

our church

a quarterly look into the communities and stories of New Life Church

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**multi-ethnic
multi-site
missional**

**Our vision is to
be a multi-ethnic,
multi-site, missional
church throughout all of
Hampton Roads.**

**Our mission is to bring
God glory by making
disciples of all people
through the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.**

*To hear more about New Life Church's
purpose check out newlife.global/about.*

Locations & Service Times

Deep Creek

423 Shell Rd | Chesapeake, VA 23323

SUN | 10:00a

757.673.6300

Ghent

1420 Colonial Ave | Norfolk, VA 23517

SUN | 9:00a & 11:00a

757.222.8285

Kempsville

1244 Thompkins Ln | Virginia Beach, VA 23464

SAT | 5:00p

SUN | 9:00a & 11:00a

757.227.6930

Town Center

420 Thalia Rd | Virginia Beach, VA 23452

SUN | 9:00a & 11:00a

757.500.2830

Welcome

We hope you're enjoying the feel and look of our new magazine! Our goal is to tell of what's happening in and around our church, as well as highlight the incredible stories of New Life people in an engaging way. Want to know something really exciting about our stories? They're traveling outside of the New Life community. We receive word from people all over Hampton Roads that the stories they hear are impacting and influencing the lives of the people in this region. It got us thinking: new life isn't just for New Life people; everyone needs to read the stories. What if someone sitting in Starbucks reads this month's story about Jackson Park (*Living A Missional Life*) whose fearless missional lifestyle encourages people to abandon their comfort zone for the life of an unbeliever? Or what if someone sitting in a bank lobby reads about how our church's mission is to Love Hampton Roads? The stories are all about what's happening in God's kingdom. So if you own, work in, or frequent a place that could use a little new life, bring a few copies with you! And because this is our first quarterly issue, the stories and content are designed to have a lasting impact. No matter where you are, grab a copy and enjoy reading about the amazing things God is doing in the lives of New Life people!





Living a Missional Life

By Jackson Park

I try to live a life that's intentional. One of the things I loved to do when I was a part of YWAM in New Orleans was clean up the streets around where I lived (literally pick up trash) and intentionally talk to or engage the people in my neighborhood. I was consistent, often going to the same people and neighborhoods every week—just being intentional about loving my community. That intentionality and consistency opened the door for deeper connection with people who saw me walking down the street picking up trash. I'd go back week after week and read scripture with one or two people that would eventually lead to prayer. Then we started having Bible studies. I'd go and meet others along the same

