

## Sermon Notes

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### The View From My Window WITH PASTOR JOEL

When it comes to gaming I like solitaire & Scrabble. Personally, I don't need the stress of being shot at, eaten, killed or trying to figure out where some key is hidden. For those of you who are gamers, each platform you face is a key that unlocks a higher level. After you have worked your way through the frustration of mastering the skills necessary to complete one challenge you move on to face greater tests. Your reward is not just completing a section of a game but actually developing abilities.

Perhaps we can think of life as a video game where we get many opportunities to develop skills & master challenges like relationships (with God & others), school, a career, managing your body, your time & your sanity. Christians have a safety net. We know that all our trials are orchestrated by the Master Gamer in such a way as to help us mature & develop a godly character. Even when we fail, we get a chance to redeem ourselves through repentance because we have been redeemed by Him.

What I'm trying to say is enjoy your reality as much as you enjoy virtual reality. In real life you will take some hits but God's got your back & you'll always be able to bounce back & overcome. Learn what you can from each failure to become better in the next round.

- Pastor Joel

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## Welcome to New Life ...

# We're glad you're here!

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

### 7:00am - Prayer Meeting

Open prayer for all in Room 10

### 8:00am - First Service

### 9:00am - Self-Serve Café Open

Join us for coffee & treats off the main lobby!

### 9:15am - Sunday School

- Kids Clubhouse: Kids age 3 - Grade 6
- Basement: Grades 7-12 Rangers
- Sanctuary: Adults

### 10:15am - Second Service

- **Nursery:** newborns to age 3
- **Kids Church:** kids age 3 - grade 6  
*Kids must be signed in & out of these classes*

### 6pm - Evening Service

\*No Kids or Youth Programs

**Moms** A private room for nursing mothers is located off the Main Lobby in Room 2

### TODAY'S MESSAGE:

#### It's A Test

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Rev. Joel Everhart

### THIS WEEK ...

#### TUE, APRIL 24

6:30pm - Open Gym Volleyball

#### WED, APRIL 25

7pm - Adult Bible Study, Royal Rangers, & Rainbows Kids Club

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# New to New Life?

Thanks for being with us today! One of our greeters would be happy to show you around the church & answer any questions you may have about New Life. You can also find out more on our website at [www.nla.today](http://www.nla.today) or by emailing our office at [hello@nla.today](mailto:hello@nla.today).

Here at New Life, we strive to be a spirit-empowered family of believers who **worship** the Lord, work together to **build** a body of believers, **reach** the lost, & **minister** to a hurting world. We **Expect Jesus** to meet us here & to use us beyond these walls.

# Worship

**Kids Can Serve Too!** The first Sunday of each month is a Family Worship Service, which means kids are in the sanctuary with the adults. We'd love for your kids to serve as greeters & ushers on Family Worship Sunday! If your child would like to serve in these positions, see Dana Catania, Linda Shinnars (greeting), or Dave Mickley (ushering).

**4 Ways to Give.** There are several ways you can give to New Life: (1) **cash** or **check** dropped into the offering, (2) via **credit card** online at [www.nla.today/give](http://www.nla.today/give), (3) by purchasing **gift cards** to Giant or Weis through our Business Office (New Life receives 5% of the proceeds), & (4) by shopping online via **Amazon Smile** using our link: [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675). Thank you for investing in our mission!

# Build

**Service in the Park.** We're holding a church service in the East Berlin Community Park on Sunday, June 24. We'll have a short message, baptism in the creek, & potluck celebration to follow. If you're interested in getting baptized at this service, sign up in the main lobby.

**Membership.** Interested? Email our office at [hello@nla.today](mailto:hello@nla.today) to discuss next steps & register for our next *New Members* class.

**The Gathering Women's Bible Study.** This small group women's Bible study's next meeting is **May 8 at 9am** in the Youth Room! They are studying the women of the Bible.

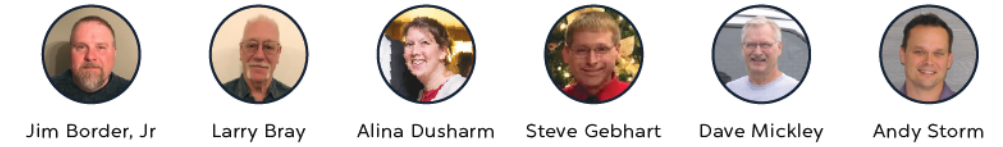
**Monthly Men's Breakfast.** The next Men's Breakfast & Fellowship takes place Saturday, **May 12 at 8am** in the gym.

