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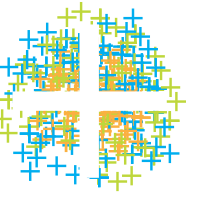
+ 2008-2009: the year ahead

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+ welcome

"I find life an exciting business – and most exciting when it is lived for others." What about you? These words were spoken by a woman who was blind and deaf. Talk about challenging! She had plenty of reasons to be a taker, but she chose instead to be a giver, and our world is richer because of her attitude that refused to waste away in pity. That's why people still quote Helen Keller.

The list could go on of others who embraced the passion of Jesus and the apostle Paul's urging to "live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Would you like for your name to be on that list?

The heart of New Life is the desire to develop fully alive, fully engaged followers of Christ who love God, love each other, and love the world. We've attempted to provide environments and opportunities to help us discover and deepen our love in each of these key relationships. I guess the reality is that we all have a lot to learn, but we invite you to join in the journey.

This booklet gives you a condensed look at how we plan to get where we're going. Hopefully you will find a handle to grab onto and climb aboard for some exciting business! If you have questions, don't be shy. You can give me a call or e-mail me (newlife@psu.edu) I look forward to adventuring with you this year.

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My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality.
+ 1 john 3.18



+ welcome

+ heart attitudes

+ contents

this booklet is designed to give a comprehensive look at the 2008-2009 school year with New Life. We did our best to map out the vision for the year, but know that we will make adjustments and additions along the way. Stay connected.

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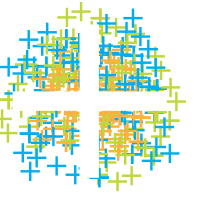
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+ heart attitudes

The Heart Attitudes are the core of what we believe are essential elements of real community. They are drawn from the New Testament by a very smart pastor and former Penn Stater, Harold Bullock.

- 01 To put the interests of others above our own, within scriptural limits.** (Philippians 2:3-4)
- 02 To keep relationships clear with one another.** (Matthew 5:23-24)
- 03 To live honest lives before one another.** (Ephesians 4:25)
- 04 To participate in ministry together.** (I Peter 4:10-11)
- 05 To give and receive spiritual correction, within scriptural limits.** (Hebrews 3:13)
- 06 To follow spiritual authority within scriptural limits.** (Hebrews 13:17)
- 07 To contribute financially to the work of the ministry.** (II Corinthians 9:6-11)





+ connections

Connections is New Life's weekly gathering where we come together with the purpose and vision of learning the 3 Loves.

It's pretty simple really; we are hungry for a God-sized movement on our campus, in our country, and for our world. And we want to go deeper into our 3 Loves:

- + Love God
- + Love the World
- + Love Community

Our format is pretty simple too. We'll gather for a time of worship, and move into a leader-led discussion focused on God's Word and how we can live a life full of Christ. Following that, we move into our

small groups for some more unpacking of the night's topic. This is lead by a member of the Catalyst Leader Development Group (more on page 6). We'll conclude with some announcements and food (of course there's food!).

Feel free to join us any time. Don't worry about being singled out or put on the spot, we won't do that. It is a way of making a concert of prayer, worship, and unity that rises to the Lord. It's a way of aligning ourselves to the heart of God. It's a way of pursuing God in the company of friends.

Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.
+ luke 10.27



+ connections

Tuesdays @ 7pm
Garden Room @
Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

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+ serving @ new life



+ topics for 2008/2009

Here are some topics we'll discuss at Connections. For more info on these and upcoming discussions, visit our website.

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fall 2008

+ Week 01: Intro to New Life and the 3 Loves

+ September: Sacred Pathways

+ October: Unmasked

+ November + December : The Universe Next Door

spring 2009

+ TBD

serving new life opportunities

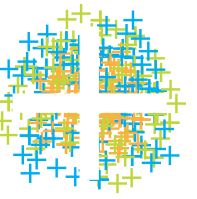
- + connections guru
- + setup team
- + tear down team
- + greeters
- + emcee
- + powerpoint
- + drama/video
- + coldwater worship band
- + website/facebook group coordinator
- + "what's happening" coordinator
- + missional living coordinator
- + planning retreats / short-term mission experiences
- + administrative assistance
- + coordinate sports / IM activities
- + organize lunches / dinner

+ serving at new life

New Life believes that God delights in us, giving each person a unique set of gifts. Utilizing these gifts to the glory of God is part of our joy. We therefore want to encourage and develop your gifts, providing you with opportunities to contribute to Jesus' movement. Several opportunities for contribution exist within our structure.

To see a more detailed description of the service opportunities, and to see how you can be involved, visit, www.newlifepsu.com.





+ catalyst leadership development group

The church is changing.

God is raising up a new generation of leaders to take the message of Truth to a world that is redefining itself faster than ever. To navigate successfully through the transition, a leader must have courage, creativity, and conviction.

The call of the Catalyst Leader is to be courageous in your calling, engaged in your culture, passionate about God, uncompromising in your integrity, and intentional about community.

