



Sunday Worship Times:
8:15 am online on Facebook Live
10:30 am in-person service
School-aged Children Sunday School 9:30 am

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We exist to proclaim and promote the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and sanctification of all people.

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Will it ever be spring? Are we stuck in winter? When will it warm up and stop snowing?! I am sure you have asked one or more of those questions lately. I know I certainly have, numerous times. And especially so this year, as it seemed for a while, at least, the weather was warming up, and even the flowers were coming up! Furthermore, while walking last week, I even heard a lone frog singing in the evening, seeking answers from his own kind. So I thought to myself, spring is here! Winter is done! Life is good! But it seems that frog was a tad too early, the flowers are somewhat optimistic, and the warm weather was only a tease of things to come sometime later. We are still in winter. When will it end?

I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel that way about my own spiritual life. Just when I think I am making progress and feeling like I am living more as a New Creation which Jesus has made me to be, the very next day, I find myself back in the "winter" of the Old Creation. And I wonder, will this ever end?! Will I ever look more like the New Creation than the Old Creation?

I can relate to the Apostle Paul when he wrote in Romans chapter 7 that he was tired of falling into the old pattern of the sinful nature even though his desire was to live for Christ in the new nature. Do you sometimes feel like that too? It seems to me that every serious follower of Jesus is engaged in this battle. Paul says in verse 21 that there is a war going on between the desires of God and the desires of the sinful nature. He tells us that, "evil is right there with me", wooing and tempting me to follow the old nature rather than the new nature. Then Paul cries out, "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?"

The answer? "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom 8:25). We are told that the only way we can defeat the old sinful nature is by the life of Christ that is in us. It takes the life of Jesus to save us, not only from the curse of sin, but also from the clutches of sin. We can do nothing in our own power to bring about the new life; rather, we must rely fully on the power of the Holy Spirit to help us live this New Creation life. It is not by our strength, nor by our wisdom, nor by our work that we live the new life. Instead, it is all by the power and control of Jesus through His Spirit in us.

But, you might ask, "How do we get that power?" The answer? By asking Jesus for it! Yes, it is that simple; we merely need to ask Jesus to fill us with His Spirit and allow Him to have control of our desires and decisions. I wish spring came that easily!

As we live this New Creation life in Jesus, let us seek His power through the Holy Spirit to live it out. Let us daily submit to His power and control in our lives. May you continue to live in Jesus, and may you live more and more as the New Creation that God has made you to be.

Pastor Michael





~The March Extra~

Who: Congregants of NCCU
What: The Annual Meeting
When: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Where: NCCU Worship Center

Join us for the NCCU Annual Meeting. Find out how our ministries and the church are doing. There will also be a members' vote for new Governing Board and Nominating Committee members. Your vote counts, so take the member classes, sign the covenant and become a voting member.

Join us at the May 6th Women's Fellowship meeting for our Second Annual Baby Shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center. Donate baby clothes, formula, diapers, and other baby items for newborns to 1-year-olds. (unwrapped) May 6, 10:00 am in the foyer. Refreshments provided.

Games with Gary meets noon until 2:00 pm and will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays in the foyer. Come down and play games with Gary and friends.

Hands for Christ is held the first & third Wednesdays from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the Sunday School Building. We are looking for new people to join us in fellowship & use our talents to be Christ's hands for others. Come & spend some time enjoying each other's company as we put our hands together to serve the community. Say "Yes"! Contact Joline Moore at 360-401-5888 for more information.

Other Community Happenings at NCCU

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 am. This is not aerobic or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

Friday 9:30 am – Are you a Prayer Warrior? Want to help pray for all the prayer requests with an awesome group of other warriors? Just show up at 9:30 am on Friday mornings in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Warriors unite!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Note: Loss of a Loved One Grief Support on Hiatus the month of March</p>	Ongoing Food Bank Donations in the foyer		<p>1 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Hands for Christ 10:00 1m- 1:00 pm</p>	<p>2 Worship Team 6:00 pm</p> <p>Journey Through Acts cancelled this week only.</p>	<p>3 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Women's Fellowship</p> <p>Memorial for Johnny Frazier 1:00 pm</p>
<p>5 Communion Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 In-person service 10:30 am</p>	6	<p>7 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood</p> <p>Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live</p> <p>Games with Gary Noon to 2:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Worship Team 6:00 pm</p> <p>Journey Through Acts Conclusion 9:30 am</p>	<p>10 Prayer Group 9:30 am</p>	<p>11 9:00 am Men's Fellowship</p>
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