**Get to Know our Board of Directors!** Take some time to get to know our Board & their role in leadership at New Life! Board members are Jim Border, Jr, Larry Bray, Alina Dusharm, Steve Gebhart, Dave Mickley, and Andy Storm!

# Church Volunteer Positions

You tell us your availability & we'll work with your schedule!

- Adult Worship Team Substitute Drummer**  
*As Needed*  
*See Melanie Storm*
- Nursery Helper**  
for Babies Age 0-3  
*Sun at 6pm & Wed at 7pm*  
*See Dara Womer*
- Sunday School Teacher**  
for Kids Pre-K - Grade 4  
*Sundays at 9:15am*  
*See Ariel Strine*
- Prims Girls Club Teacher or Helper**  
for Girls Age 7-Grade 6  
*Wednesdays at 7pm*  
*See Mandi Geiman*



# Family Ministries

**Royal Ranger Pinewood Derby.** Come out on **Wednesday, May 9** for service at 7pm & then stay after for our annual Royal Ranger Pinewood Derby in the gym! Rangers have been working hard to make the sleekest, fastest cars to win & would love for you to see them in action! Light refreshments will be available.

**Royal Ranger Spring Camp.** The Royal Rangers' Spring Camp takes place **Friday, May 11 to Sunday, May 13** in Thompsettown, PA. This camp is for all active Royal Rangers in grade 3 & up. See Ranger Commander Bill Womer for more info about Spring Camp.



**VBS: Bible Basecamp.** We are hosting a free, one-day, camping-themed event on Saturday, August 4 from 10am-4pm. If you're interested in helping, plan to attend an info session on **Sunday, May 6 at 9am.**

# Reach & Minister

**Ruth's Harvest Food Drive.** We're accepting *single serving size* packages of shelf-safe milk, cereal, & ravioli for Ruth's Harvest, a weekend food program that provides meals to 105 families in need in the Bermudian Springs School District. Please drop off donations in the main lobby.

**Do You Know Someone In Crisis?** Stephen's Legacy has knowledgeable volunteers & trained nurses ready to help with health needs, home & car repairs, financial aid, errand running, meals, & transportation to doctor appointments. If you or someone you know is in crisis or would like to volunteer with this ministry, please see a Stephen's Legacy team member:

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| Angie Kline       | Ray Mummert  |
| Dave Mickley      | Mark Hinkle  |
| Wayne Esbenschade | John Quinn   |
| Carolyn Brown     | Wendy Wagner |

**No Programs May 30.** Ministry Coordinators should plan to attend our Coordinator Meeting on **Wed, May 30 at 7pm** in the Youth Room. There will be no kids or youth programs, but childcare will be available for kids of those who attend the meeting.



**80s Themed Student Cookout.** All youth & students grades 7 to age 22 are invited to an 80s themed cookout at Bob & Angie Kline's home on **Friday, May 4 from 6pm-9pm.** Make sure to wear 80s attire!

**Celebrate Stories with Youth For Christ.** Kechi Okwuchi was one of two survivors in a plane crash carrying 109 passengers, & burns cover her body, but she uses music & her faith to overcome her pain. Come to Hanover First Church of God on **Sat, April 28 at 6:30pm** to hear Kechi's beautiful story. More info at [masondixonyc.org](http://masondixonyc.org).

**Pretzel Sandwich Fundraiser.** Thank you to everyone who ordered & assembled pretzel sandwiches to benefit baby Malaya Gohn & her family! We sold 840 sandwiches & raised over \$2,880 for the family!

**Adventure-minded People Wanted!** The adventure is reaching out with the gospel. Last year, the 'Adventurers' reached out to our local community through the reenactment of Jesus carrying His cross & a ministry tent at Morning Star Marketplace. If you're interested in joining the Adventurers, see Stan Jett for more info.

**VBS: Bible Basecamp.** We are hosting a free, one-day, outdoor & hiking-themed event on Saturday, August 4 from 10am-4pm. Online registration opens on May 1 at [www.nla.today](http://www.nla.today). If interested in helping, plan to attend the info session on Sunday, May 6 at 9am.