



NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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Summary

The year 2010 was one of refocus and refinement for New Life Community Church. We began the year with great hopes of building a vibrant Youth Mentoring Center and multiplying our ministry to the families of Prunedale. We ended the year with a solid foundation and clearer vision of what God has for us as a church.

Our Ministries

Teaching

The year began with the series: ***“Born to Make a Difference”*** focusing on each of our unique destinies in building the church. We led up to Easter with the series: ***“Jesus: Portrait of a Radical”*** followed by a study of Romans chapters 5-8 ***“Experiencing Real Freedom in Christ.”*** In the summer we studied the Book of Ruth: ***“Finding Hope in a ‘Me First’ World.”*** We finished the year with a study of the Book of Ephesians broken into two series: ***“Christian Do You Know Who You Are?”*** covering Chapters 1-3 and ***“God’s Handbook for Successful Living”*** covering Chapters 4-6. We were also treated to preaching from **Tom Strickland** and **Tim Hobbs** as Hank took a few weeks off.

On Wednesday nights we discuss the Sunday morning message and make personal applications. Everyone contributes and we continue to learn more of the depth of God’s Word. We have expanded our menu on Wednesday nights thanks to **Pat Strader**, and this has become a great way for new people to get know others in the church in an informal setting.

Music

Music continues to be one of the highlights of our Sunday morning worship experience. The team is lead by **Jim Miller**. **Becky Miller** adds some of the most wonderful harmony and she has now been joined by **Edna Cheek** and **Jan Trammel** for some of the most lovely back-up vocals and harmonies this side of heaven. **Sten Strandberg** contributes to the sound on bass and vocals and occasionally steps up to lead the music as well. **Gary Soucy** adds great depth with his mandolin playing and harmony vocals. Our percussion section now has **Sandy Knight** on drums and **Tom Trammel** on congas. This is a ministry that

continues to grow and to bless us all. God has expanded this ministry just as **Jim** and **Becky** will be taking a leave of absence to help care for Becky's mother in Ohio. They will be missed but the rest of the band will fill the gap until their return.

Children's

As the year began **Billye Heath** was filling in as interim Children's Director. God provided a gifted, dedicated Director to lead the Children's ministry in **Beth McGregor** who took over in May. The team of Children's Church teachers and helpers includes: **Elisa Aquino, Heather Leeder, Lauri Strandberg, Ann Holmes** and **Robert McGregor**. **Pat Strader** continues to coordinate our nursery providing loving care for the infants so their parents can participate in the worship service. We have successfully divided the children into two separate classes: one for the toddlers and pre-schoolers and another one for the older kids. We thank God for the right shepherd of our children and the wonderful volunteer workers that serve each week.

Youth

At the beginning of 2010 we were embarking on an ambitious plan for the *New Life Community Youth Mentoring Center* at the Youth Center by the Grange Hall. It opened on January 22nd and continued on Monday through Fridays from 4:30 – 8:00. Before long we realized we would not be able to staff the facility adequately and had to "retool" in March for periodic special events. Our first event was the Youth and Families Night on May 14 led by **Tom** and **Sharon Strickland**. We are currently praying for the right leadership team to develop our Youth Ministry to take us to the next level.

Women's Ministry

Weekly Bible studies for women continued Monday nights and Thursday mornings. Under **Barbara Holley's** direction, the women studied "*Extraordinary Faith*" by Sheila Walsh and then moved on to "*The Purpose Driven Life*" by Rick Warren in the evenings. **Billye Heath** led the morning study through: "*God at Your Wits End: Hope for Wherever You Are*" followed by "*Growing in Prayer*" and then "*Imagine: God Can do More than You ever Dreamed.*" We thank God for these regular opportunities for women to get together and grow spiritually. Other mature women are now mentoring new believers and we are seeing spiritual fruit in this ministry. In March our women joined with the women of Calvary Chapel, Salinas, for a prayer luncheon. The women also got away to San Juan Bautista for a lunch at *Jardines* in November and had their own Christmas party with hot Hors D'oeuvres and an ornament exchange. Special thanks to **Beth McGregor, Barbara Holley** and **Sharon Strickland** for organizing these events. **Barbara Holley** has stepped down as Women's Ministry leader and we are praying for the right person to take her place. We appreciate **Barbara's** years of hard work and dedication in leading this ministry.

Men's Ministry

The Men's breakfast each Saturday, led by **Rich Bradshaw** continues to be a place for men to connect personally while using the "*Our Daily Bread*" devotional as the basis for their discussion time together. The men volunteer to help out with the cooking and clean up each week.