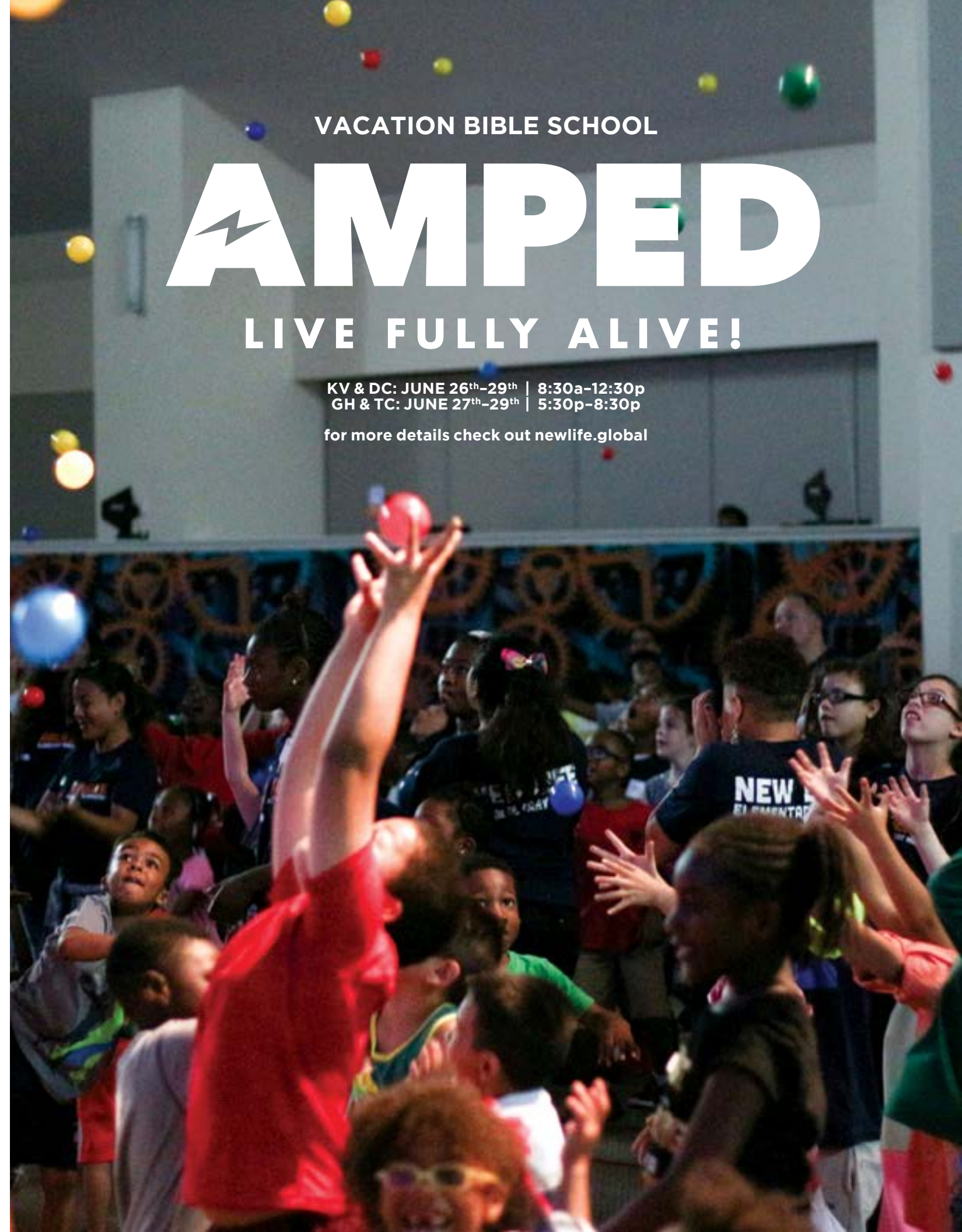
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route who'd let me pray for them and their family or speak a word over them about the goodness of God. Intentionality opens doors and can sometimes lead to discipleship.

Matthew 28:18-19 says, “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples....” In Bible school, I learned that the word “go” means to actively go, and that’s what Jesus did. His actions spoke louder than words. It seemed like he never missed anyone because he was constantly pouring out. I’m inspired by Jesus. I really want to have a genuine faith to “go” that isn’t inspired by events or services. I want the boldness to encounter people standing at a crosswalk or while I’m ordering coffee at Starbucks. People love Todd White because he lives out what he says, and that’s what I want; I want to live out what I believe.

When I think of missional living, I think of it this

way—it's more than just a conversation. Missional living is love in action. It's serving and creating opportunity as much as possible to talk to people. It can be uncomfortable, but it's totally worth it, every time. For example, I was in Washington, DC a while back, and I stood in front of the Capitol Building or just walked around for hours because there were so many tourists around. I'd ask people if they wanted me to take their picture and next thing you know I'm having conversations with different groups of people about God. This kind of approach may not be easy for some, but God will open the door if you're willing to create the opportunity. I believe we've got one job to do, and it's little sacrifice for a great reward. Giving your time to a stranger or someone else can make a world of difference. You might not be able to change the world by investing in one person, but your investment will change someone else's world.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AMPED

LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

KV & DC: JUNE 26th-29th | 8:30a-12:30p
GH & TC: JUNE 27th-29th | 5:30p-8:30p

for more details check out newlife.global

MEMBERS' MEETING

New Life Church's Annual Vision Night

*Sunday, August 26th
Deep Creek Campus*

A time where we reflect on the unique opportunities, growth, and successes of new life church while renewing our commitment to serve the disenfranchised through loving our neighbor, community, and region.

