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Every Member Response Sunday 2006 Financial Pledges November 20, 2005

On Sunday, November 20th, the members of New Life in Christ will come together to make their financial pledges for the ministry in Christ's name that takes place through our congregation.

As we all know, the old nemesis called inflation seems to creeping back into our lives. Inflation along with other needed increases dictate that our budget will increase about 4% for 2006. Details of the budget will be presented to the congregation at our Annual Congregational Meeting in December. Our membership for 2006 is going to be pretty much the same as our 2005 membership.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee is asking that every member give prayerful consideration about what their 2006 pledge will be.

We continue to "Live by Faith" as we gather our Every Member Financial Responses. This means that Your Pledge Card will not have a place for your name. Your pledge is between you and God. It will be placed in a blank envelope and placed on the NLIC altar on the 20th of November as part of our worship.

Your envelope will never be opened. However, the envelopes with the Pledge Cards will be used with the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday celebration to make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Lenten Service. This process insures that your pledge is between you and God. In addition it means that we at NLIC live and do ministry by faith.

A copy of the Pledge Card is located to the left of this article. Your formal Pledge Card and envelope will be found on the table in the fellowship hall for you to pick up and use on November 20th.

The Nail

(Author Unknown)

As the story goes, they built a new church building and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure - except the nail! No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous.

"If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!" So the nail then released its hold, slid down the roof, and fell in the mud.

That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit!

But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by rust! The moral of the story - **EVERY MEMBER IS IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH!** You may, like the nail, feel obscure at times, but just like the nail, your absence is felt. When you are not present for worship, in some way the body of Christ hurts. We are ALL a part of the Lord's ministry.

Thoughts for the Journey

Listen To My Story

(By J. Daniel Lupton, 1984 [cf. Psalm 31])

Listen to my story of the providence of God,
How He weaves our faults and failures, and all we do that's odd.
He guides His own unerringly in spite of all we do,
The product is the life He planned, the glory He foreknew.

From the moment of conception, encircled by His love,
Till the last breath is taken, naught forsaken from above.
Life has its moments when we wonder, question, "*Was God there?*"
That fork long ago taken, "*did God lead or did I err?*"

Faith claims the answer that fear well nigh casts away,
God is greater than our choices, though much weakness we betray.
If Satan with his forces, can't deter God's plan one trace,
Shall a confused but praying saint, God's best blindly erase?

My times are in thy hand, O Lord, in Thee I place my trust,
Deliver me from every fear, reward me with what's just.
For thy name's sake thou hast led me, pulled me from the net,
Today I'm given courage, for tomorrow no regret.

Celebrating with our Members

November Birthdays

Month/Day	Person
11/2	Roiger, Sandra
11/5	Draper, Laura
11/5	Dykman, Neva
11/6	Palermo, Jerry
11/6	Wing, Terry
11/8	Doller, Andrew
11/9	Scott, Kyle
11/11	Green, Mary
11/11	Roberts, Ralph
11/11	Strickland, William
11/17	Hicock, Anita
11/22	Holcomb, Marian
11/26	Palermo Barbara
11/28	Aars, Michael
11/29	Dykman, Azella
11/29	Scott, Sandi
11/30	Johnson, Robert

November Baptisms

Month/Day	Person
11/1	Carey, Eliza
11/1	Carey, Jennifer
11/6	Wing, Ben
11/16	Aars, Barbara
11/18	Carter, Dawn
11/22	Scott, Kyle
11/23	Aars, Rallin
11/27	Bartlett, Christopher
11/28	Robbins, Jim
11/29	Layne, Ryan

November Anniversaries

Month/Day	Person
11/15	Dana & Trey Alexander
11/20	Belen & Peter Eck
11/25	Jeff & Nora Hopkins

Bon Appetit

Bon Appetit will meet on November 12, 2005 at the Italian restaurant Fontana in Grand Prairie. The sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

FREE FIREWOOD

Ralph Roberts would like to give away firewood for free. All you have to do is pick it up. You can call Ralph for further information at 972-298-2449.