Hospitality Ministry

This ministry of preparing for the Sunday Worship service has grown and developed. **Janet Barton** now leads the ministry that includes: **Janet Schmidt, Cody McBride, Sharon Strickland, Lauri Strandberg** and **Kathleen Miche`**. We appreciate so much the creativity these folks have brought to the task of making it easier for people to connect over food on Sundays. An additional "janitorial team" of **Ann Holmes, Scott McCurrach, Rhea Hasteley** and **Janet Schmidt** make sure the church is clean before and after each service. What a blessing this team is each week

Missions

Our church supported missionary, in Manipur, India; **Lunkholal Kipgen "Kip"** continues his work in extreme northeast India being responsible for eight rural churches. This past year he was privileged to baptize 45 people in six different locations. He also conducted a Children's Camp, Youth Camp and the Life Word Seminary Camp at different places. What a blessing to extend the ministry of NLCC through Kip in India. We hope to be able to bring him to California in August this year to spend some time with our church family.

This year we again collected scores of shoe boxes as part of Samaritan's Purse "**Operation Christmas Child.**" These gift boxes were sent to disadvantaged children around the world affected by natural disasters or war. The blessing is indescribable as we spend just a little time and money to provide such an impact on young lives around the world.

Recovery Ministry

We are now host to three recovery groups from the community; one N/A group and two A/A groups that meet during the week in our facilities. Our own, Christ Centered Recovery Group now meets on Thursday nights led by **Marvin and Jane Swaites**. The group is currently finishing up a study of "Boundaries" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend which they started in April.

Outreach

In 2010 we again sponsored a team in the Prunedale Little League. The Lord gave us responsibility of 11 six – eight year olds called the "*Express.*" **Hank Holley** was the manager and was helped out by **Fred Moore, Noel Aquino** and **T.J. Stokes** in coaching the team. What a blessing it was to get to know the children and develop relationships with the parents while helping the kids learn team work and discipline along with improving baseball skills.

On May 22nd we went over to Echo Valley Elementary School as part of the Salinas-wide “Serve Day” by local churches. We repainted their playground and warning signs on the sidewalks, did needed weeding and planting and painted the sides of the elevated playground area and handrails around the school. **Rich McMahan** and **Rich Bradshaw** coordinated this project with the school and the principal was delighted with the fresh look we provided for the school.

The two Saturdays before Christmas we once again set aside for free gift wrapping for the community at the shopping center in front of Ace Hardware and next to Subway. The second Saturday at Subway was rained out but the first Saturday we wrapped gifts for free and invited people to come to our Candlelight Christmas Eve service and regular Sunday worship. We wrapped a lot of gifts for people and got to know some of our neighbors while having a great time together taking turns as wrappers and greeters.

Due to the faithful, dedicated work of our friend **Joey Silva**, the audio files and message notes of each Sunday’s message are available on our web site: www.newlifecommunity.net **Mike McMillen** has been of invaluable assistance as we record, transfer, edit and upload the files each week. The downloads of the audio and text files are on the “Media Page” of the website along with the archived files of prior messages and series. Recently **Sharon Strickland** has taken over the duties of webmaster and is working on updating the site. This is another outreach tool for the church.

Members of our congregation spontaneously gave \$196 to purchase **60 give away Bibles** to people who come to NLCC.

Special Events

On the Saturday before Easter, April 3rd we had a car wash next to the Mexican restaurant “La Tapatia” from 10:00 – 4:00. We washed nearly 100 cars and invited everyone we met to join us for our Easter Celebration the next day.

We celebrated our 7th Anniversary as a church on July 18th with our annual church picnic. This year it was held at Royal Oaks Park and we had a great time eating and playing together. In the service prior to the picnic we recognized some of our “Unsung Heroes” **Pat Strader**, **Billye Heath**, and **Marvin Swaites** with plaques that read: *“With deep appreciation for your tireless, faithful, sacrificial service to the Lord in establishing New Life Community Church. May God bless you richly as you have blessed us.”*

Our **Christmas party** on December 12th was again a great time of getting to know new people in the church family. The pot luck dinner coordinated by **Barbara Sanchez** was tremendous and the “white elephant” gift exchange was a blast. These events are valuable for bringing our congregation together for fun

and developing relationships. The children's choir, led by **Sharon Strickland** sang at the party and did a great job.

Leadership

The Leadership Community meetings that are held quarterly bring all the ministry leaders of NLCC together for a time of planning, vision and philosophy, sharing, coordinating and prayer. At our elders & wives annual planning retreat in June we worked on sharpening our vision as a church. This process continued with the Leadership Community and was presented to the church on October 10th with a special message: "*Focusing on Our Future.*"

At the Annual Meeting **Marvin Swaites** stepped down as elder after serving two full three year terms back-to-back. As Chairman during those years Marvin was instrumental in building the church into what it is today. The congregation voted to extend the remaining elder's terms up to three more years until new elders could be indentified. **Jim Miller** is the Chairman and **Frank Cardini** is the Secretary/Treasurer. **Hank Holley** rounds out the current elder board.

