

Minute for Missions

. Warmest Greetings!

I rejoice when I read in the Bible the words of the angel to the shepherds on that starry night over 2,000 years ago, announcing, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10). Those words resound down through the ages encouraging us all to fear not and to bring this joy to All people of the world!

The year 2023 has been eventful, with many wonderful things happening, along with some struggles, and we joyfully count our blessings here at New Life International. I look back over the last fifty years since my husband Byron and I, with our five young children, returned from missionary service in Ecuador, South America, to here in southern Indiana. God opened the door for us to buy the farm adjoining Byron's old home place and He gave us the vision to begin a ministry in the woodland to share Jesus, our Savior.

We rejoice as we now celebrate our 25th anniversary since we officially became incorporated in 1998 as New Life International, a not-for-profit ministry. So much has happened since then! We praise the Lord as we reach out to the needy of the world with safe water by using the water purifier invented by our son, Duvon McGuire, and with wound cleansing Vida Solutions, a highly effective disinfectant and antiseptic produced by our skilled, dedicated engineers here at New Life International and in other strategic locations around the world.

Thank you so much for your partnership with us to make all this possible. Your prayers, gifts, and volunteer service are greatly appreciated and needed. We welcome your visit here in Underwood. I'm blessed to have a part in hosting our frequent visitors involved in the ministry around the world. May God bless you with His presence, His peace, and joy as we serve Him together!

Blessings,
Yvonne McGuire Co-Founder of **New Life International**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Check out the CFC Website Updated Weekly
www.christfellowshiplive.com

Special Prayer Request– Text Pastor Bob (765)637-8237
Be Christ's Hands & Feet–Get involved in the CFC ministry. Missions, Outreach, Building & Grounds, Fellowship, Youth Sunday School & others
Start or continue the Habit of Reading Scripture Daily
"OPEN THE BOOK OF LIFE"

Daily Devotional – upperroom.org/devotionals

Malachi 3:10 - Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it!

Put me to the test!

Giving Website: get.tithe.ly

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Miley Porter-Jan.1 Kevin Sheroan-Jan.13
Kerris Funkhouser-Jan.19 Keaten Rayburn -Jan.23
Connie Rice-Jan. 23 Debra Stout-Jan.23
Butch & Kelly Young-Jan.27 Sandra Stephens-Feb.5
Jesse Eddy-Feb.8 Jackie Cosgray-Feb.9
Bryce Schroeder-Feb.11 Landon Schroeder-Feb.11

Chuck Williams-Feb.11

Mark & Cindy Cosgray-Feb.14

Mark Cosgray-Feb.21

Todd & Arlene McAchren Feb.22

Ben & Allison Gritten-Feb.24

Cindy Cosgray-Feb.26 Reenea Ehle-Feb.29

Apologies if we missed someone.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Who was the first disciple?
How long was Noah on the Ark?
Who took Judas' place among the 12?
When will Jesus return?
Who was Adam & Eve's first child?

(1) Andrew (2) 371 days (3) Matthias
(4) Only God knows (5) Cain

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

570 S MAPLE ST

MONTICELLO, IN 47960

CHRISTFELLOWSHIPLIVE.COM

Date: 1/1/24

CFC Member Spotlight:

Lisa Schroeder



My given name is Elizabeth Sue Dexter. I am named after both my maternal and paternal grandmothers, which is an honor. I grew up with two younger brothers, Tom and John. We had a pretty average childhood.... riding bikes everywhere that we could, building forts in the woods with neighborhood friends, playing sports and other school activities, etc. I attended McCutcheon High School where I started a work program in my intended profession of Healthcare and then began working at Arnett Clinic Radiology. After graduating I started working at Home Hospital Radiology and attending Ivy Tech. In 2001 I relocated to Chalmers, Indiana and have lived here ever since. In 2008 I started a job with a remote Radiology Company and began working at Home Hospital and Specialty Teleradiology. A few years later, I met my husband Jordan through some mutual friends and were then married a few years after that. We have four wonderfully smart, handsome, & busy boys. I started seeking out a church in 2016. A friend introduced us to CFC and we have been here ever since. We have gone through many changes since 2016 in our own family and within our church family.... but we love it here and wouldn't change a thing.

Thank you Lord!

Upcoming Events:

Chili Cook Off– Jan 21st Following Worship
5:48 Youth(6th-12th grade)– Sunday evenings @ 5:48
Men's groups– First and Third Saturday of each month at 10am.
Bible Study– Noon Wednesdays.
Adult Sunday School– 9am

If you would like to host a meal or fellowship event in the future... please notify Pastor Bob

Respect



Compassion

CFC: (574)297-5226

Pastor Bob: (765)637-8237



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BOB



The beginning of a new year is traditionally time to reflect back on what has transpired in the year gone by and also to look forward and to set goals. Let's do a little bit of both.

2023 saw the establishment of the youth group and youth program at CFC, under the guidance of Torie and Arlo Eddy. This group continues to grow closer together, and also closer to Jesus. There have already been a couple of concerts, plus several other activities, including spreading Christmas Joy at Chestnut Apartments. Many other exciting activities are planned in 2024. And don't forget that the youth group is not just for CFC members. It's open to any 6th through 12th grade student. So go ahead and invite someone to join in the fun Sunday evenings at 5:48.

The first community worship service at Cosgray Christmas Trees was a big success and another one is being planned. The annual women's retreat saw the biggest attendance so far, with five speakers sharing powerful messages during the gathering at The Lighthouse Lodge. These are just a few of the many highlights from the year that has just passed.

Several new members have also joined the CFC family in 2023, and my strong belief is that God is setting the stage for continued growth in the New Year. For that to happen, we need to continue to be obedient to His call, and His Word. Growth also involves you.

Statistics indicate that 73% of people, who don't attend church, were never invited. So here's a challenge for everyone in 2024. Each week, make a concerted effort to invite one person to church.... Just **one** person. You are planting a seed. Some will say yes, and some will say no. Leave the harvest to God, but do your part to help further His Kingdom on Earth.

Galatians 6:9 reminds us of the importance of perseverance. ⁹ "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Extend that invitation with a genuine love to the people God places in your path and on your heart. Colossians 3:17 tells us that we are to serve The Lord in all that we do. ¹⁷ "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Near the end of the year, several sermons focused on words that can be challenging to hear, including commitment, obedience and love. These will be three big words in the New Year, as one of our focuses will be in learning more about how scripture is calling on us to live our lives, collectively and individually, to draw closer to Jesus.

Ephesians 4:1-2 is very direct. "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

We are called to love, we are called make a personal commitment to Jesus, we are called to be bold, and we are called to be obedient to Him and His Word.

Be blessed knowing you are loved and that He is calling you to draw closer to Him, and to reach the lost.