Announcements

EQUIPPING

Explore

Sundays from June 3rd - July 22nd | Varies Per Campus
ALL NEW LIFE CAMPUSES

Explore is an 8-week course designed to address the foundational principles of the Christian faith and answer the question, "What does it really mean to follow Jesus?"

Financial Peace University

Tuesdays from June 5th - August 2nd | 6:30p-8:30p

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS

Cost of materials kit - \$105

Registration in the lobby or online.

Contact Francis or Mona Mitchell at 757.438.9378 OR the Deep Creek Campus at 757.673.6300 for details.

Israel Devotional Pilgrimage

Registration is now open for the Israel Devotional Pilgrimage with Pastor Dan and Rhonda from April 2-13, 2019. The Bible will come alive as you visit biblical sites and enjoy fellowship and teaching with a small group of pilgrims! For more information contact Nancy Feucht at nancyfeucht@hotmail.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY

City|Life (18-35)

Every Wednesday | 8:00p-9:30p

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS | AUDITORIUM

YouthLife Graduating Senior Busch Gardens Day w/ City|Life

Wednesday, June 18th | ALL DAY

MEET AT KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS

PRE-REGISTER AT NEWLIFE.GLOBAL

July 4th Picnic

Wednesday, July 4th | 10:00a-3:00p

LITTLE ISLAND PARK

3820 S SANDPIPER RD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23456

Join the Kempsville Campus, CityLife, and YouthLife KV in celebrating our nation's Independence Day with a time of grilling out, games, volleyball, and the beach.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group Leader Training

Sunday July 8th | 6:00p-7:45p

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS

Interested in leading a Life Group? This meeting is the first step in our training of Life Group leaders. Please RSVP by emailing Trish Guthrie at trish@newlife.global. Child-care to be provided only by special request; such requests must be received by July 2nd.

MEMBERSHIP

Discovery Seminar

Saturday June 23rd | 7:45a-3:30p

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS

This all-day membership event connects you to New Life Church and explains our purpose, values, and history. After attending the entire event, will also have the opportunity to become a member.

For more details go to newlife.global

OUTREACH

NetCasters Kitchen

Saturday, June 23rd | 9:00a-1:00p

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS | CHAPEL

A ministry opportunity to cast a net of care into the community by providing food items and a worship service.

PRAYER

Early Morning Prayer

KV | Every Wednesday | 6:30a-7:30a

TC | Every Thursday | 6:30a-7:30a

DC & GH | Every Friday | 6:30a-7:30a

Healing Prayer

Every Thursday | 6:00p-7:00p

DEEP CREEK AND KEMPSVILLE CAMPUSES

Prayer for those who need physical, spiritual, and emotional healing.

Prayer for the Nations

Every Tuesday | 6:30a-7:30a

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS | ROOM 135

Join us for prayer every Tuesday as we Skype with and pray for our NLC global workers from around the globe!

WOMEN

Women's Paint Night

Friday, June 15th | 6:30p-9:30p

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS

Women's Spirit Encounter

Sunday, July 15th | 6:00p

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS

The Well (Women's Prayer)

Every Wednesday | 6:30p-8:15p

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS | SANCTUARY

#ForHamptonRoads

Many people are more familiar with what the church is against rather than what it's for. It is imperative that individuals discover that God is for them and not against them. Because of this, New Life Church is committed to serving the community of Hampton Roads all year, but want to take one month in particular to show that our Church is for Hampton Roads through practical acts of service. It has been said that individuals don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. May the month of June be a month where we take incredible intentionality to show our community how much we care. Join us as we show Hampton Roads that **we are for them!**

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / CHURCH WIDE

For Your Hood | Youth Rally

Friday, June 1st | 7:00p-9:00p

Saturday, June 2nd | 10:00a-3:00p

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS FOR MAIN SESSIONS

ALL NEW LIFE CAMPUSES FOR OUTREACH

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / DEEP CREEK

Free Community Car Wash

Saturday, June 2nd | 8:00a-12:00p

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS PARKING LOT

Firefighter Meal Blessings

Monday, June 4th - Friday, June 8th

CONTACT DEEP CREEK CAMPUS FOR MORE INFO

Outreach to Local School

Monday, June 11th - Friday, June 15th

CONTACT DEEP CREEK CAMPUS FOR MORE INFO

Teacher "Help Packing Day"