Property

We are now a year and ½ into a three-year lease on the Worship Center (the Activity Center is month-to-month rental). Knowing that we will need more space for our worship services we signed the lease with the agreement that the landlord would give us the room between the back of the Worship Center and the bathroom when needed for an additional \$500/month. That means we could knock out the wall and doorway to the coffee room and expand the Worship Center from the front to the back of the building. Using the extra room along with the current nursery and coffee area could add an additional 40-50 chairs to bring our seating capacity to more than 120. With this additional seating we could eventually move to having two Sunday morning worship services with "critical mass" in each one to provide a meaningful worship experience.

We have also had conversations with other area churches and property owners regarding relocating our church to a permanent location to realize our vision.

The Numbers

Attendance

Our Sunday Worship attendance for the first five months of 2010 averaged **56 people** each week. For the last seven months the attendance averaged **42 people**. On Easter Sunday we had a record **76 people** join us for worship and **three people** indicated decisions to receive Christ. We had **51 people** at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service including **four people** recording decisions to receive Christ!

Membership

Five new members were added to NLCC in 2010; **Rich Bradshaw, Sandy Knight, Rhea Hastey, Gary Soucy, and Beth McGregor.**

Decisions for Christ

There were **16 recorded decisions to accept Christ as Savior** during 2010!

Baptisms

Four people followed the Lord in believer's baptism on May 30th: **Cathleen Miche`, Gary Soucy, Eric Ausmus and Alan Dumez.**

Transitions

Rob Wellhausen passed away February 2nd after a tough fight with cancer. In September our dear sister **Bonnie Caudill** went to be with the Lord. These two are fondly remembered and dearly missed by our church family.

Finances

New Life Community Church is committed to operating by faith in God's provision for our finances. We will never badger anyone to give nor will we ever have any kind of pledge program asking people to commit to give certain amounts regarding their regular giving. There is no outside entity financially supporting the church; it is sustained by the free will giving of our members and friends. In **2010** we had a record income for the church of **\$109,298**; which was an **11% increase** over the prior year's giving of **\$98,358**. We also had record expenses of **\$108,542**; a **10% increase** over last year (**Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for 2010 is attached**).

In the first five months of 2010 our average contributions per month were **\$10,724** toward a budget of \$10,459/month. During the last seven months our average contributions per month were **\$7,953** toward the same budget. This steep drop in giving was due to some families realizing that NLCC was not exactly what they were looking for in a church.

Pastor Hank's salary has not been fully funded since the church started in 2003. Over the years, he has supplemented the shortfall out of his personal retirement account. In September, he took a part-time position as an appliance sales associate at Orchard Supply Hardware in Sand City to fill the shortfall.

We praise God for the generous, faithful, consistent giving of the people and friends of NLCC. Our monthly need for 2011 to cover all expenses and payroll will be **\$10,741/month**. We trust God to supply for all our needs through His people *"according to His riches in glory."*

The Future

Facility

We continue to explore possibilities for a permanent location for NLCC to be able to realize our vision. We need a piece of land with 8-10 acres to build a worship facility to hold 350-400 people in one service. As we grow to 750-800 people in two worship services we plan to “spin off” instant significant churches of 75-100 people in surrounding communities.

Youth Ministry

The development of a vibrant youth ministry is a high priority for the church in 2010. We know that everything rises and falls on leadership. We have a facility available to us at the Grange but need the right leadership couple to step up and be called to lead this ministry. Please pray for this vital position to be filled in 2011.

Leadership Development

We would love to expand our elder board as potential elders are identified in the congregation and join our church. Please pray that the Lord would bring qualified men to this calling and commitment

Conclusion

2010 was a year of God refining us and sharpening our vision. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and know that our Father is able to meet all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. We have a solid core of committed people and clear direction for the future and are committed to being all that God wants us to be as a church. Thanks for being a part of this incredible adventure God is leading us on!

Your servants for Jesus' sake,

The elders of NLCC



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Balance Sheet
Year End 12-31-2010

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Bank Checking Account	\$3,818.92
Total Current Assets	\$3,818.92
<u>Other Assets</u>	
Total Assets	\$3,818.92
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	
Net Income	\$ 755.82
Retained Earnings	\$3,063.10
Other Equity	\$9,903.41
Total Equity	\$3,818.92
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	 \$3,818.92



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Income Statement

Year End 12-31-2010

INCOME AND EXPENSE **TOTAL**

INCOME

General Fund	\$107,917.12
Missions	\$ 473.00
Recovery Ministry	\$ 708.00
Benevolence	\$ 200.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$109,298.12**

EXPENSES

Salaries/Housing/Medical	\$ 79,847.50
Bank Fee	\$ 151.90
Insurance	\$ 1,510.73
Licenses and Fees	\$ 65.00
Supplies	\$ 196.82
Lease/Rental Building	\$ 24,136.45
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 132.50
Printing & Copying	\$ 200.00
Missions	\$ 923.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 500.00
Recovery Ministry	\$ 435.40
Benevolence	\$ 200.00
Tape & Book Ministry	\$ 193.00
Return Checks	\$ 50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$108,542.30**

NET INCOME/LOSS **\$ 755.82**