



New Life™ The LifeChanger

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JOHN 15:5

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Vision 2026 WINS!!!!

- Accepted Christ - 10
- Rededicated to Christ - 24
- Joined New Life - 41
- Guests - 174
- New Kids/Teens - 46
- LifeChanger 101 Complete - 22

UPDATE: 2026 GIVING: 43% of the \$2.8m goal

UPDATE: After The Storm Capital Campaign:
Repair. Restore. Upgrade.

Total raised \$120,419.75 - 42% OF total pledged
Total pledged \$311,462.21
Goal \$1,000,000.00

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Dear LifeChangers,

Approximately eighteen months ago, after much prayer and discernment, the Vision Board and I concluded that the time had come for First Lady and I to take a sabbatical. We even applied for a Lilly Foundation grant to help fund it. Although we were not selected, we trusted that God would provide in His own way and in His own time. He has done exactly that. For the first time in our entire ministry, **we will be taking a two-month sabbatical during the months of July and August.**

This is not a season of stepping away from the ministry; it is a season of stepping deeper into God's renewal. Our prayer is that these weeks will leave us spiritually refreshed, emotionally restored, mentally renewed, physically strengthened, and more fully prepared for the next season of ministry God has for us together.

Please know that the ministry of New Life will continue without interruption. Worship services, Bible studies, ministries, outreach, and all of our regular activities will continue as scheduled.

During our absence, Pastor Travis and Pastor Mo will faithfully serve as Acting Senior Pastors, supported by our outstanding clergy, deacons, ministry leaders, staff, and LifeChanger Covenant Partners. They have my complete confidence, and we ask that you extend to them the same love, respect, cooperation, and support that you have faithfully shown us over the years.

This sabbatical is also an opportunity for us, as LifeChangers, to demonstrate an important biblical truth: our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus Christ NOT to Bishop and First Lady. The Church belongs to Him. He is the Chief Shepherd, the Head of the Church, and the One who purchased it with His own blood. We are about to find out whether you esteem us higher than Christ. Please, don't give us Gods' glory, it is his alone, But that's what you will do if you don't show up, serve, give, pray, etc.

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LifeChanger Letter (continued)

For years we have reminded you that our faith is built upon Christ—not upon any one pastor, preacher, or personality. Our prayer is that during these two months our commitment to worship, prayer, serving, generosity, evangelism, and discipleship will remain just as strong as ever. In doing so, we testify that our devotion has always been to Christ and His Kingdom.

Rather than viewing own absence as a pause, we hope you will see it as an opportunity to strengthen the very culture we have worked so hard to build together. Continue inviting others. Continue serving faithfully. Continue giving generously. Continue loving one another. Continue making disciples. Continue glorifying God.

One thing we ask of you is this: please do not allow my sabbatical to become an occasion for division, discouragement, or disengagement. Instead, let it become a **testimony of the spiritual maturity of this church**. Encourage one another, pray for one another, and lift up those who are carrying additional leadership responsibilities during these months. Most of all, we ask for your prayers. Pray that this season will be one of renewal, refreshing, restoration, reflection, and regeneration. Pray that I return with greater vision, greater strength, and greater passion to continue leading New Life into the future God has prepared for us. Thank you for your incredible love, your faithfulness, and your prayers. It is one of the greatest privileges of our lives to serve as your Pastor and First Lady. We love you deeply, and we look forward to seeing all that God will do while we are away—and even more, what He will do when we gather again. Grace and Peace,

Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr., PhD
Senior Pastor

LifeChangers are featured in the production below. Please support!



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The Gospel
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"No place like home...in His love."

July
24TH - 26TH
3 PERFORMANCES

DATES/TIMES:
July 24th at 7 pm | July 25th at 7 pm | July 26th at 6 pm
(DOORS OPEN 60 MIN PRIOR TO SHOW TIME)

TICKETS:
\$25 in advance | \$35 at the door
\$10 Kids (6-12 yrs) | VIP Tickets \$50

LOCATION:
616 Garfield Hubbard Sr. Blvd | East St. Louis, IL 62203
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL (618) 397-9099

Hello Life Changers,

You are cordially invited to the wedding of Rickey Gray and Erica McNair!

to be held on **July 25th, 2026** here at **New Life Church**. The ceremony will start at 4 p.m. ALL Life Changers are welcomed and Rickey and I would love to see each of you there. Unfortunately, due to limited seating, the reception is by invitation only. We hope that you understand and will still share in our special day by attending the wedding. We thank you for your understanding and we can't wait to see you!





Making HalfTime Adjustments

Hey, Bruh! Hey, Bruh! July is off to a scorching start isn't it? Summer is doing what it's supposed to do. My question is, "Are you doing what you're supposed to be doing?"