Thursday, June 14th

MEET AT HUGO OWENS SCHOOL

CONTACT DEEP CREEK CAMPUS FOR MORE INFO

Meal Outreach to Local Schools

Friday, June 15th

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS

CONTACT DEEP CREEK CAMPUS FOR MORE INFO

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School Garden Rehab

Thursday, June 21st - Friday, June 22nd | 8:00a-12:00p

THURGOOD MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 26th - Friday, June 29th | 8:30am - 12:30pm

DEEP CREEK CAMPUS

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / GHENT

LAUNCH Community Fair

Saturday, June 2nd | 12:00p-5:00p

PARK PLACE METHODIST CHURCH

500 W 34TH ST, NORFOLK, VA 23508

Underclothes Collections for Homeless

Sunday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 24th

GHENT CAMPUS

Dinners for Homeless

Tuesdays, June 5th, June 12th & June 19th | 5:00p

GHENT CAMPUS

Showers for Homeless

Fridays, June 8th, June 15th & June 22nd | 7:00a

GHENT CAMPUS

Lunch for Local Teachers

Wednesday, June 13th - Thursday, June 14th | 11:00a

GHENT CAMPUS

Prayer Walk for the Ghent Area

Friday, June 22nd | 6:30a

GHENT CAMPUS

Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 27th - Friday, June 29th | 5:30pm - 8:30pm

GHENT CAMPUS

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / KEMPSVILLE

Outreach to Kempsville Area

Saturday, June 2nd | 10:00a-12:00p

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS

Twin Canal Community Day

Saturday, June 9th | 10:00a-2:00p

TWIN CANAL COMMUNITY CENTER

1484 DRAWBRIDGE CIRCLE, VB 23453

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / KEMPSVILLE CONT.

Flipping the Teachers' Lounge at Tallwood Elementary

Wednesday, June 20th | TBA

KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School Garden Rehab

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THURGOOD MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School

