

## From the Pastor of New Life Christian Church

We have snow on the ground. It seems that winter has finally arrived as we expected that it would. I know that as a conversation starter we Vermonters all say that we hope that it will not come but realize that as long as we live in Vermont that it definitely will. Still, it is a great time of the year to realize the AWESOMENESS of our God! The changing of the seasons always points out to us how wonderfully powerful he is.

This past month we participated in an uplifting Community Thanksgiving Service, held this year at the Enosburg Falls United Methodist Church and included people from New Life Christian Church, the Enosburg Falls, West Enosburg, and Richford United Methodist Churches, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, and others. The following night many attended a service at Richford First Baptist Church and celebrated with a whole group of people from around the region. It was an AWESOME two nights for the work of God in our communities and allowed us to really focus on something that we should do every day of our lives ... Thank God!

I have had the opportunity over the last couple of days to work on the church website and I hope to add even more information over the next few days. Be sure to check it out especially if you were checking it out previously but stopped because not much had changed. I am hoping to keep up with changing information and as always continue to look for ideas from each of you as to how to make it better. The url for the site is <http://www.newlifechristianchurchenosburg.org>.

Don't forget, as you read this we are in the Christmas Season. The Caring and Hospitality Committee, is decorating on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November right after church. We will be gathering with a whole bunch of people on the corner of Missisquoi and Main Streets for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday night the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 6pm; We will be going to get our Church Christmas Tree on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>; we are going to go Christmas Caroling in West Berkshire immediately following our service on the 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by joining together on Lincoln Park at 3pm with others for caroling around the Village of Enosburg Falls and then heading over to the home of Brent and Glenda Garrow for a holiday meal; our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will feature word and song shared by members of our church and feature some musical guests including *The Stetson Family* and others as we tell the "Greatest Story Ever Told" – the story of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...and there is still more to come. Don't miss these fun times of fellowshiping and sharing God's love.

Vermont has been the least churched state in the country for the last 5 years, and only 2% of the Vermont population claim to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. December 11th will be the 40th day of people praying in Vermont and surrounding areas as part of a prayer project sponsored by God's Vision Ministries. With this prayer project we have been getting a different prayer partner on the phone each day to pray for Vermont and for revival. On December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm there will be a gathering at the Church of the Rock in St. Albans to celebrate these 40 days of prayer. We will have an opportunity to pray together with others from around the country and John Wessells, Singer and Author of "Conversations with The Voiceless" will be speaking. I hope you are all able to join us for this "Prayer, Fellowship and Worship event.

Colossians 3:12-15 reminds us <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Until next month ... God Bless!

Pastor Tim