

New Life Youth Group September Newsletter

Note: We will not have Youth Group on Labor Day weekend - September 5th. Please enjoy the weekend with your family.

New Name - New Life Youth Group

We have recently done some rebranding at the church particularly our name. (No need to worry, our programs will remain as fun and enjoyable as always). Please note that on emails and other written communications, we will now be known as "New Life Youth Group". We will also be designing a new youth group logo which our students are being called upon for their input. We want to use some of their creative ideas as we rebrand our student ministry logo and our new look. So, come to youth group this September and share your thoughts and designs with the group as together we create a new logo for our group.

Color Battle Activity

On Sunday September 18th we have planned an activity using powdered dye to "color" white t-shirts. Each student will receive a free shirt and plan a game to color each other's shirts. Students will form teams, make alliances and try to keep their shirt colorless as possible. This fun filled activity will take place outside toward the end of youth group that evening. We recommend everyone wear "play clothes" to youth group that night. While the white shirts we provide will be put on over our street clothing, we may get our shorts and sneakers dirty (dyed too). The white t-shirt will not fully prevent the dye from getting on the clothing so plan accordingly and don't wear your mint colored youth group shirt that night. While the dye is manufactured for this type of event, we will provide goggles for those who wish to use them. Following the event, printed instructions will be given out detailing how to properly "set" the dye into the T-shirt to preserve it.

Teen Confirmation Class

This is an opportunity for students to learn more about God, His son Jesus Christ, and how much He loves us. Confirmation is the class students take to become a member of our church as a teenager. In this class you will learn what baptism is, what communion is/means, as well as several other traditions we do at church that may need a bit more of an explanation as to why we do them and what they stand for. Classes are about 1 hour in length and there are only 4 classes in total. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Pastor Tim ASAP as classes will start this fall.

We love to support our teens in all the "Extra" stuff students participate in outside of school

We want to cheer you on at your after school and weekend extracurricular events and activities. We love shouting and clapping as students perform whether that's on the court, field or stage. We enjoy attending and watching and drama productions, chorus concerts, band recitals, art shows, dance showcases, sporting events parade performances, and other community activities in which students are involved. Please forward us your athletic schedule or special event calendar and we will do our best to come out and support your hard work and dedication to the activities you love to do.

Laser Tag Activity

On Sunday September 25th we will have a Laser Tag activity in the Gym. Students will split in groups of 4 or 5 with their friends and compete in this "Capture the Flag" style event. Teens are asked to wear dark clothing night as teammates will try to hide and seek for the opponent's Flag.

YoungLife and WyldLife Clubs will resume again very soon

YoungLife a fun, faith-based program for just high school that usually meets at the Town Center Mall. WyldLife is for Middle School students and meets at our local middle schools one day a week immediately following dismissal. Be on the lookout for the schedule of when these groups will begin to meet this semester and consider joining these amazing organizations with your friends whenever your schedule allows.

(Note: WyldLife Club at Punta Gorda Middle begins on Sept 15th immediately following school in the cafeteria.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

This October 16th during our regular youth group meeting time, we (the New Life Youth Group) will be the hosts of a churchwide Shoebox Packing Party! This fun annual event will include some of the normal Christmas party traditions like Christmas cookies, candy canes and our famous Christmas punch. We will have gifts too, but the twist is, they aren't for us. We will sort and creatively display hundreds of small children's gifts that we will then pack in over 100 shoeboxes for children living in impoverished countries around the globe. More detail will be included in the October calendar/newsletter but save the date now and plan to attend this special activity. We also have more red "Alpaca" shoebox T-shirts for any teens who did not receive one at our party last year.

Halloween at New Life Church

It's not too early to start thinking about this huge event that happens on our campus on October 31st each year. Last year we welcomed over 10,000 people to our church campus and it was an amazing night. This year we are extending the event by 1 hour so the official event times will be 5pm – 9pm! The Punta Gorda public works department along with the police department are closing off Marion Avenue and West Retta Esplanade including all the side streets between those two beginning at 4pm. Plan alternate routes to get to the church (McGregor Street and Olympia Ave. will remain open).

We (New Life Youth Group) will be in charge of decorating the church van (Minions Theme) along with handing out stickers and glow sticks to the children who come to our "Trunk or Treat" that night.

We are asking our teens to volunteer with their friends for any one of our three 90 minute shifts as listed below.

(4:45 - 6:15pm, 6:15 - 7:45pm or 7:45 - 9:15pm) There is a sign-up sheet in the youth room.

Feel free to come dressed in a minions themed costume/attire if you want to join in our theme. (simply Google ideas for yellow and blue clothing to wear that night).

New Life Church Sunday Worship Service Schedule

8am Traditional Worship Service at Gilchrist Park (Weather permitting)

9:15am Contemporary Service in the Life Center

9:30am Teen Sunday School Class in Room 6 (2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of each month unless otherwise noted on the calendar)

11am Traditional Worship Service in the life Center

The New Life Youth Group is a ministry sponsored by New Life Church

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