



Here at New Life Baptist Church, we believe the Bible is the Living,
Breathing word of God and we pray you will be blessed
by the word He has for you today!

Pastor's Corner

Evangelize Equip Edify Expect Change
Educate Exalt



A Note from Pastor Larry E. & First Lady Lillie M. Allen

Hallelujah! We are entering into the last leg of 2019 and moving towards "The Reason for the Season is Jesus", and of course, trying to get ready for the New Year. Can you imagine, the Lord willing, we are getting ready to bust 2020 wide open. Man is that exciting!

As you get involved in all the preparation and the business of Christmas, and as you find that you're getting a little tired, even a little discouraged or depressed, stop and think about the true meaning of what's going on and what it is that you're doing. Then, signal right, and pull over, onto the shoulder of the highway of "busyness", and remember that God has been faithful and that He has given you another year of grace; another year of life; another year of food, another year of monetary provision, and another year of strength. And as hard as things may seem to be in the day that we live in, all of us can stop and rejoice in the fact that just as assuredly as he came once, He will certainly come again!

As we close, Honey and I want you to know that we love you and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and we pray that you'll have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We love you,

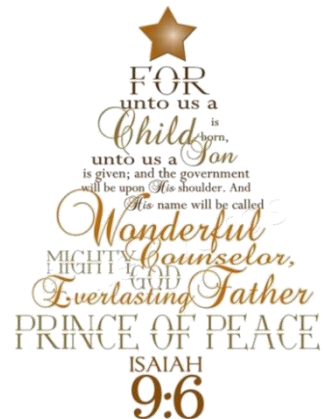
Pastor and Mrs. Lillie M. Allen



UPCOMING Events

Women's Christmas Party | Saturday, December 14, 2019 | 5:00 PM

Hosted at Mrs. Joan McChrison's Home
(Information & Invitation Forthcoming)



**New Life Baptist Church is helping Junction serve meals to those in need
at the Albuquerque Convention Ctr.**

**Thursday, December 19, 2019 | 10:30 am – 2:00 pm | *Sign up - Only 30 spots available!
(Men, Women and Children ages 13 and up are needed)**

MEN's Christmas Potluck & Fellowship | Saturday, December 21, 2019 | 5:00 PM

**Hosted at Mr. Steve Martinez' Home
1910 Avenida Comunidad SE | Rio Rancho, NM 87124**

New Life Baptist Church Christmas Program | **Sunday, December 22, 2019 | 6:30 pm**
Come and celebrate with us this holiday season with a Special Praise & Worship Service



Brother Dennis Rogers, Minister of Music

"It's the most wonderful time of the year"!

Why, because it's the time of year we celebrate our Lord and Savior's birthday, Jesus Christ! The word says it all. Luke 1:30-35 reads: **(30) "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. (33) And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"! Amen and Amen!! Our God, the King of kings and Lord of lords! What a joyous season this is because we as Christians know that we have a personal relationship with Him. It truly is a time to celebrate and rejoice knowing He came to this earth to save us from our sins. As we celebrate Jesus' birthday, let's not forget that He is the "reason for the season"! Let's put away our petty misunderstandings, our selfish ambitions and our negative thoughts and actions and reflect on Jesus, the Savior of the World! "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul; thank you, Lord, for making me whole; thank you, Lord, for giving to me; Thy great salvation so rich and free"!**

Celebrate with us this holiday season with a special Christmas Praise and Worship service, December 22, 2019 at 6:30pm here at New Life Baptist Church.

We look forward to seeing you, and remember, Keep on singing! Love you all!

M.O.M. Dennis Rogers



Pastor Stanley Robinson Jr.



Jesus and Me!

"J.A.M"



Please have your PreK4 – 5th graders join us every Sunday morning at **9:30 am**
10:30 am Jesus & Me "JAM" Children's Church
Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible Study

Every Sunday Morning



9:30 am – Sunday School w/ Senior Pastor Larry E. Allen

10:30 am – Youth Group (6th – 12th) w/ Pastor Stan



**Every Wednesday Evening
@ 7:00 pm - Youth Group**

****Teens, remember to bring \$5 or new toy for the**



to benefit UNM Children's Hospital!

**Saturday, December 14 | Time – TBA
Youth Group will travel to Children's Hospital to donate toys to children and their families at UNM Hospital.**

***Adults welcomed and encouraged to participate! You may participate by donating monetarily to help in purchasing toys or bring in new items such as: Infant, toddler, school age & teen toys, clothes, gift cards, Pajamas, children's books, coloring books and small toys for stocking stuffers.**

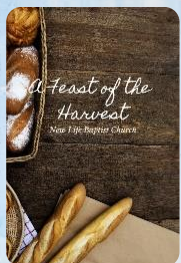


STANDING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Landjur Abukusumo

GRACE – GOD’S UNMERITED FAVOR!

