

Welcome To New River!

6:00 pm Sat. @South • 9:30 am Sun. @North • 10:30 am Sun. @South • 11:15 am Sun. @North

Come on in and look around a little. Take some time to ask some questions. If you'd like something to drink or eat, stop and pick that up as well. While you are here, relax. We hope you feel comfortable, accepted, engaged, and inspired.

Our Mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

What happens in worship?

We usually start our time of worship together by singing. Don't know the songs? Don't worry. We didn't know them either at first.

After we sing, one of our pastors will teach from the Bible. If you didn't bring a Bible with you, and you'd like to follow along, we'll project the scriptures so you can.

After our time of teaching we usually sing another song or two.

If there is anything we can help you with, please swing by our Information Desk in the Lobby.

What about the kids?

Kidz Kove is for your Preschool aged children. It's a clean and secure environment where your children will be well taken care of and taught a practical and easy to understand lesson from the Bible.

River Kidz is for your Elementary School aged children in grades K-5. Here your children will sing, play games, and learn the Bible from well trained leaders in small groups.

Middle School or High School, bring them on into worship with you. We have The Plunge for Middle School Students and The Well for High School Students on Sunday Nights. Be sure to check www.nrcc.net each week for specific dates, news, and info.

Community Group Prayer Requests:

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- Pray through John 17:15-24. Ask God to protect New River from the evil one and for unity in our fellowship.

- Ask God to give husbands at New River the courage to lead their families according to His Word and to love their wives as Christ loves His bride the church.

- Pray for our friend, Pastor Benard Ondiek, as he serves God in Kisumu, Kenya. Pray that God would bless him and his family with health and that many would be reached with the Gospel through his ministry.

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It's uncomfortable to think about, but everybody dies. The question we should be answering is not how much time do we have left, but what are we going to do with the time we have left.

Message Notes:
*So You're Dead...
Now What?
May 22nd and 23rd*

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Quick Overview

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

Introduction

It's the ultimate defining moment. The one we're all aware of but all avoid: one day our life on this earth will end. Time is running out. We don't know how much time is left, but we know it won't last forever. It's an undeniable fact. And like all defining moments, there's a lot we can't explain about death. But based on the undeniable facts, there are some very important conclusions we can draw that will impact us not only for the rest of this life, but also in the life to come.

Before you go to Community Group this week, complete the exercise below entitled Show and Tell.

Show and Tell

The Bible teaches that one day all Christians will get to give an account of their lives before God. In that time, we will somehow share or recount the kingdom efforts we've made during our lifetime. When we do, we will experience satisfaction that we were a part of it and joyful humility that God worked through us. In the space below, list up to ten things about your life that you can't wait to "show and tell" with Jesus.

My Story

1. If you could accomplish anything in the world for God's kingdom and you knew you could not fail, what would you attempt?

Exploring

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. What do you feel Paul means by our earthly tent being destroyed?

2. Read John 14:1-3. How does Paul's confidence in his future relate to this passage? What role does faith play in this?

3. How does Paul's "home" affect his daily living? (Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

4. Consider how Christians that you know, feel about death. Are their feelings consistent with someone who knows they have a heavenly dwelling waiting for them? Explain.

5. Is Paul motivated more by the desire to be with Christ, or by fear of judgment? Which motivates you? Do you prefer to maximize rewards or minimize punishment?

6. What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight in this context?

7. What would you like to do differently with the time that you have left to live?

Next Steps

1. This week, think about how you will begin to live with the end in mind, knowing that your time is running out. List at least five lifetime goals that you want to accomplish for Jesus with the time you have left.

2. Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:7

New River News

Downpour

Middle School & High School Students
Join us at South Campus this Sunday
night at 6:00 pm.

Family Skate Night

May 24th

Parents, are you looking for an inexpensive fun night out? Join us from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Kate's Skating Rink in Gastonia. (Union Rd & Hudson Rd). Only \$2 admission for regular skates, and \$4 for rollerblades, plus Snack Bar specials all night!

Family Variety Show

June 11th

Get ready for a great family night out full of laughs. Grab a bucket of chicken or a picnic basket filled with your favorite goodies to enjoy during the show. We'll provide water and lemonade throughout the evening. If you have an "act" you'd like to show off, be sure to register by May 28th.

The Gospel

New series starts next week.

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