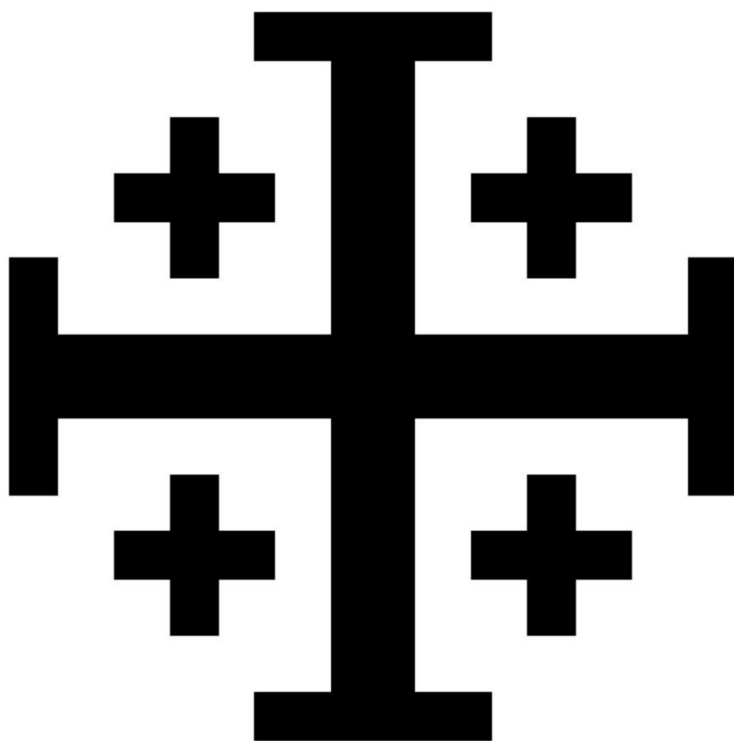


NEW LIFE



**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form.

We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: The Jerusalem Cross, an ancient Christian symbol. The five crosses are said to represent the five wounds of Christ or Christ and the four gospels.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

Therefore, faith, not the law, makes a man just, for justice is not through the law, but through the faith of Christ. But he who casts aside his faith and pleads for that the claims of the law, bears witness that he is himself unjust; for the just man lives by faith.

-St. Ambrose of Milan, 4th c.

As then both he who hanged on a tree, and he who transgresses the Law, is cursed, and as it was necessary for him who is about to relieve from a curse himself to be free from it, but to receive another instead of it, therefore Christ took upon Him such another, and thereby relieved us from the curse. It was like an innocent man's undertaking to die for another sentenced to death, and so rescuing him from punishment. For Christ took upon Him not the curse of transgression, but the other curse, in order to remove that of others.

-St. John Chrysostom, 4th c.

This, no doubt, all the prophets did foresee in the Spirit, that Christ should be accounted the greatest transgressor that could be, having all sins imputed to Him... not that he is guilty of any, but that he received them, being committed or done by us, and laid them upon his own body, that he might make satisfaction for them with his own blood.

-Martin Luther, 16th c.

How would he have freed us from the wrath of God, if he had not transferred it from us to himself? Thus, “he was wounded for our transgressions,” (Isaiah 53:5,) and had to deal with God as an angry judge. This is the “foolishness of the cross,” (1 Corinthians 1:18,) and the “admiration of angels,” (1 Peter 1:12,) which not only exceeds, but swallows up, all the wisdom of the world.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

Let us worship Almighty God,
In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

COLLECT

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

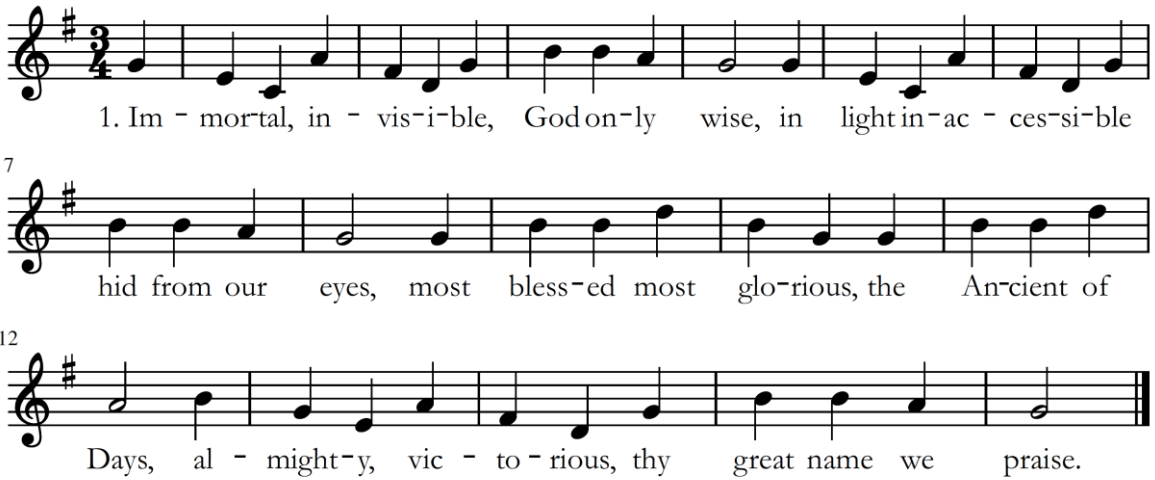
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.