“...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). The strength of God is spiritual in its nature and we must elect to subordinate our flesh to it for it to prevail. We hear in song, prayer, and scripture of the grace and mercy of God. Grace is receiving a blessing from God that we do not deserve; it is unmerited favor. Mercy is not receiving what we do deserve due to our sinful words, actions, or thoughts. The Apostle Peter teaches *“But grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).* The question that leaps to mind is how do we grow in something that is not given for anything we can do on our own? If our acts of goodness cannot on their own merits win us grace, then what are we to do to grow in grace? When we refuse to conform to this world but allow ourselves to be transformed by the renewing of our minds by the Word of God, we lead ourselves toward spiritual perfection. (See Romans 12:2b.) By our obedience to God’s Word we fulfill the purpose He has for our lives. As we absorb more and more of God’s Word it transforms us and we become more like it. Can we then discern that grace is given to those who reflect the Word and become more like that Word with an increasingly greater knowledge of the mind of Jesus Christ? As we become more like Christ, more like the Word of God, we become the rightful recipients of grace in equal proportion to the degree we embody the Word. When we see the issues of life through the precepts of the Word, we supplant our flesh with and by the Spirit of God. We are taught in scripture *“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10-11).*



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1st Church Cookbook!
Cost: \$10*



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

7:00 pm

+ encouraged!

Done
All of your days have
already been written in
God's book. When you go
through a disappointment,
don't stop on that page.
Stay the course.
Keep believing. You may
be tired, discouraged
and frustrated, but don't
give up on your future.
Our God is faithful.



Pastor Johnny McChriston

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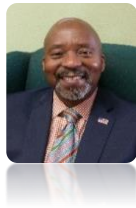
***Remember to grab a MEN'S T.E.A.M. SHIRT as a gift
for your spouse, a friend or someone special!**

(Short and long sleeve options are available.)

**Please contact Pastor Johnny or Brother Steve Martinez,
should you need or like to purchase one.**

Cost: \$30 each (short or long sleeve)





A note from...



EVANGELISM:
Sharing Christ With Others

Brother Adam Jacobs, Evangelism Director

5 Simple Ways to Share Christ this Christmas

Christmas is one of the holidays where engaging others in a Gospel conversation can be easier and more natural. It is a time of sharing laughter, food and, of course, gifts. And there is no better gift to be shared than the Good News of Jesus. He truly is the reason for the season!

1. Invite another family to go with you to Christmas Eve services and use it as a Gospel conversation starter.

If there's ever a time people are pre-conditioned to go to church it's on Christmas Eve. The Christmas story becomes an excellent entry point to the Gospel message. Maybe have them over afterwards and ask the following questions: *"So why do you think the story of Jesus' birth is so important to so many churches?"* or *"What was the most meaningful part of the service to you?"*

2. Write someone a personal letter that explains the Gospel in the context of Christmas.

There's nothing more powerful than a hand-written, heartfelt letter. A letter is both personal and permanent (because typically people don't throw hand-written letters away!) The entire book of John was a hand-written letter primarily written to those who had not yet believed in Jesus. That's why the Apostle wrote, *"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."* (John 20:31.)

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3. Send someone a link to a short video that clearly shares the Gospel.

There are many great videos that can be used to share the good news of Jesus this holiday season. Here are just a few:

How to Share the Gospel – The Bridge – Napkins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5GG2prKnJc>

Record Book of Sins Illustration
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqsGXu3DJOc>

4. Invite them over for a meal or movie night.

Invite some family, friends or neighbors over for a meal and movie night. There's nothing like a meal together and a few laughs to open the door for a deeper conversation about the thing that matters most...our relationship with Jesus!

5. Just have the conversation.

Not to be too simplistic but maybe, just maybe, it's time to just bring it up. Ask the person God has placed on your heart where they are spiritually, what their view of God is and what they think about this whole *"Jesus thing."* Then, after you listen to them deeply, share with them honestly about why you're a Christian. Be upfront about how much Jesus means to you and just explain the Gospel message as clearly and compellingly as you can. The Holy Spirit will be with you every step of the way! *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

Live for Jesus!!



Just a reminder! There's still time to...

"Catch- Up" on your Tithe
Prepare for your "Year – End" giving
Give Sacrificially

****All "Year-End giving may be made in person, online, "text to give" or by mail.**

Please note: Mailed contributions must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31 to receive 2019 credit.

Here's How It Works!

New Life Baptist Church has a unique **"Text to Give" number (505) 207-0071.**

You may use this number to give your tithes, offerings, and donations.

- 1: Open a new text message on your phone. Text an amount to (505) 207-0071 (E.g. "10 tithe" or any amount)
- 2: Click on registration link in the response to securely enter your payment information. Fill out your payment information and click "Submit" to complete the transaction. (This will only need to be done once) You will receive an email asking for verification. Click the link and your transaction is complete. **It's simple and secure!**

For more information, or if you may have questions, please contact the church office at (505) 352.2628