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KEMPSVILLE CAMPUS

FOR HAMPTON ROADS / TOWN CENTER

New Baby/New Mother Supply Collection

All Month

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS

Door Neighborhood Prayer Walking

Saturday, June 2nd | 10:00a-12:00p

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS

Young Adult Men with Disabilities

Sunday, June 3rd | TBA

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS *MEN ONLY*

Young Adult Women with Disabilities

Wednesday, June 13th | 7:00p-8:30p

TOWN CENTER CAMPUS *WOMEN ONLY*

Princess Anne Young Life Banquet

Thursday, June 12th | 5:30p-7:30p

PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL

4400 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462

Chick-fil-A Outreach

Friday, June 22nd | 6:30p-8:30p

HILLTOP CHICK-FIL-A

749 FIRST COLONIAL ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451

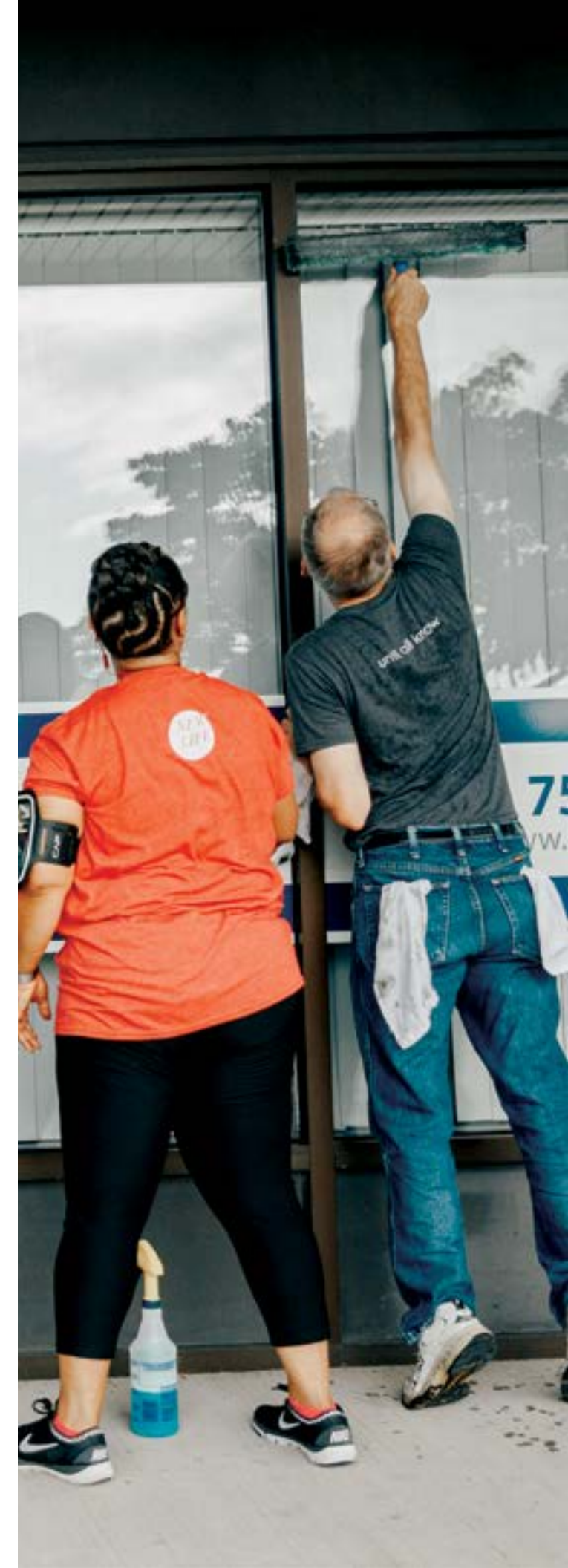
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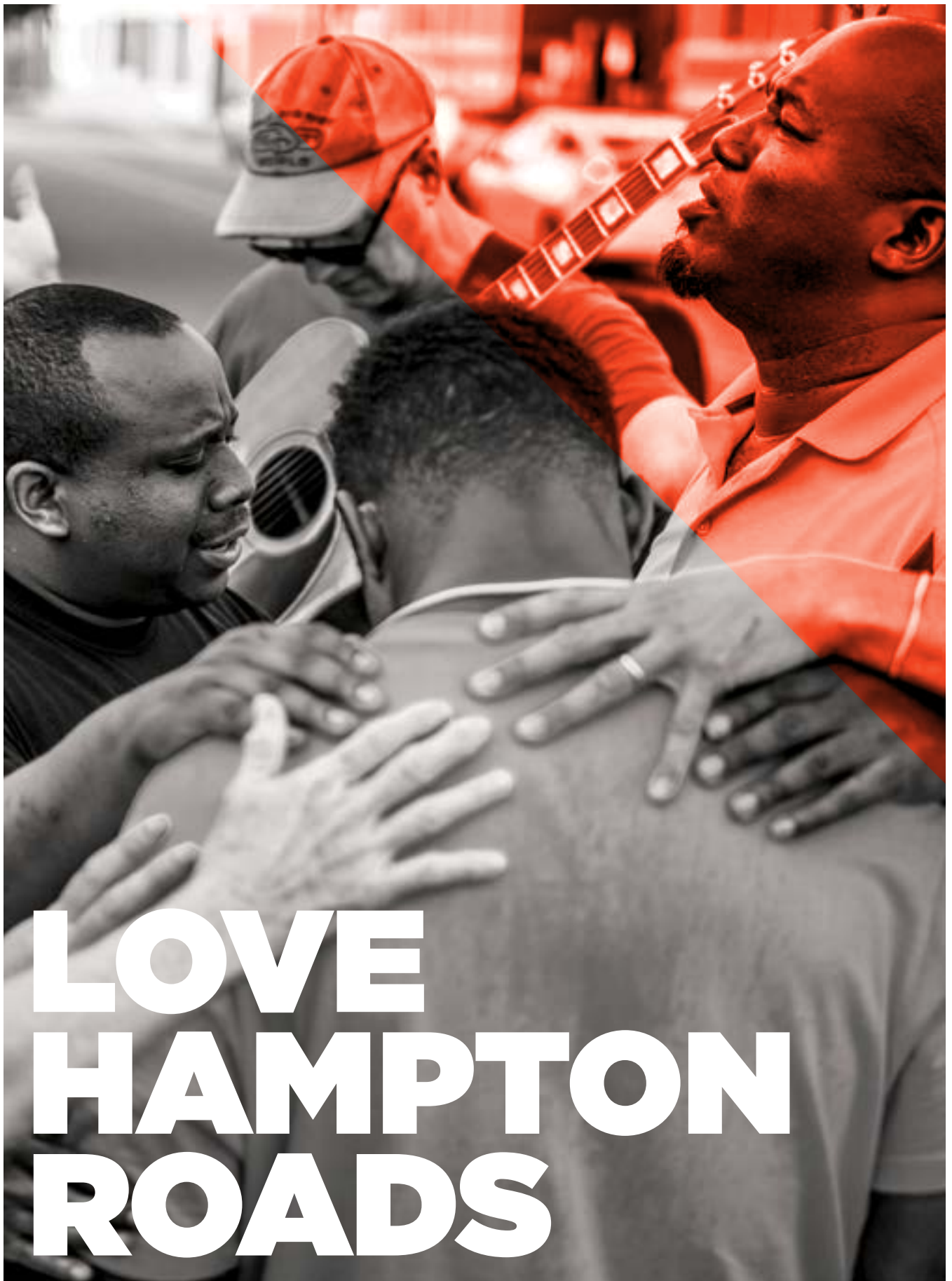
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TOWN CENTER CAMPUS

