

For any questions or concerns pertaining to anything at New City please contact Rebekah at admin@newcityindy.org. The appropriate person will be contacted from there.

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

SEATING

You will find chairs pre-arranged in clusters of 4, spaced 6 feet from each other. Please do not move the chairs forward or backward. If you need more than 4, simply grab one (or however many you need) from a cluster to the right or left. This will maintain the 6 foot distance required by the current governing authorities.

CHILDREN IN SERVICE

Our nursery will not be opening after Labor Day. We will continue to explore this possibility in the near future. We also realize that crying or exceedingly loud children presents a challenge. To better serve all present, we have dedicated a room of the southwest side of the gym as a place to take loud kids and still be able to enjoy the service via livestream.

PRAYER MEETING

Beginning Sept. 15th, New City will be starting a weekly time of prayer Tuesdays from 6-7am in Christ Lutheran's foyer area. The prayer meeting will last 10 weeks. For additional information or to send a prayer request, contact Tyler Young at tyoung356@gmail.com or 317-376-5440.

FALL WORK DAY

We are planning a Fall Outdoor Work Day on Oct. 10 at 9AM. Please consider coming. Many hands make less work. If you plan on coming, rsvp to rebekah@newcityindy.org.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 13 – Fall Kick Off for Rooted 6-7:30pm

Sept. 15 – Prayer Meeting 6-7am in conference room

Oct. 10 – Fall Work Day 9am

FINANCIAL UPDATE	Year To Date
GENERAL OPERATING (9/11//20)	
Budgeted Income Projected	\$204,795
Tithes & Offerings Actual	\$235,797

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The Sign and “Seal” of Righteousness

September 13, 2020 | Romans 4 | Pastor Roger Williams

Baptism is a gift that represents something real, outside us, and maintained by God himself.

Romans 4

¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.



The seal was simply the visible pledge of God that when the conditions of his covenant were met, the blessings he promised would apply. -Dr. Bryan Chapell

Colossians 2

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Galatians 3

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

...²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

What is baptism? Baptism is the official sign of righteousness as a gift being the way of life with God in the world AND it is God's "official promise" that then the condition of faith is met, all the blessings of the covenant follow.

Why many believing parents in the New City community baptize infants:

Genesis 17

²² When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.

Psalm 103

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Acts 2

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

1 Corinthians 7

¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

Acts 16

³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

"The argument in a nutshell is simply this: God established his Church in the days of Abraham and put children into it. They must remain there until He puts them out. He has nowhere put them out. They are still then members of His church and as such entitled to its ordinances. Among these ordinances is baptism, which standing in similar place in the New Dispensation to circumcision in the Old, is like it to be given to children."

The Works of Benjamin B. Warfield, Vol. IX, p.408.