The Quilters

We are still in need of stuffing for our quilts. Old blankets and mattress pads are fine. Also if anyone would like to sew tops or backs we need you. Questions call Marion Teske @ 972-937-7547.

Progressive Dinner

Plans are coming along so mark your calendars for Sat. Dec 3rd. The fun starts at 5 PM with Robbins doing appetizers. Next to Bryans for salads and then on to Askelsons for main course, dessert and the Wright family game with white elephants. We'll have maps and a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. This is a good time to meet new and old friends and start the Christmas season.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT IS HAPPENING -

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 AM every Sunday for pre-K thru Adults. **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** come, hang out with your friends and discuss many different topics from *FEAR, REPUTATION, CORRUPTION AND HONESTY*.

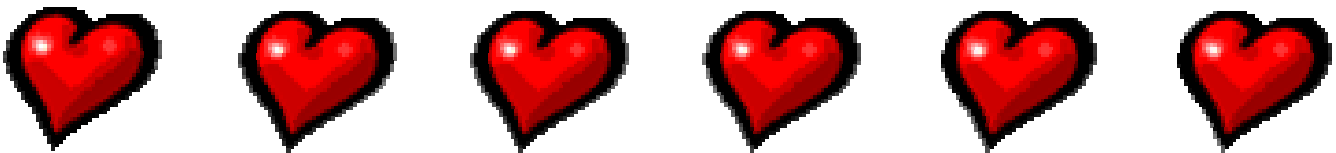
WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN -

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER, a repeat from last year - everyone gets to participate: **NEEDED SOMEONE TO ORGANIZE THE MESS!** Please contact Education Committee if you are interested.

NEEDED volunteers for Children's Church. Questions as to what to do? Talk to Cindy Carey, she can help!

SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS!!!!!!

BLOOD DRIVE: The Bloodmobile from Carter Blood Care will be here on Sunday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available starting November 6th in the Fellowship Hall. You must be at least 17 years of age and in good general health. There is no upper age limit. The minimum weight requirement is 110 lbs. The sign-up table will have other blood donor guidelines including temporary and permanent disqualifications. If you are unable to give blood please consider signing up to bring a snack for those who are able to give. Please stop by and consider giving the "gift of life".



DOM HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS: Throughout the month of November and through December 11th, we will be collecting certain items for the Duncanville Outreach Ministry (DOM) to use in their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. This helps to brighten the holidays for many disadvantaged people in our area who qualify for this special program. DOM can use all kinds of staples but have specifically requested the following:

- * Turkeys
- * Instant Mashed Potatoes
- * Canned Goods: Sweet potatoes, fruit and vegetables
- * Stovetop Cornbread Stuffing
- * Brown and Serve Rolls

All donations can be placed in the wicker basket located in the Fellowship Hall. Checks can also be made out to DOM and placed in the basket or in the offering plate. Thank you for helping others to have a wonderful holiday.



ANGEL TREE: Look for the Angel Tree and nametags around mid-November. This program is through the Duncanville Outreach Ministry and allows our church members to provide up to 3 gifts for a deserving underprivileged child. The gifts should not exceed a combined total of \$ 30.00 per child. Please be sure and wrap the gifts and put them in a trash bag with the nametag on the outside of the bag. Please watch for the exact date that the gifts must be at the church as it will be early in December. Thank you for your help in brightening the holidays for these needy children. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Metting or Pat Johnston.



MEALS ON WHEELS HOLIDAY GIFT PROJECT

Again this year, we will be collecting toiletries for distribution at Christmas to recipients of Meals on Wheels Duncanville route. Beginning mid-November, there will be a basket in the Fellowship Hall for your donations of:

- shampoo
- hand lotion
- toothpaste
- individually wrapped toothbrushes
- bar soap
- wash cloth
- adult size tube socks

We have 23 people on our route at present, but will need 25 of each item just in case.

Thank you for your generosity.
THE SERVICE COMMITTEE