for more details on any specific For Hampton Roads event, please contact the church office at

757.227.6930 or info@newlife.global





LOVE HAMPTON ROADS

**That everyone
in Hampton
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Gospel from
the lips of
someone
at New Life
Church.**

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Just over six months ago, we launched a missional campaign called Love Hampton Roads. We believed that LHR would allow us to strategically influence the Hampton Roads area with the ministry of Jesus Christ. This was much more than a building or a program; it was about positioning New Life's heart, structure, values, and ultimately our church's future into a missional mindset.

LHR represents New Life's desire to become the salt and light to our community that Jesus declared we would be in Matthew 5. Jesus commissioned His Church to go into every facet of society and culture and in doing so She would comfort the grieving, give hope to the disillusioned, accept the disenfranchised and marginalized, free those who are oppressed, and become the tangible display of God's beauty on the earth.

Yet more than us becoming what Jesus desired us to be, I believe LHR represents what our community needs us to be. Our neighborhoods need the body of Christ to lovingly tend to their wounds. Our communities need the Church of Christ to provide a safe home and atmosphere that accept all who would come to Jesus. Our region needs the Bride of Christ to trumpet a word of hope that inspires seven cities to see a heavenly dream.

Our church rallied around this vision to see New Life Church powerfully impact all the neighborhoods of Hampton Roads and faithfully gave to the LHR campaign. Today we rejoice in seeing these first few steps bearing much fruit.

May God continue the work He has begun.

Pastor Joel Solomon
Town Center Campus Pastor

Town Center Campus Pastor, Joel Solomon (JS) and Ghent Campus Pastor, David McBride (DM) give insight into Love Hampton Roads (LHR) and the missional mindset behind it.



WHAT IS LOVE HAMPTON ROADS?

JS: Love Hampton Roads is a campaign that represents the heart and desire for New Life to reach its area. We started with Love One and that was the idea that on an individual level, we are reaching people around us. LHR is similar, but on an organizational level—the church loving a region. That region is represented in three areas: Multi-Site (love our neighborhoods), Dream Center (love our communities), and Non-Profits (love our region).

