

# NEW LIFE NEWS

Official Newsletter of New Life Family Outreach

## Director's Corner

BY DEBORAH RODENHIZER: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Fall is finally here and with it, bringing back some semblance of what we used to think of as “normal”. Personally, it has always been my favorite time of year.

I love the colors, the smells, the comfort of sweaters, crafts, and preparations for the holidays ahead.

At NLFO, it signals preparations for our annual fundraising Banquet. This year, we are excited about having an “in-person” event once again. There will be information given throughout this newsletter, so please, mark your calendars and plan on attending!

In our line of ministry (advocating for life), we are up against quite a bit of warfare. You can follow it in the media in order to see the outright hatred for what we stand for. Not only advocating for life but also sharing the Truth of the Gospel and using the Bible as a foundation for bringing healing to many.

What many of you do not know is that we also encounter resistance and warfare at the ground level right here inside of our community. Some of it can be from unexpected sources and those are the hardest of all to deal with.



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## "Director's Update" Cont.

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Sometimes it is dealing with “fake clients and phone calls”, negative reviews without basis, etc. We have experienced all of that in the last month and it seems to be increasing as the other side fears that they are losing ground in the fight.

We covet your prayers as we minister to those in our community who need us. We also ask you to pray for those in the larger arenas who are fighting for what God says is right and just.

Current court cases to read about and pray for are as follows:

Dobbs v, Jackson – US Supreme Court

NIFLA v. Shneider – Illinois

CompassionCare, NIFLA, and First Baptist Church v. Andrew Cuomo, et all – New York  
American Medical Association v. Stenehjem – North Dakota

Pray for God’s Justice to prevail, for people to do the right thing, for provision for the legal teams, and for protection for all involved.

The days are dark and filled with evil. But we serve a God Who is greater and Who is Sovereign.

Blessings,

*Deborah Rodenhizer*



## 2021 Benfit Banquet: Life more Abundantly!

BY MELISSA MCBRYANT: DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



It's that time of year again where we reach out to you, our faithful donors supporters and prayer partners, to let you know about our yearly benefit banquet.

As you may know, our Fall Fundraiser is our largest annual fundraiser, and we depend on this event to bring in the majority of our yearly operating expenses.

This year our theme is "Life more abundantly" and will be featuring Deon Parker the Spiritual Life Director of Wesleyan Christian Academy in High Point, NC.

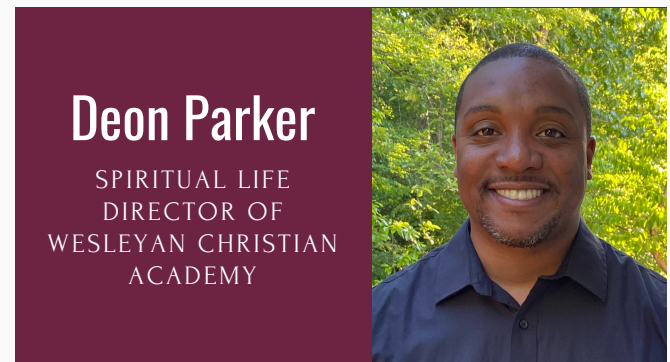
It seems like every day our world becomes increasingly full of trials and troubles. We have seen this in our own lives but also in the lives of our clients and our community. This year we want to do our part to share the hope that we have in Christ Jesus.

His word says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" John 10:10.

We know that Jesus came so that we may have the hope of a life full of abundance in Him.

So, we do our best here at NFLO to champion life in the womb but also to offer the hope of a life lived abundantly by offering the possibility of healing, restoration, and redemption.

If you are willing to host or underwrite our event, please let us know. We do have resources to give to you regarding underwriting and hosting! If this is something you want to do or would like more information about, please feel free to let me know at your earliest convenience.



Additionally, there is more information available on our website: [www.newlifehighpoint.org](http://www.newlifehighpoint.org). To navigate to the correct page click the "Benefit Banquet 2021" button on the homepage.

Finally, thank you for what you all do to support New Life Family Outreach. We look forward to seeing what God will do and how He will use you to make it happen!





# "How to live an Abundant Life"

ADAPTED FROM DAILY DEVOTIONS ONLINE

*"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"*

Ephesians 3:20

What does it mean to live an abundant life? And why do Christians keep saying it? Yes, God wants you to live an abundant life; right here on earth.

We don't have to wait until we reach heaven in order to enjoy the blessings of God. God has given you the tools to live a fulfilling life right here and make the most of the time we have while we wait on his coming.

A while ago I spoke about how Christians are citizens of God's kingdom. As members of God's kingdom, we have access to everything good that God has to offer. Everything belongs to God, therefore as his children, we live a more abundant life because God is taking care of his.

"...for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."  
Psalm 50:12

What does living an abundant life in Christ mean? Well, it means living a life that is contented in Christ; living every day with a sense of purpose. According to the Oxford Online Dictionary, the word 'abundantly' means 'existing or available in large quantities.'

And according to Strong's Greek Dictionary the word abundantly used in our devotional text means 'in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality).'

God wants us to live a life of greatness, a life that has more to offer, a better quality of life. Does that mean every Christian is designated to be rich? I wish! But no, we are not all called to be wealthy but we are all called to live a life that is driven by the righteousness of Christ, wrapped in his mercy and protected by his grace.

## 1. Seek God first

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Of course, the first thing we must do in order to live an abundant life is to seek God first. This is a promise, that everything that we need will be provided for us once we seek his kingdom first. Holding onto this promise means that we don't have to worry about tomorrow because we know that God is already taking care of it.

## 2. Trust in God

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

When we give our plans over to God, we are saying "Here God, take my life and make it better."



## "How to live an Abundant Life" Cont.

### 3. Contentment

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Philippians 4:11

I absolutely love this verse! In all things, Paul learned to be content. Whether he was in someone's home preaching to God's people or he was writing to the church from a prison cell, he was content. When we ask God to be content, we are not asking him to let us settle for less than, but we are asking him to give us peace of mind that he is in the background working things out in our favor.

### 4. Waiting on God

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

Waiting on God may be difficult but it is an essential part of living an abundant life in Christ. I can't tell you how many times I made poor choices because of my impatience. I believe that patience is a gift, some of us have it and some of us...well not so much. But when you wait on God's guidance we will see him gracefully fitting the pieces of your life together.

### 5. Uplifting Others

"And the second is like, unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39

The Christian life is also a life lived to serve others. Ministry is an important part of living an abundant life. As followers of Christ we are called to serve others, it is our purpose to be obedient (Ecclesiastes 12:13) and to spread the gospel to the world (Matthew 28:20). It does not necessarily mean that you have to be a Pastor or go on multiple mission trips, but ask God what he would have you to do to serve others and to bring glory and honor to him. We have no idea the amazing things God has planned for us if we just surrender our will to his.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

### Exceedingly Abundantly

Living an abundant life in Christ gives us the opportunity to show God's love to others without saying one word. When others see that we are content and purpose-fulfilled they too will want to follow Christ. We must all, therefore, ask God for a life of abundance, not only so we can be blessed with more money but that we can be a blessing to others.

<https://mydailydevotion.online/index.php/2019/08/02/how-to-live-an-abundant-life/>



## 2021 Benefit Banquet



NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH'S

# BENEFIT *Life More Abundantly* BANQUET

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

VERTICAL CHURCH, JAMESTOWN



### Urgent & Continued Needs:

Urgent need- We are in need of a group of committed volunteers to clean our center one Saturday a month! Please let us know if you are interested!

Those willing to do:

Diaper Drives & Baby Bottle Campaigns

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