Catalyst Leadership Development Group is open to anyone in New Life, all it requires is a willingness and a commitment to the Catalyst Covenant.

where there is no vision,
the people perish.
+ proverbs 29.18



+ catalyst

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+ two:forty:two groups

+ catalyst focus

The Catalyst group will focus on developing student leaders in the areas of

- + Character
- + Competence
- + Commitment

within a community of grace and trust

For the full document and more details, visit, www.newlifepsu.com

+ catalyst covenant introduction

Throughout the Bible God has chosen to use certain men and women in unique ways to bring salvation and growth to his people. These spiritual leaders varied in background, race, gender, talents and gifts. Some were great public leaders, others led through less visible service. Some spoke eloquently, others communicated most effectively through their actions. Some were courageous evangelists, others were devoted disciples.

With such a diversity of leaders, how can we know what qualifies one to be a leader? Throughout the whole council of Scripture, a leader is defined not by their talents, personality type or administrative abilities; rather, they are consistently defined according to their character and faith. Effective leaders demonstrate commitment to continually growing in the areas of faith, character, and skill. Commitment to growth in these areas is essential to the success of each student's individual ministry as well as the ministries of New Life as a whole. It follows that what we look for in leadership with New Life at PSU is not only specific skills or abilities, but more importantly, the highest commitment to a godly character and faith. While each leader will be expected to use his or her gifts in specific ways for the building up of the body of Christ at PSU, what qualifies someone to serve as a leader is their commitment to follow Christ in both word and deed.

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In the early days of the Christian church, way before Christian bookstores, radio, church buildings, Bibles, and WWJD bracelets...the people who followed Jesus' way met in a fashion recorded in **Acts 2.42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.** We are looking to form groups within this pattern.

The groups are a smaller option for developing a closer relationship with Jesus, his teachings, and his people (not to mention, a bit of food!). Groups will be forming with 3 or 4 people.

Our intention is to build on the qualities of*:

- + Love
- + Truth
- + Mission

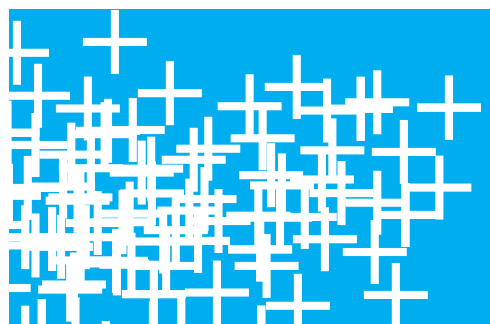
* from the Pursuit of God in the Company of Friends by Richard Lamb. pg 202.

+ two:forty:two option

This optional grouping will be available throughout the semesters and times will be set by the group members. Sign up at Connections or talk with John Petrilli at jdp926@psu.edu.



Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.



ephesians 5.1-2

+ short-term options

To help you get the most out of your semesters at PSU and with New Life, we've developed a few short-term options for you. We realize that everyone has a different schedule and options are always helpful with those differences. Found below is a sampling of what's in store for New Life.

Check page 12 for details on conferences, events, and other opportunities.

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.
+ philemon 6

+ the journey group

The Journey Group is our answer to the question, "what does it mean to follow Jesus?" This foundational group will give you valuable resources for living such as learning how to memorize scripture, how to study the Bible, developing a "story of belief" to share with your friends, time management, and a ton more. Don't miss this opportunity as the things you'll learn will last a lifetime.

semester long

Spring 09: time + dates TBD
cost: \$10

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+ options

6 week study

October 12
October 19
October 26
November 2
November 9
November 16

7.30-9.30 pm @ the wellivers
cost: free (includes dessert)

contact Michelle and Scott:
michellewelliver@gmail.com

+ relating: a study on dating, relating, and loving

First of all, if you ask 10 people for their opinions on dating and relating to the opposite sex, you're likely to get 11 answers. Let's face it, dealing with a relationship can be a tough thing.

There is a lot on the line: chances to get hurt or burned by someone, discovering where the boundaries are in a relationship, risking your heart for someone else, etc. The good news is, relationships aren't new... as humans, we've been dealing with them for centuries.

There's got to be more to relationships than just following all of the bad examples we've seen.

We will use a series of DVDs by Tommy Nelson to work through a significant book called "The Song of Solomon" that sets out God's design for dating, romance, marriage and sex. It's all stuff that God created by design.

This fun and informing study is great for couples who are dating or anyone who wants some better handles on how not to destroy yourself and others in relationships.

+ precept study: daniel 1-6: how to live a biblical worldview

Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview and adhere to it even when it's not the norm.

What is a Precept Study?

An Inductive Bible study shows you how to discover God's Truth for yourself. The concept behind the inductive study method is to get students personally, intimately involved with the subject, observing carefully for themselves. For example, if we were studying frogs using the method, we would begin by taking students to the pond to touch and observe real frogs before taking them to the library to study books about frogs.