DM: The goal is not to take over Hampton Roads, the goal is to love Hampton Roads. I think it's important to realize that this is just the first step. LHR of 2017 was the first step of us saying and believing that we can play a pivotal role in bringing Hampton Roads to a closer relationship to Jesus. I believe that LHR is not only ministering to the people, but it's restoring a dream that God has for this area. LHR is our way of saying, "God how can we be a part of what you want to do in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, Town Center, the Crisis Pregnancy Center, Suffolk, etc.?"

LOVE OUR COMMUNITIES WHY THE DREAM CENTER?

DM: The marginalized are people who don't have support and are on the margins of society. There are people I encounter on a daily basis who don't have support or family at all. The orphan has no backup plan. The refugee has had to leave their country because of the unrest that is present in their homeland. The world sees them as the last and the least, but Jesus sees them as valuable. When we considered the Dream Center, we tried to process "How can we activate people inside and outside of the church to serve the marginalized?" "What are some ministries, opportunities we can tap into so the marginalized in Hampton Roads would be shown the love of Jesus Christ?" A few years ago, we launched into serving those that are affected by homelessness in our community. Through that, we found a great need for people to be involved—not just in a financial contribution sort of way, but for the church to be involved in people's lives who are marginalized in our community. When we talk about Love Hampton Roads, we're talking about loving the people in the region, including other marginalized communities. Through personal interactions, every person

in Hampton Roads needs to feel the love of Christ. Overall, LHR gives us a comprehensive vision for serving our communities and is the first step for us to dive into our region.

LOVE OUR REGION NON-PROFIT PARTNERSHIP

JS: The partnerships with non-profits do a number of things: (1.) They are a continuation with what New Life has done for over 19 years by building bridges to various ministries and organizations throughout Tidewater. By coming alongside of existing city partnerships and ministries, the gospel is able to gain entrance into pockets of neighborhoods and people who'll never come to NLC. But these other ministries have an open door into their lives because of the kind of services/ministry they provide that we never will. We are able to offer the love of Jesus to them by supporting others who can. (2.) It's a stewardship of our missional mindset to give finances to these other ministries with no-strings attached. It's a sign to our region that NLC is not just about ourselves, but about lifting up an entire region, whether our name is on it or not. They are doing some really great work.

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN CENTER: A MULTI-SITE MODEL

JS: What I love about the multi-site arm to LHR is it's keeping the local church at the center of what we do. The multi-site model suggests that these seven cities need diverse worshiping communities and as those healthy churches grow, so will those communities. And so, we've got this model where we're restoring



dreams and hopes, we're going after the marginalized, and we're partnering with other people who are doing work in places we can't touch or have the access. All of that gets wrapped into us planting life-giving, Jesus-proclaiming, spirit-empowered local churches or campuses.

For example, just a 100 yards from the Town Center campus sits Thalia Elementary School and just a bit farther Windsor Oaks Elementary School. In our brief time being present in the Thalia neighborhood, we have served breakfast to the school multiple times, given gifts and handwritten thank you notes and prophetic words to every single staff member, and assisted in parking lot duty. Additionally, we were able to feed a full Thanksgiving meal to 14 economically challenged families at Windsor Oaks Elementary School (just a few miles away).

Because of these efforts, this coming fall we will launch Kids Hope (a mentoring program) at Thalia Elementary school. Soon members from our church will go in and meet with students each week, all at the request of the administration of Thalia Elementary School—All because a local church was near them and looking for an opportunity to serve its neighborhood.

DM: "We do good works to create good will so we can share the good news." We're not just buying buildings and paying for programs, we're investing into our region with eternal seeds. It's the missional vision in action. This is us focusing our attention and our resources on living out the missional vision by looking at our area and saying, "What are the things we can do to make an impact in our area?"

JS: The question that drives all of this is this: If New Life were zapped off the face of the earth, would Hampton Roads even know that we don't exist anymore? LHR was a response to a divine challenge to our church to leverage all that we are and have so that every person in Hampton Roads would hear the gospel of Jesus Christ from the lips of someone from New Life Church.

LHR Update

OBJECTIVES

The campaign had three main objectives: purchase the Town Center campus, launch a regional Dream Center, and assist other Tidewater non-profit organizations whose goals align with ours.

