

The “Good News” of Good News Church Entering a Real Relationship with Jesus

1. Reality of God’s Desire

God loves you and invites you to a lifelong, relationship with Him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

2. Reality of our Problem

Being in a real relationship with God is not automatic, because we are by nature separated from God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

3. Reality of God’s Remedy

Jesus died on the Cross, taking the penalty for our sins and removing all barriers between a holy God and us. Then Jesus rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death.

For Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. (4)... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3b-4)

4. Real Response

When you respond by faith to Jesus as God’s remedy for your spiritual needs, Jesus comes to you in a real spiritual encounter and forms a relationship connection with you. He forgives you and makes you a member of God’s eternal family.

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirits that we are God’s children. (Romans 8:16)

You can respond to Jesus by praying. To keep it real, we’ve used ordinary words in this model prayer.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You died on the Cross and rose again so that I can be forgiven. I know that I am separated from You by the wrong stuff that’s in my life. I’m sorry. Please forgive me. Right now I turn from the wrong stuff and give my life to You. I ask You to come into my heart and take control of my life.

Faith: The Heart of the Deal

Welcome and Prayer

Worship Songs—Jenny Burkett/Praise Band

10,000 Reasons

Worthy of it All

Surrounded (Fight My Battles)

Ministry Moments:

Trunk or Treat

Offering— *As the Mountains*

Ministry of Prayer

Message—Pastor Deryl Reinhold

Closing Worship Song— *It is Well*

(Individuals may receive communion at the back table.)

Prayer

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Welcome Friends

We welcome all of our visitors and guests to our service!

Nursery

The Nursery is available during church services for parents with little children to use as needed. There is not a scheduled nursery worker. There is a video feed of the Celebration Service into the nursery, if a parent wishes to use it.

Sunday Morning Ministries for Children and Youth

Here is this week's Children's and Youth Groups Meeting Schedule.

Preschool through Grade 1—go to class (Room 5) at the Offering time

Grades 2—5—go to class (Room 5) at the Offering time

Grades 6—8—class plans will be announced in the service.

Grades 9 and up—class plans will be announced in the service.

Group Meetings—Join a Group, or Start a Group!!

At Good News Church, we believe that every Christian has authority to speak the Good News of Jesus and to gather people together to encourage each other to live like Jesus. We “grow and go” better in relationship than in isolation. So “join or start a group!”

- ◆ The **Encouragers Group** typically meets for a potluck meal, and a time of worship and encouragement from the Word of God on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Most participants are in their golden years, but everybody is welcome to attend regardless of their age. **The next meeting will be next Sunday, October 14th.**
- ◆ **Ladies' Bible Study**—The group will study “Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed” a study of the OT character David. **The group meets this Wednesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.** See Eileen Sones
- ◆ **Men's 27:17 Group** – A men's breakfast group that meets at Peppermill Restaurant (1010 Wesley Dr #100, Mechanicsburg) from 6:30 until 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, friendship, devotional, and prayer. **The group will meet this Wednesday, October 10th.**
- ◆ **Intercessory Prayer Group**—meets from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. every Thursday to pray for the Kingdom of God to come and the will of God to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Everyone is invited. **We will meet this Thursday evening.**

Upcoming Events

Wed	Oct 10th	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sun	Oct 14th - 20th	12:00 p.m.	Hurricane Relief Outreach
Sun	Oct 14th	6:00 p.m.	Encouragers Group
Sun	Oct 21st	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Connect Group
Wed	Oct 24	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
Sun	Oct 28	10:30 a.m.	Baptism and Child Dedication
Wed	Oct 31st	6:00 p.m.	Annual Trunk or Treat Outreach

Baptism and Child Dedication Service

The next Baptism and Child Dedication Service at Good News Church will take place on Sunday October 28th during the 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service. **We encourage all believers to be baptized.** This has been a practical way to make a clear, public statement of following Jesus since the beginning of the church. **If you are interested in learning more about being baptized, please see one of our pastors** and take one of the booklets entitled “Preparing for Christian Baptism.”

We encourage all parents to publicly dedicate your children to Jesus in the presence of the entire church. **For more information about Child Dedication, please see a pastor.**

Operation Matthew 25:35

The outreach group—**Operation Matthew 25:35**—is a team-based ministry that responds to the needs of homeless friends. Recently, Pastor Al met with the Ex. Director of an agency that ministers to the homeless. There is a great need! **Would you be interested in being part of a Operation Matthew 25:35 Connect Group that would meet two times a month?** One meeting would be an intergenerational group meeting for spiritual growth and ministry planning. The other monthly meeting would be to volunteer in ministry to a specific group of homeless friends. Please use the Connect Card to indicate if you are interested.

Hurricane Disaster Relief Team

A team from Good News Church will be joining Samaritan's Purse relief efforts in Jacksonville, NC, one of the areas hard-hit by Hurricane Florence from October 14-20. The volunteers will be working on house clean-up projects, debris removal, and/or meal preparation for the volunteers. The team of volunteers are: Sue & Tom Sherk, Pastor Al Sones, Paul Dojka, Frank Heffelfinger, Gail & Floyd Eckenroad, Dave Wilson and Renee Foskett. Please pray for the team as they are preparing for this outreach, for the Samaritan's purse team that are already in the area and for the people of Jacksonville to be open to the gospel and to their ministry with them.

Young Adult Connect Group—Sunday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to enjoy a fun and warm night-in with snacks, devotionals, a group game, and lots of laughter. Please feel free to bring something to add to the table to share and a friend or two! We will meet at the Sones' home.

Leadership Team Meetings Schedule

The Leadership Team will be meeting monthly on the third Wednesday of the month for the remaining of the year. **The meeting scheduled for October 17 is rescheduled for October 24.** The remaining meetings will be on November 21 and December 19.

Sunday Morning Hospitality

We need volunteers to occasionally **bring snack items** for our Sunday morning refreshment table. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Café.

Communion Offered Every Sunday Morning

We offer communion every Sunday morning for any individuals who want to partake. There is a table at the back of the auditorium where the elements of communion are available during the response song at the end of the service. A communion service for the entire congregation is offered monthly. Our Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

Financial Report YTD

The average General Fund offering each week through September 30, 2018 was \$3000. Total giving YTD is \$117,001 Through the first nine months of 2018, General Fund giving has increased by 12% over last year's trends. As this increase in giving trends continues, the Leadership Team is praying about adding a part-time Ministry Staff position in 2019. The congregation owes \$145,621 on our mortgage which reduces by about \$1680 each month from the monthly payment of \$2294.