From the Pastor of New Life Christian Church

Woo Hoo! Did we have a fantastic month or what? We really shared some fun times and I know that Kathy and I were just lifted up every time we got together and I hope all of you were too. I want to say thank you to everyone for making everything that went on this month happen. And THANK YOU GOD for allowing each of us to be a part of it.

It was extremely inspiring to all of us to see the wonderful outpouring for the two families that we helped this Christmas. God's Love was so apparent with every gift and dollar bill. It brings tears to my eyes even now as I think about it.

Once again this month we sent quite a huge supply of food goods to the food shelf and we are continuing to fill the box again as the need doesn't go away just because the holidays are over. In fact, it often picks up as many people give additional support during the holidays but drop off during the rest of the year. Please continue to give generously to this extremely important mission project.

Once again, the "Tree of Warmth and Giving" for Hats, Mittens, & Scarves is going to be at the church all winter long. Lori has multiple locations and organizations that can use these items to provide warmth to families in need. This is a great project … please keep the donations coming.

Our Christmas Caroling this year, once again, was absolutely fabulous! We caroled around West Berkshire right after church on the 18th and really could feel lives being touched in the area. We once again successfully introduced ourselves to many of the people of the community. We are praying that many of the people we saw will join us in God's Kingdom. Then it was off to Enosburg Falls where we were so awesomely inspired by the gathering of a whole group of people that came together to bring the sounds of Christmas to the people of Enosburg. This was truly a multi-church, community based activity and I know that people's lives were once again touched by the concept that a group of people would spend their Sunday afternoon going house to house singing Christmas songs to brighten someone's day…there were many smiles of joy shared by all. Thank you to everyone who participated; thank you to Brent and Glenda Garrow for being fantastic hosts and feeding us; and thank you to Lori Shuren for pulling it together.

To finish off the month we had a fantastic Christmas Eve Service featuring many bible verses about Christmas with a handful of Christmas Songs and special appearances by the Stetson Family (Thank You Tara, Tanya, Traci, Tricia and Kathy) and Bobby and Marcia Gross sharing the Gospel and Contemporary Songs of the Season. We finished off the night with the glow of the Light of Christ on the faces of everyone who attended. The circle we stood in reminded us of the Unbroken Love of our Lord. As we left the sanctuary that night we were reminded to never forget the Light of Christ and never forget to share it with everyone we meet.

Earlier this past month Jean Mayo again worked with Price Chopper to realize the donation of paper goods to our ministry for the upcoming year. This continues to be a fantastic donation that supports our work here at New Life. We are so appreciative of Price Chopper's donation and the work that Jean does to get it each year.

Don't forget our New Year's Eve Potluck and Service on New Year's Eve at 6pm. We will eat and then follow that with worship time. And don't forget … coming up is our Church Annual Meeting, the Teen Challenge Choir and many more opportunities to come together and share with one another. Until next month … God Bless! Pastor Tim