I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;
let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

- Psalm 119:27–32

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



1. Im - mortal, in - vis-i-ble, God on-ly wise, in light in-ac - ces-si-ble

7
hid from our eyes, most bless-ed most glo-rious, the An-cient of

12
Days, al - might-y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 19th c.

Music: Traditional Welsh Melody

ANTIPHON

For freedom Christ has set us free;

stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The slave does not remain in the house forever;

the son remains forever.

So if the Son sets you free,

you will be free indeed.

- Galatians 5:1; John 8:35-36

WHO YOU SAY I AM

1. Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

**In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Words and Music: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

CONFESSING OUR SINS

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

- Matthew 22:37-40

Holy and merciful Father, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to his people on earth!

WOOD AND NAILS

Verse 1

O humble carpenter,
down on Your hands and knees
Look on Your handiwork
and build a house
So You may dwell in Me
So You may dwell in Me

Chorus 1

The work was done with nothing but
wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
Oh, show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument

Verse 2

O loving laborer,
with the sweat upon Your face
Oh, build a table that I too
may join You
In the Father's place
Oh, in the Father's place

Chorus 1

The work was done with nothing but
wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
Oh, show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument

Chorus 2

The kingdoms come and built upon
Wood and nails
gripped with joyfulness
So send me out within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished

Chorus 3

The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails
will not hold them down
These wooden tombs,
we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds

Chorus 4

The curse is done, the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands,
we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared

O humble carpenter

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, Madison Cunningham

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear God, your beautiful world tells us that you are real, but the Bible tells us who you are. Help us to read the Bible so we can learn more about you, and help us to obey what the Bible says we should do. We love you. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 18 for additional prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 19.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: GALATIANS 3:6-14

...just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be

everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-45

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were

Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title:	“The Wonderful Exchange”
Sermon Text:	Galatians 3:6-14
Sermon Series:	<i>Exposition of Galatians VII</i>
Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HO - LY! HO - LY! HO - LY! LORD, GOD OF HOSTS.

5

Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the high - est!!

11

Bles-sed is He who comes in the NAME of the LORD.

15

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven:

Hallowed be Thy Name,

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive

our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE

1. My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

Chorus

**O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God**

2. Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

Words and Music: Aaron Keys and Stuart Townend

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

- **Pray** for the training of **more church leaders** in **Kenya**, where over **80,000 churches** are in need of **pastoral leadership**. **Pray** that God will **raise up spiritual shepherds** and **equip seminaries and colleges** with resources needed to train them.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

- **Presbyterian Church of Wellsville; Tom Kristofferson**, pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

- **Vineyard Church; Nathan Emmelhainz**, Lead Elder

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- **Matt & Jenn Irvine, Serge** (World Harvest) -- **London, England**

OUTREACH TO LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **Hannah Eagleson**, InterVarsity Graduate Student and Faculty Ministry, **Cornell University**

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- **President Donald Trump** and **Vice-President J.D. Vance**; the **members of Congress** and the **Judiciary**; that they may **govern with wisdom** according to **your word** that we may all **live quiet and peaceable lives**.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **Williamsons: Praise** for **Daniel's first week** at **Keuka College** going well. **Praise** that the **daughter of old friends** is **beginning at Cornell**, and **prayer** that her first semester will go well
- **Thomfordes: Praise** for a **good time** with **Liz's dad**, and **prayer** for **J.T.'s first week** at Cornell.
- **Ryan Yoo: Pray** for his tenure as **president of Cornell's Christian Legal Society**, for a **good year** at the **law school**, and that their **student outreach** would be fruitful.
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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Fall Ministry Launches Today!

We will launch our Fall with the start to children's ministry and a yummy reception immediately after service. Please plan to attend to hear about our Fall events!

New Life University Next Week

Our next New Life U class will start next week and continue through the Fall. We will be learning about the Early Church.

Youth Group Returns!!!

We'll resume our monthly youth group on Wednesday, September 17. All middle and high school students are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, September 10th, 11:00-12:30pm. We will be meeting at the Williamsons' - 135 Lexington Drive, Ithaca. This first meeting will be an informal get together with prayer time, fellowship and snacks. If you haven't come previously we would love to have you join us! We will be meeting twice a month, again alternating between Wednesdays, 11:00-12:30, and Saturdays, 2:30-4:00. The complete fall schedule will be sent in an upcoming email. At our next meeting, Saturday, September 20, 2:30-4:00, we will resume chapter 6 of the book "Saved" by Nancy Guthrie. If you need a copy of the book or study guide, please notify Ann Williamson. Zoom options are available. Please email ann_s_williamson@yahoo.com with questions or to be added to our email list.

Morning Prayer - Resuming This Tuesday

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes.

Meeting with the Pastor

Pastor Tim is available at a variety of times throughout the week for consultation or conversation. If you are interested in meeting with him, please contact him at tim@newlifeithaca.org.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

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I am an out-of-town visitor.

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I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.

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I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.

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Please send me more information about: _____

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I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.

Other comments: _____