FINANCIAL GOALS

goal
\$1,000,000

pledged
\$922,000

individual pledges
809

received (as of 4.18.2018)
\$381,000



Town Center

On October 8, 2017 Town Center launched our first services for the Thalia, Kings Grant, Pembroke, and Princess Anne neighborhoods. That morning and the weeks since have seen a church building transformed from the outside in.

Unexpected nuances of Town Center have been both the diversity of church backgrounds and the number of young families who have become part of the New Life family. In keeping with the desire to see our various campuses reach the neighborhoods, it has been a blessing to see that nearly half of those coming to Town Center on a weekly basis are completely new to our church.

The highlight of the campus thus far was on Easter morning—baptizing 31 people, including six families being baptized together. The campus has also been able to forge some specific relationships with neighboring businesses, elementary schools, and other local ministries.

opening weekend attendance
491

easter attendance
490

average attendance
304

baptisms
31

new members
17

Dream Center

The LHR campaign specifically had two goals as it related to the Dream Center: to fund the existing Good Samaritan project and to find and hire a director who would develop the programs of the Dream Center for the years ahead. After a time of searching, reflection, and prayer, Pastor David divinely emerged as the one we felt should lead the Dream Center. This past spring we officially installed David as the director of the Dream Center. The Dream Center has three programs that have begun:

GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT

The Good Samaritan Project is Dream Center's homeless initiative. This is a mentoring program that focuses on providing a circle of care to those who are unemployed and homeless in Hampton Roads. Specifically this takes place through providing:

- » Showers, underclothes, and needed toiletries
- » Breakfast and invitations to church each Sunday
- » Classes to build job skill training, financial stewardship, and biblical formation

ESL SAMARITAN MINISTRY

This initiative reaches out to the ESL (English as a Second Language) residents of our Hampton Roads community, such as refugees and immigrants who are impoverished. Specifically addressed are refugees in Newport News and bilingual mentoring for Hispanic immigrant youth at Granby High School.



FOSTERING HOPE

Fostering Hope is the foster care/adoption initiative of the Dream Center. The ministry's vision is to see "no more orphans" in Hampton Roads by educating, equipping, and supporting families engaged or interested in foster care and/or adoption.

YWAM UPDATE

In the fall of 2019 we will launch a YWAM Urban Discipleship Training School. This school will be a 5-month missionary training school designed for growth in discipleship and training in skills to witness in an increasingly urban world. Friends of our New Life family including Brad Stanley will be leading this UDTS.

Aaron & Monique Ransom | Fostering Hope Program Directors





Non-Profits

New Life's history has been one of a bridge builder. Over our 19--year history we have connected with multiple ministries present in Tidewater that are having incredible impact and influence ministering to a very unique niche in our community. In an effort to impact our region through ministries that would go beyond NLC-specific ministries, the LHR campaign committed to give 10% of all pledges to various ministries serving our region.

Here is a list of the ministries to which we have given thus far:

- » Crisis Pregnancy Center
- » Union Mission
- » Chesapeake Jail Ministry
- » Norfolk Jail Ministry
- » Life Enrichment Center
- » GO Church
- » Bethany Bible Training Center
- » Robert and Kathryn Carlton
- » Virginia Beach Justice Initiative
- » Ghent Area Ministry



CALL TO ACTION

We are grateful for so many who have sacrificially given to help the vision of LHR start to become a reality. God is to be praised for the generosity of His church! As we stand today, we are roughly \$80,000 behind the projected amount for this time in the campaign. Would you consider partnering with the church in a financial way these last six months of the campaign? Together this dream can become a reality both for our church and our region.

Three ways to financially engage

1. New pledges from those who have joined the church since the launch of LHR last fall
2. One-time gifts to the campaign from those who have already fulfilled their pledge but might want to give a bit extra
3. Gifts to catch up on campaign pledges or to front-load the remainder of an existing pledge

Ways to give

- » Online at newlife.global
- » Text-to-Give by **texting LHR and your amount to 855.465.1595**
- » At any of our worship services



FOR THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST