be having pastas, salad, bread and dessert. Christie will be asking for volunteers.**



*April 18th - 7:00 PM*

*Good Friday Service*



## **TEENS UNITED**

**Friday - April 18th**

**Teens United will be having a desserts social after the Good Friday Service.**





## KEENAGERS

**Saturday, April 19th, 2:00 PM**

The Keenagers will be meeting at the church at 1:15 to go to Milano's Italian restaurant in Shelbyville. Come out for a time of good food and great fellowship! Let Teresa know if you plan on attending!



## Near the Cross

Kenneth W. Hagin

In our modern world, the cross has become little more than an object or a piece of jewelry. But the scene on Golgotha's hill where Jesus Christ was crucified was bloody and gruesome. Once we understand that, it might be hard for us to grasp why anyone would want to witness Jesus' agonizing death. Isaiah 52:14 says His face was so marred He wasn't recognizable. He was so beaten, He hardly looked human.

**But Scripture tells us there were a handful of people gathered to witness Jesus' death. They were Mary, Jesus' mother; Jesus' mother's sister; Mary, the wife of Clopas; Mary Magdalene; and John, the disciple Jesus loved (John 19:25–27).**

**What impact did Jesus make on the lives of these faithful few that they were willing to follow Him to the cross? What compelled them to stand there and witness the bloodshed? Why didn't they run and hide like the rest of Jesus' followers?**

### **A Place of Reward**

**Mary, Jesus' mother, had suffered much to get to the cross. There was the obvious pain of childbirth, but also the shame and gossip that came with being an unwed mother. Then she must have endured terrible agony as she watched Jesus being beaten, rejected, and placed on the cross. I'm sure she was broken beyond measure as she watched the blood flow from her son's veins.**

**But Mary stayed near the cross. She stayed faithful, because she understood Who Jesus was. He was the Son of God—the Lamb Who would take away the sin of the world.**

**As she stood there, something amazing happened. Looking down from that cross, Jesus said to her, " *'Dear woman, here is your son [talking about John]'* " (John 19:26 NLT).**

**In the moment of her greatest agony, Jesus rewarded her. He gave her a son who would love her and take care of her. And Scripture tells us that from that time on, John took her into his home. Mary's faithfulness reaped a reward—at the cross.**

### **A Place of Restoration**

**What about John, then? Why did he follow Jesus to the cross? He had fled from the Garden of Gethsemane with the other disciples. He was nowhere to be found at Jesus' trial or beating. But he came back.**

**The cross probably wasn't the safest place for John to be as one of Jesus' followers. But he wasn't going to run or hide any longer. Scripture doesn't tell us exactly what happened with him, but somewhere along the line, he must have woken up to the truth that Jesus would forgive him. Yes, he'd run and forsaken his Lord, but Jesus would restore him.**

**It took courage for John to come back, because he knew he'd messed up. But he came anyway, and he found restoration. I think that's why he could later write with conviction, "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us***

***from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9 NKJV). John had experienced forgiveness himself—near the cross.**

### **A Place of Redemption**

**Mary Magdalene also followed Jesus all the way to the cross. Why? I think we're given a little insight in the Book of Luke.**

#### **LUKE 8:1–2 (NLT)**

**1** Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him,

**2** along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

**This passage tells us that Jesus traveled around proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. He took His 12 disciples and some women who had been cured of diseases and evil spirits. We're not told more about any of these women except Mary Magdalene. Verse two says she had seven demons!**

**Can you imagine the turmoil and agony Mary Magdalene experienced, and the sin she was into? But when Jesus miraculously delivered her, everything changed. She surrendered her life and gave up what she had to follow Jesus and help His ministry.**

**Why would she do this for Jesus, and why would she follow Him all the way to the cross? Why would she watch Him bleed and die? It's because Mary Magdalene understood the power of redemption.**

**She had been delivered from turmoil. She had been forgiven and set free from demonic bondage. Her life had gone from terrible darkness to amazing light—from misery to the wonder of knowing Jesus.**

**When she stood looking up at that cross—watching her Savior and Redeemer Who had been spat upon, laughed at, and pierced with thorns and nails—she understood the cost of her deliverance. She witnessed the price that was paid to buy her back from the grip of Satan. To Mary Magdalene, that cross was the price of redemption.**

### **Draw Near**

**That cross is also the place of our redemption. It's our place of reward and restoration.**

#### **ISAIAH 53:3–6 (NKJV)**

**3 He [Jesus] is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.**

**4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.**

**6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

**Jesus paid the price so we could be delivered and healed. He was punished in our place.**

**You see, we've all fallen short. Without Jesus, we're all sinners in need of God. But it's at the cross that we find everything we need. It's at the cross where we, just like John, find restoration when we mess up. It's at the cross where we, like Jesus' mother, realize there are rewards for serving God. And it's at the cross where we, like Mary Magdalene, find salvation and redemption.**

**Will you follow Jesus to the cross? Will you be faithful even when things don't go the way you want—when you're persecuted and misunderstood? I encourage you . . . draw near. Draw near and find peace that passes all understanding and joy and strength that only the Lord can give.**

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH**



**Teresa (Teri) Shell**

**In May of 1962, I was welcomed into the world by my parents Dan and Rosemary. I'm a native Ohioan and was raised in the Catholic faith. I attended Catholic schools which ended with my graduation from Ohio Dominican College in 1984. I have a BA in Liberal Arts with an Art Major. I spent 32 years working as a Production Artist/Graphic Designer/Department Head for Abbott Nutrition. After retiring from Abbott, I spent 5+ years working in administration at a local senior living facility. My new objective was to help people (staff members and seniors alike) achieve their desired potential. Those 5+ years were the most rewarding years of my entire working career.**

**I've been married to my handsome husband, Gene, for 38 years and we have a beautiful daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren. Hence, the move to Kentucky once I retired for the second time.**

**In 2001, I gave my life to Jesus and received the in-filling of the Holy Ghost in one fell swoop! Praise God! He knew what I needed. I then left the Catholic church and became a member of a non-denominational, spirit-filled church, named Greater Works Church.**

**When we moved to Kentucky, we looked for a church where the Gifts of the Spirit were in full operation. God, via the internet, led us to New Life Church. I feel blessed to have been embraced by such kind people. I look forward to the next chapter of my life in my new Kentucky home.**



#### **4 GIVING OPTIONS**

- **Mail to New Life Church P.O. Box 1790 Frankfort, KY 40602**
- **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.**

