

**We believe it is by no accident that you received this brochure.**

We hope that you will pray about becoming a part of **NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP**, as God leads you.

We highly suggest & recommend that you go to our **website** and pray over the information regarding **who we are, what we believe,** and **how and what we do** so that you can have enough information to help you make an intelligent, **prayerful** decision regarding becoming a part of **NEW LIFE**.

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**God's GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, PERSONALLY:**

We want to give you an opportunity to **know** the **SAVIOR** who has changed our lives, **JESUS CHRIST**.

**GOD SENT HIS ONLY, UNIQUE SON...** to be a **sacrifice** to **pay the penalty** for all of our **sin** on a cruel **Cross**.

God the Father, **punished** Jesus Christ, His Son... on the **Cross...** for each & every one of us (*in our place*)... all of us are **sinners** by nature and all of us have **sinned**. God **paid it** all thru **Jesus Christ**.

After 3 days & 3 nights, Jesus Christ **ROSE from the DEAD, Alive & Victorious** over the power of Satan, hell, sin, the grave, & death... **for each one of us**. Jesus Christ conquered all the enemies of God and the enemies of our soul... **to set us free**. He is our Champion, our Warrior, our Conqueror, and our Great **Rescuer (Savior)**.

**God, Himself, invites** you to **surrender** your life to Jesus Christ, and take Jesus Christ as your **RESCUER (Savior)** and **LORD** (ruler of your life). **Please pray to receive Him** and ask Him for **forgiveness** of your sins (admit you are a sinner, in need of a Savior) and give your life to Him, **today**. **Trust** Him for your everlasting salvation.

He gives **Eternal Life**, everlasting **forgiveness** of sins, **abundant** life, and a **forever relationship** with God & with those of His family. (John 3:15-20; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:8-13; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Ephesians 2:8,9)

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## **NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

*A Family-Integrated / Intergenerational / Small Group-oriented / Church Family*

*A 21st Century version of the 1st Century, biblically-based "Simple Church"*

*New Wineskins for our Messiah's New Wine...*

*... gathering together **Publicly** and from **House to House** ...*

*(Acts 2:42-47; 5:42; 20:20)*

### **WHO WE ARE...**

We are a **Brand-New** Biblically-based, Family-Integrated, local church family in the Greater Charleston, SC area.

Let's look at **our** definition of what a **local church family** is:

**Biblically**, a **"church"** is a group of born-again disciples of Jesus Christ who have been **KNITTED** together, from the **heart**, to **Worship** and **Serve** God, **together**. Biblically, **IT IS NOT** a nonprofit corporation, a charitable religious tax-exempt organization that is a Church. A Church is **not** a **place** either, biblically. It is **PEOPLE** (disciples of Jesus Christ) who have found that **following God together** in **building each other up** in their most Holy **FAITH AND SPREADING** that **FAITH** is the most important thing in Life.

We are a **Simple** church. We are a **BIBLE-BASED** church family that is **FAMILY-INTEGRATED, PEOPLE-ORIENTED** (not Program-Oriented), **INTERGENERATIONAL**, and we are **JESUS-LOVERS**.

**FIRST AND FOREMOST**, we are a **BIBLICALLY-BASED** local church family. The Bible is our **foundation** of **WHO WE ARE**, how we are **ORGANIZED**, **what we DO**, and **HOW WE DO** what we do, **together**. We love **God and His Holy Word, the Bible**, and we love **studying the Bible**, together. We love the Bible being taught **ACCURATELY**, thoroughly, and with **much depth**. We seek to apply God's Word, to obey it, to live according to it... helping each other with that obedience in that process of growing in Him, together. We like to say, that we Serve **well-done, thick, juicy Steaks... the Meat of God's Holy Word**, faithfully, consistently & diligently... we do **NOT** serve pudding snacks. Thus, in all that we are, say & do, and how we do what we do... we seek to **BE** and **DO** according to God's Holy Word... knowing we are imperfect people, following a perfect **LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ**.

We are a **SIMPLE** church family... in the sense of **not** having programs... we are organized like the Early church was... as seen in the New Testament documents. We seek to have **Simple Leadership Structure, Simple Gatherings** (meeting publicly in large gatherings... and in **in-home** small group gatherings).

We are **FAMILY-INTEGRATED** and **INTERGENERATIONAL**. Instead of developing and maintaining a multitude of age-segregated "departments" and "programs"... like some sort of business... we focus on whole families (i.e.: "*Family-Integrated*") and each individual, of **ALL AGES** (i.e. "*Intergenerational*"), as our overall ministry of our local church family. We focus on fostering, equipping, and encouraging God's Biblically-based **IDEAL** for **marriage and family**... without compromise and without condemnation. So, when we gather in large and/or small groups, we gather as whole families of all ages, together, fostering a "family" atmosphere of relationships as mutual brothers, sisters, spiritual aunts and uncles, spiritual grandpas and grandmas, etc... in our local church family. **Part of our focus is equipping parents so that they can disciple their own children in the faith of Jesus Christ.** (Deut. 6:4ff)

We believe in **MEMBERSHIP... *covenantal membership***. We know that there is a large **SPECTRUM** of opinions and practices by many churches out there... from "*no membership*" to "*extremely legalistic membership*" practices. We have sought to find **MIDDLE-GROUND** regarding this subject and we believe that we have been led by Jesus Christ into a Biblically-based practice regarding this subject. For more information on this subject, please see our **website** at:

→ <http://www.newlifefellowship.us/html/membership.html>

## **WE ARE A FREE CHURCH...**

We are what is called a "**FREE CHURCH**". We are a non-denominational, non-affiliated, independent local church family... we are **NOT** a business, **NOT** a corporation, and **NOT** a non-profit corporation... also, we are **NOT** a **501(c)3** IRS-based entity either, **since** according to the IRS, **churches are ALREADY tax-exempt, without signing up with them**. Therefore, **we are a FREE Church**... just like the churches that were started by the early founders of this nation, the United States of America... even back in the early Colonial days... those who fled Europe to get away from government-run, government-regulated, government-sponsored, government-controlled churches and religion. We are **free** of governmental interference, even as our U.S. Constitution **guarantees** and **acknowledges** those God-given rights regarding churches in the **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment** in the Bill of Rights: "**CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.**" (*emphasis mine*)

We must also remember that God **commands** disciples of Jesus Christ to pray for our government, for our government officials, etc... and to submit to the "laws of the land" as long as they do not conflict with God's laws.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4; Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Acts 4:17-21; 5:27-29)

Regarding church family **LEADERSHIP**, as we briefly mentioned before, we seek to keep it very simple and biblical. Currently we have a pastoral-elder, our founding pastor-teacher, Pastor Andy Thomas. And, we also have Pastor Josh White, another pastor-teacher/pastoral elder on the leadership team. As time goes by and God blesses us with more people, we will seek God to add to the pastoral-elder leadership team qualified men according to the mandates described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Hebrews 13:7,17, and other related passages in the Bible. If you would like more information regarding the qualifications of a pastoral-elder, we do have a hand-out on this subject that we can provide per your request (either online, email, or by phone).

**Our overall MISSION** is to Make, Grow, and Multiply Doctrinally Healthy, On-Fire, biblically sound, Disciples of Jesus Christ... so that they can Make, Grow, and Multiply Doctrinally Healthy, On-Fire, biblically sound, Disciples of Jesus Christ ... and so on... and so on... both locally and globally (see Matt. 28:18-20). This involves every believer in our Fellowship of every age.

Please consider being a part of **NEW LIFE**.