At Precept, we use a straightforward investigative approach to open the Bible and build the context for each statement it contains. That's where we find God's precepts—or principles—for life. Inductive study is the tool our students use to collect those precepts to build a God-glorifying, Bible-centered worldview with clear applications to live the abundant, victorious life in Christ.

9 week study

September 15
September 22
September 29
October 6
October 13
October 20
October 27
November 3
November 11

7-9 pm @ Calvary
cost: \$18

contact Kathy:
kathy@newlifepsu.com



+ miscellaneous options for the year

We know it...there's a ton to do at this campus. Here is a smattering of options for you to choose from. Be sure to check the website out for more and future events.

+ kaleo conference

God called. You answered. Now What? KALEO events are specialized conferences designed to guide students to discover, embrace and pursue God's call to a Christian-related vocation and become the leader God called them to be.

KALEO (kal-eh'-o) v. Grk 1. to call aloud, to invite 2. to be called

October 24-25, 2008
Philadelphia, PA
early bird reg. fee: \$25
www.kaleoconference.com

+ exit

So, you're a senior. Now what? Get a job? Get a church? Get on with life? The Senior Exit is a year-long gathering of about-to-be-graduating seniors (and others) who want to know what it will be like to exit the college and enter the real world.

year-long
www.seniorexit.org
contact Erica or Johnny:
erica@calvarysc.org
newlife@psu.edu



+ misc.

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+ options

March 7-14, 2009

Details TBD

+ spring break: Chicago

We are all about sending students to love and serve the world. It's a major love of ours. More details to come on the trip to the Windy City. There is a 10 person limit to the trip, so register soon. Details are forthcoming.

January 2009

Details TBD

www.leadershipadvance.org

+ leadership advance

What comes to mind when you hear the word, LEADERSHIP? Maybe you hear the word, and think, yes, that's for me. Or, maybe you think, I'm not really sure about that. I'm not sure I'm really a "leader." Here's the deal. Don't let the title keep you from opening the book... the LA journey. If you are someone who wonders about God's call on your life...someone who thinks about how God may have uniquely wired you and what part you play in the story He's writing for you, those around you... consider joining us for Leadership Advance 2009. A three-day don't-miss experience of self-exploration, motivating speaking sessions, team challenge, and God coming down.

+ inCounter

In it's sixth year, inCounter is a weekend worship/prayer/meditation gathering designed to help us get a bigger vision of who Jesus is and the hope found in him.

Made up of a network of campus ministries from Pennsylvania and South Jersey, your fellow sojourners are college students like yourself searching after God. Each of you are at different places in your journey, but we hope, pray, and ask that this weekend be a place of refreshment where we can all leave wondering more about God and his glorious grace.

Some of us are 'longtime followers of Jesus', others are new at this whole life. Some of us are skeptical but searching. Some of us were dragged along by a friend!! Whatever the case, we come to encounter God. To go in. To inCounter God.

Our aim is to flex our minds and hearts into new ways (and some very old ways) that would help our souls reconnect with the heart of God. Whether it is in our large group worship gathering, or the safety of community groups, or in solitude, our goal is to know God and to live out dreams as big as He is.

February 6-8, 2009

Camp Joy-El in Greencastle

God is Now Here

Michael Kelly, a speaker/author and developer of THREADS video story series, will be the featured speaker for this years InCounter.

Cost: TBD

www.incounter.org





+ the story behind why we love honduras...by Johnny Pons

Our partnership with Honduras began in May 2002 with a trip to La Acequia, a town of approximately 1000 people, in which we helped build a house for a new pastor of a new church there. We also conducted a Bible Club for kids in the town and contributed in the worship services of the La Acequia Baptist Church.

The experience was positive, but we were uncertain about future plans in the town. We skipped the following year, but returned in May 2004.

In preparation for this trip, I was ready to tell the church that this would be our last year there. However, this year we were accompanied by Helen Paz, whose husband was from La Acequia. Through

her and her relationships with people in the town, I saw the place through a whole new set of eyes – and opportunities.

I felt strongly that God was telling me to hang on here. 5 years later we are more deeply invested than ever.

We now are focusing on five main areas of ministry in La Acequia. We clearly want the people there to know Jesus in a personal way. Life is found in Christ alone.

We are also trying to develop leaders in the community who will lead from a servant's heart and character. We are sponsoring youth to attend Junior High and now high school. We also want to assist the primary school as much as possible.

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We are assisting in the area of public health through a water development project and through providing medicine and wound care to needy individuals.

Lastly we are trying to provide as many opportunities for economic development through resourcing and education on managing money and small business development.

We purchased property in 2006 and are

in the process of constructing a multi-purpose building for housing and possibly a future clinic or pharmacy.

Also in the future we are asking for open doors to establish a junior high in La Acequia with the hope of offering bilingual education.

If you're interested in joining the team for the May 09 trip, applications are available online and due by January 1, 2009.



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+ may 17-29, 2009





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love God.
love the world.
love community.