If you've ever played a sport or are even a casual fan, you're familiar with halftime. Halftime is the intermission after half a game has been played. Teams often use this time to assess their gameplan and make any necessary adjustments. It's not unusual for the coach to give the team a motivational speech. A great example of such comes from the movie Remember The Titans. If you haven't seen the movie, check it out. If you have seen it, you'll recall that the movie is set in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971. The team is composed of black and white players at a recently integrated high school. The players have gone through a range of emotional experiences: a new coach, changing group dynamics, peer pressure, and of course, racism. All of this is the backdrop to their key goal – winning the state football championship. It's half-time and the Titans (currently undefeated) are losing. Coach Boone played by Denzel Washington gives a passionate speech about how they have grown as a team and as young men. He says, "Win or lose, they should be proud of what they accomplished." To which a player reminds Coach Boone that he has always coached them to "Be Perfect". Not that they did everything perfectly, but their win/loss record is perfect and they intended keep it that way. They went on to win the game.

I bring this up because I know you started the year off with certain goals in mind. If your life has been life-ing, it's not surprising that you may be short on some of the goals you had at the beginning of the year. You may feel like throwing in the towel. I came to remind you that just like the Titans, you don't have to do everything perfectly to arrive a perfect result. If you need to make halftime adjustments, do the following:

1. Seek God's wisdom.

a. James 1:5 states, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all . . . and it will be given to you."

2. Don't let fear or doubt creep in.

a. Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

3. Expect setbacks.

a. The path to success is rarely linear. There will be things we didn't expect or take into account, but we can still arrive at our intended destination. Remember Jer. 29:11, God's plan is to prosper us not to harm us and to give us a hope and a future.

4. Put your plan in God's hands.

a. Prov. 16:3 says, "Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Look at where you are on those Faith, Finance, and Fitness goals. Assess. Adjust. Win! But most of all, DON'T QUIT! I'd love to hear about your successes and your challenges. murrayha26@gmail.com

JOIN OUR CHURCH FACILITY SCHEDULING & REPAIRS VOLUNTEER TEAM!
SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, HELP CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

WHAT WE DO: FACILITY OVERSEEING	WHY VOLUNTEER?	JOIN THE TEAM!
EVENT SCHEDULING Coordinate church events, services, and facility bookings.	SUPPORT THE MINISTRY Ensure a welcoming environment for worship and programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPIRIT FOR SERVICE
FACILITY USE MANAGEMENT Manage room assignments, setup requirements, and equipment needs.	USE YOUR SKILLS Utilize your talents in coordination, maintenance, or logistics.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATTENTION TO DETAIL
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE Identify issues, track repairs, work with contractors, perform basic fixes.	MAKE A LASTING IMPACT Keep our sacred spaces beautiful, safe, and functional.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIABLE & ORGANIZED
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDYMAN SKILLS (for repairs)
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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Thank you for serving &
Changing Lives
2025-2026

July

Dawna Gilbreath



LCP OF THE MONTH

METRO EAST CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Games Start Jul 11 10am

15 AND UP (COED)

NEW LIFE CHURCH

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

689 SCOTT TROY RD. - O'FALLON, IL

ANY QUESTIONS?

CALL NEW LIFE CHURCH AT (618)632-8542



LIFECHANGER AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: "I Wish Somebody Told Me" Pastor Travis Finley... No one warned you about the silent battles between faith and flesh, the moments your spirit believed, but your body betrayed you. *I Wish Body Told Me* dives into the unspoken truths about identity, desire, discipline, and the war within. It's not just a book, it's a mirror for anyone trying to follow God while wrestling with being human. Written with raw honesty and faith-filled insight, Pastor T brings his bold voice to the conversations nobody had but everybody needs.



LIFECHANGER AUTHOR SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JULY 26 @10AM

Sunday July 26th we will feature our LifeChanger Authors in the lobby! Support our newest authors in the church and those who have been out here changing lives through the written creative word. After church on family Sunday when we have another great meal available from Chef Kevin!

Family Sunday July is also Baptism Sunday and College Send off Sunday!

Happy Anniversary to the **July Couples!** May God continue to bless your union!



HELP NEEDED

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- Other places needed help to serve**
- QR code left:
 - LifeGroups**
 - Facilitators**
 - Facility Volunteer Team (see pg 3)**
 - Media Team**
 - Children Ministry & More**

Join the Senior Adult Life Groups Outreach Project at on Tuesday July 28 at 4:00 pm in the MPR to assist with assembling 250 lunches for the community. We are partnering with Feed my Lambs to provide sack lunches for children in the O'Fallon and Shiloh areas. Changing the lives of kids this summer!