



NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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New Life Community Church Annual Report 2007

Summary

2007 was a year of revitalization for New Life Community Church. The church is healthy and growing in numbers and spiritually. Our two major goals for 2007 were: **1) to develop and implement a strategy to reach the Prunedale area with the gospel** and **2) to develop and implement opportunities to connect people who come to NLCC into the fellowship of the church.** We have made significant progress in both of these areas seeing new people coming to Christ and integrated into the church family. New ministries have been developed to reach out to our community more effectively and to connect people within the church. We see God's hand at work everywhere we look in our church family. This report is designed to give a general overview of what the Lord has been up to this past year at New Life Community Church. We praise Him for His faithfulness to us and give Him all the glory!

Our Ministries

Teaching

One of our core values as a church is: **relevant, application oriented Bible teaching that make's God's Word come to life.** This year on Sundays we began with a series: **"Keys to Successful Relationships,"** then most of the year was spent in a verse-by-verse study of the book of I Corinthians called: **"Things We All Need to Know."** This intensely practical book challenged us to grow spiritually and consider what living by faith looks like in our secular world. We concluded the year with **"Encounters with Jesus: Up Close and Personal"** looking at how Jesus changed individual lives through personal interaction with Him. We saw many make spiritual commitments throughout the year.

On Wednesday nights we concluded the "Walking with God" Bible study series with the books: *"Building Your Church"* and *"Impacting Your World."* The Wednesday Bible studies were enhanced when we started providing dinner beforehand at the end of May. This unstructured fellowship time has really helped to deepen relationships as we interact over the practical application of God's Word in our lives.

Music

Jim Miller continues to lead our amazing worship team. Even though we had to say “goodbye” to **Dave & Deanne Smith** as they relocated to Moro Bay, the quality of the music has been outstanding. **Sten Strandberg** has been a great addition to the team on bass guitar. **Becky Miller** on vocals and keyboards and **Mary Miller** on drums continue to round out the team. We have also enjoyed **John Miller** playing lead guitar from time to time. It was fun to see **Fenton Murray** return to fill in on keyboards and **Joey Silva** help us out on drums during the year. Our worship experience continues to be one of our defining distinctives as a church demonstrating one of our core values: **authentic worship that brings people into the very presence of God**. We are greatly blessed by the quality of music and the depth of spiritual blessing that the worship team supplies each week.

Youth

One of our top priorities in 2007 was to find the right people to rebuild our Youth Ministry. The Lord has brought some new people into the church in this age group during the year. After much prayer and planning **Mike McMillen** will be starting a ministry to young adults on Friday nights at the church early in 2008. We praise God for this answer to prayer.

Children’s

We have been blessed with a growing number of children attending the church. A solid team of Sunday School teachers has been assembled by **Billye Heath**. **Linda Sereno** and **Amy Johnson**, along with **Jean Miller**, and **Lauri Heerd** have developed a creative teaching curriculum for the children which has touched the lives of our young ones. **Pat Strader** continues to lovingly care for the infants so their parents can participate in the worship service.

Women’s Ministry

In March of 2007 we started a weekly women’s Bible study on Thursday mornings. **Billye Heath** leads the study which has covered “*Answering Life’s Hard Questions*” (a study of the book of Habakkuk), “*Four Great Loves*” and “*The Fruit of the Spirit*” guides to abundant life in Christ. This study has provided another way for our women to connect relationally as they grow spiritually.

Men’s Ministry

Late in the year plans were made to resume our weekly men’s breakfasts on Saturday mornings in early January 2008. **Marvin Swaites** is providing leadership to this and as of this writing we are experiencing a great turn out by the men who are enjoying food, fellowship and Bible study together.

Missions

Our missionary, which we support monthly, in Manipur, India; **Lunkholal Kipgen** “**Kip**” and his wife had their first child. We raised \$1,084 to pay for the baby’s hospital bill. Kip’s ministry continues to expand in the remote villages of his

region. In his update he wrote: *“The ministry we are doing is not our ministry, vision we have is not our mission but it is of the Lord. We are just a feeble human instrument in the Almighty hand of God for His mighty works. Finally my beloved sponsors and prayer partners thank you very much for your great love and sacrificial support towards the ministry you indeed are blessing to us and others.”* By God’s grace we doubled our missions giving this year over 2006.

Once again in 2007 we participated in Samaritan’s Purse **“Operation Christmas Child”** and gathered gift boxes to be sent to disadvantaged children around the world. Some people from other churches even joined us in our efforts in supplying shoe boxes for children.

Outreach

Another new ministry that was started in 2007 was our “Cookie Ministry” headed by **Lauri Heerdt**. Congregation members gather at Lauri’s house to bake homemade cookies, then the cookies are personally delivered by teams to people who have visited the church as a way of welcoming them into our fellowship. This gesture has had a tremendous impact on those who have received these tokens of love at their doorsteps.

The Saturday before Easter we had a car wash inviting people to join us for worship the following day. People have told us we do the best car washing of any group in town and some who have had their cars washed have joined us on Sundays.

The Saturday before Christmas we provided free gift wrapping for the community at the shopping center in front of Ace Hardware. We meet a lot of our neighbors and distributed flyers inviting folks to our Candlelight Christmas Eve service and regular Sunday worship. We wrapped over 75 gifts for people that day!

