



New Life™

# The LifeChanger

# CONNECTED

JOHN 15:5

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Welcome

#### Vision 2026 WINS!!!!

- Accepted Christ - 9
- Rededicated to Christ - 18
- Joined New Life - 21
- Guests - 141
- New Kids/Teens - 39
- LifeChanger 101 Complete - 14

### Connect

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MORE INFO &  
LINKS U CAN USE

*Dear LifeChangers,*

### Me vs Me

Have you ever wanted to win in life but kept getting in your own way? Despite your best effort, you kept self-sabotaging your wins even as you were just about to cross the finish line. Well, you are not alone! Paul was transparent and vulnerable enough to tell us about the way he would snatch a loss out of the mouth of victory. By leaving us his notes - of which we call the book of Romans - he helps us to win the fight of me versus me. Check out his struggle in Romans 7:21-25 - 21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

In his letter about his internal battles, he explains to us not only how we win, but the theology and doctrine behind the victory. That's what our church-wide LifeGroup is going to teach you in the next six weeks. Me versus Me and how I win! Don't miss it every Word on Wednesday 545 lite meal and 630 bible study, I'm going to coach you up using the word so you can defeat the U that defeats you! Bring a friend! See you then!



*Bishop Dudley*

# Holy

CONVOCAATION



**JUNE**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
Nightly Services & Daytime Workshops

**LOCATION:**  
689 SCOTT-TROY ROAD | O'FALLON, IL 62254

## Speakers

Pastor John F. Hannah  
New Life Covenant Church

Pastor Mark Moore, Jr.  
Spirit & Truth Church

Apostle Aaron McNair, Sr.  
Mt. Moriah Community Church



REGISTER TODAY!



**BISHOP**  
**GEOFFREY V.**  
**DUDLEY, SR., PHD, DMIN**

**Day Sessions: Wed 2-4pm and Thursday 9-2pm w/ Lunch included**

**Breakout Sessions Include (plus a 3-hour Teen session):**

***Connected or Burned Out? Leading Without Losing Yourself***

***Barriers to Connection: What's Really Blocking You?***

***From Small to Strong: Growth Strategies for Smaller Churches***

***The Art of Ministry Excellence: Customer Service in the Church***

***Connected Across Generations: Bridging the Gap***

***Connected to Community: Loving Your Neighbor in Action***

***Marketplace Ministry: I Am the Resource - Equip Me!***

***Ministering Under Pressure: Mental Health in Ministry***

***Prayer That Moves Mountains: Building a Culture of Intercession***

***Worship that Moves God: Is Your Worship For Real?***

# BRUH, “Can I holler at you right quick?”

by HOWARD MURRAY

## Thinking of Mama

You were there for me to love and care for me  
When skies were gray... Whenever I was down  
You were always there to comfort me... And no one else can be  
What you have been to me you will always be  
You will always be the girl... In my life for all times . . .

**You** were just singing, “*Mamaaaa, Mama you know I love you*” weren’t you? As you should. That was, “A Song for Mama” by Boyz 2 Men from the movie, Soul Food. Listen Bruh, we’re in May now. It’s time to pay homage to the women who helped mold and shape us into who we are today. It’s time to celebrate the woman you partnered with to bring a child into the world. It’s time to reflect on God’s goodness in that He saw fit to give us mothers.

**While** many of the attributes of God are masculine, it is interesting that when we speak to God’s love and provision the characterization is decidedly feminine. One of the names of God is El Shaddai which means “The All-Sufficient One”, another translation is “The Many-Breasted One”. This name speaks to God’s nurturing and sustaining qualities. Isn’t that just like a mother? God makes sure that we have whatever it is that we need. God covers us, loves us, and provides for us even when we don’t have our stuff together.

**For** this and many other reasons, mothers are to be honored and respected as commanded in Exodus 20:12, “Honor thy mother and thy father.” Mothers are often our first teachers. We see this reflected in scripture in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 where mothers are instructed to guide their children in faith. We saw that same theme co-signed in the New Testament when Paul spoke of Timothy. In 2 Timothy 1:5. Paul stated that the faith he saw in Timothy, his young apprentice, was the same faith that he observed in Timothy’s grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Do people see your mother’s faith in you?

**I recognize** that not everyone has a great relationship with their mother. It is possible that the woman that birthed you may not have been the best role model. If that relationship can be repaired without bringing harm to yourself, I urge you to do so. If the relationship is beyond repair, I advise you to forgive them and perhaps even seek counseling especially if there is lasting trauma from that relationship that flares up in other parts of your life and is preventing you from being all that God would have you to be.

**I am willing** to bet that there is someone in your life that was motherly to you. There is a woman out there that showed kindness to you. A woman that helped you when you couldn’t help yourself. There’s a woman who saw you and made you feel ‘seen’ when others overlooked you. If that is your story, honor that woman and praise God for placing her in your life.

**Brothers**, let’s continue to be intentional about our Faith, our Finances, and our Fitness. Giving honor where honor is due is one more way we can do that. *Proverbs 31:28 says, “Her children rise up and call her blessed.”* Let’s make sure that we’re guilty of doing just that.

**Lastly**, if there is something on your mind or a topic that you’d like to see highlighted here, shoot me an email. I can be reached at [murrayha26@gmail.com](mailto:murrayha26@gmail.com). I don’t have all the answers, but I have a listening ear and an open heart. I know we are stronger together than we are apart. Be encouraged! Even if it doesn’t look like it right now, **WE ALWAYS WIN!**

Connect with Us!

# METRO EAST CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

STARTING JUNE 20TH | SATURDAY @ 10AM

**NEW LIFE CHURCH**

15 AND UP (COED)

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

689 SCOTT TROY RD. - O'FALLON, IL

ANY QUESTIONS?

CALL NEW LIFE CHURCH AT (618)832-6542

# SPRING '26

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MAY 17TH, 2026

# LIFEGROUPS

*Life here!*

LIMITED GROUPS!



REGISTER TODAY!



NEW (CHURCH-WIDE) LIFEGROUP: RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!  
 "Me vs. Me: Study of the Book of Romans" | Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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**BRUNCH with a PURPOSE**  
*Mother's Day*  
 FASHION SHOW + BRUNCH

SAT. MAY 9TH  
 11 AM

LOCATION: New Life In Christ  
 689 SCOTT-TROY ROAD | O'FALLON, IL 62254

RSVP

# MOTHER'S DAY

*worship*

SPEAKER  
 PASTOR TRACI BLACKMON

5.10.26  
 8 AM & 10 AM

IN-PERSON | IN-PERSON & STREAMING LIVE @ 10 AM  
 (CHILDREN'S & TEENS MINISTRY AVAILABLE)

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April

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**  
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Min. Sharona Ward

**LCP OF THE MONTH**

May

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Camille Abrams

**LCP OF THE MONTH**

REGISTRATION

# EDUCATION

*Sunday*

MAY 17TH, 2026 | 10 AM

(GRADUATES, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION)

Happy I Do Day to  
 Our May Anniversaries!  
 Including our own  
 Bishop and First Lady  
 celebrating  
 May 15th!

*Happy Anniversary!*