Another ministry that was developed in 2007 was coordinating people to provide rides for **Mary Stice** to get to church from Watsonville on Sundays. This is another way of bringing people together in the church in practical ministry.

Discipleship

In 2007 we started intentionally pairing up new believers who had come to Christ during the year with older Christians for one-on-one discipleship. This ministry continues to grow and we are seeing the fruit of the personal investment in the lives of those involved.

Projects

Through the assistance of **Mike McMillen** we have added memory to our church computer and begun the task of editing the Sunday messages to provide for downloading from our website. CD’s will be produced from these files and made available to the church family and friends. We are grateful to **Joey Silva** for continuing to maintain and upgrade our website: www.NewLifeCommunity.net

Special Events

On August 19th the church had a sandwich lunch following the worship service and then we headed out to the “Wild Things” facility for a guided tour of their exotic animals. Again, new people came into the church through this fun event.

Our **Christmas party** on December 9th was a wonderful time for people to “connect” with our church family. The pot luck dinner coordinated by **Barbara Sanchez** was great and the “white elephant” gift exchange turned up three “Billy Bass” plaques! Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** was a special time to reach out into the community. 57 people attended the 6:00 service and **four people received Christ** that evening. The Lord has really blessed this seasonal outreach as we have seen it grow each year!

Property

July 1st marked the completion of our first full year in the Prunedale facility. The space has served us well and we are becoming known in the community. As the Lord blesses and we continue to grow our space needs will increase. We are currently exploring options locally to accommodate the needs as our ministries expand. Please continue to pray for the God’s clear leading in this regard.

The Numbers

Attendance

During 2007 our Sunday Worship attendance averaged 36 people each week. But during the last two months of 2007 we averaged 40 in attendance. On Easter Sunday we had 54 people join us for worship and two people indicated decisions to receive Christ. Our attendance has increased significantly since our relocation to Prunedale.

Membership

Eight new members were added to NLCC in 2007; **Dorothy Burbank, Greg & Tammy Von Lortz, Ann Holmes, Lauri Heerd, Sten Strandberg, Steve McMahon and Yolanda Delgado.**

Decisions for Christ

There were **18 recorded decisions to accept Christ as Savior** during 2007!

Baptisms

Three people followed the Lord in believer’s baptism on Palm Sunday: **Steve McMahon, Ollie Bryant and Sierra Bryant.**

Other Transitions

Ann Homes' husband **Jim Holmes** went home to be with the Lord in June after a lengthy illness. In October **Pat Strader's** son **Tom Strader** passed on to his heavenly reward. The church family provided dinner following the memorial services and meals for the families during their time of grief.

Finances

New Life Community Church has always been committed to operate on faith in God's provision for our finances. We will never badger anyone to give and we do not have any kind of pledge program asking people to commit to give certain amounts. In **2006** we had a total income of **\$74,150**. Our giving in **2007** was **\$82,822** an **11% increase** over the prior year! We averaged giving of **\$6,901/month** toward a budget of \$9,310/month (Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for 2007 is attached). We praise the Lord for the generous giving of the people and friends of NLCC.

The Future

Church Development

We have made significant progress toward our major goals set last year, but we realize that we are "not there yet". We will continue with our **two major goals for 2008: 1) to continue to develop and implement a strategy to reach the Prunedale area with the gospel. 2) to continue to develop and implement opportunities to connect people who come to NLCC into the fellowship of the church.**

Youth/Children's

We are still committed to continue to develop our **Youth/Children's ministries**. We know that these areas are vital to our growth as a church.

Conclusion

In May we held an elder's retreat with our wives at Asilomar. We came up with the following mission statement for our church: **"New Life Community Church is a loving community helping people experience New Life in Christ."** Some of the new ministries developed this year came from that prayerful time together. This year we will expand the discussion and planning to include other church leaders as we seek to discover the path God has for us in reaching Prunedale and beyond. Thank you for joining with us in this incredible faith adventure with God called New Life Community Church!

Your servants for Jesus' sake,

The elders of NLCC

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Balance Sheet
Year End 12-31-2007

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Bank Checking Account	\$3,337.62
• Youth Funds	\$ 100.00
• Children Funds	\$ 100.00
• Women's Funds	\$ 100.00
Total Current Assts	\$3,637.62
<u>Other Assets</u>	
Furniture and Equipment	\$1,467.09
Total Assets	\$5,104.71
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	
Net Income	(\$2,745.66)
Retained Earnings	(\$2,053.04)
Other Equity	\$9,903.41
Total Equity	\$5,104.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$5,104.71

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Income Statement
Year End 12-31-2007

<u>INCOME AND EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
General Fund	\$81,431.04
Missions	\$ 1,084.00
Benevolence	\$ 313.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$82,828.04
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Salaries/Housing/Medical	\$60,983.00
Bank Fee	\$ 116.75
Insurance	\$ 1,092.31
Licenses and Fees	\$ 20.00
Lease/Rental Building	\$18,325.00
Missions	\$ 1,484.00
Benevolence	\$ 263.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$82,290.06
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$ 537.98