

# THE VINE

Official Newsletter of New Day Community Church



## Welcome to New Day Community and Guests

One of the things that I appreciate about our house are the trees that surround our property. Aside from the shade they provide, I enjoy the sounds of life they bring to our yard; from the rustle of wind moving through the branches to the many birds and squirrels that call those trees their home. When we submitted our purchase offer, the trees still had their leaves but by the time we moved in a month later they were gone. Our yard was quiet during the colder months, but as Spring approached we began to see signs of life returning to the space as everything turned yellow from pollen. Yuck, but no biggie, I just rinsed off the cars and swept the deck...and sneezed...a lot. Recently, as the trees have leafed and life has come back to our yard in a big way I came face to face with a reality of growth...sap. I've never seen so much sap! I come out to the car in the morning to take Eli to school and my car looks like it just left a rainstorm, huge droplets of sap everywhere!

A couple of Saturdays ago I thought that maybe we were through the worst of it. I got out my buckets and soap and spent hours washing away months of dust and dirt from our travels and layers and layers of pollen from our cars. I went to sleep that night tired, but feeling great at how the cars looked and how much I enjoyed some time with my thoughts as I washed and dried and polished. Well, as you've no doubt guessed, I came out the next morning and the cars I had worked so hard on were once again absolutely covered in sap and now had the addition of some kind of flower pods.

I ran my car through a quick car wash up at the gas station in Lewisville last week as I was thinking about Sunday's Scripture passage (John 15.1-8). In the passage, Jesus is speaking to the disciples about grapevines before being given over to the authorities and beginning his journey towards the crucifixion. Specifically, he says, "Every branch that bears fruit [God] prunes to make it bear more fruit." (John 15.2b). While these words have been misused to paint a picture of a God who uses illness, loss, and hurt to somehow make us better disciples (a theological view I cannot get behind!). I did have a moment of connection as I watched the soap suds roll down my windshield. While the deluge of sap was frustrating for me, it was a sign of growth for the trees that I appreciate so much in our yard. Because the trees were coming back to life following their winter nap; because they were experiencing growth and were healthy, the sap was flowing. This reminded me that growth isn't always a pleasant experience for us, but growth is necessary for our ongoing well-being. I think this is what Jesus was alluding to as he spoke to the disciples that evening.

The Holy Spirit was sent to us as a guide and helper as we seek to become clearer reflections of God's grace and mercy in this world. As we grow in our faith, learning to trust the leadings and direction of the Holy Spirit, we come face to face with the areas of our lives that need change/growth, which may be discomforting and make us uneasy. For instance, we may be shown a prejudice or bias we learned early in life and never noticed before, but now we understand the harm it has caused in this world. We may see, for the first time, people around us who are hurting or hungry and be drawn into their story by the Spirit. Not unlike the growth pains we experience during puberty, confronting our growing edges is not always comfortable or easy. But that unease and occasional discomfort, like my trees' sap, is a sign of life, a sign of growth. Don't be afraid to let the Holy Spirit in and the transformation begin. Growing and maturing in our faith, being nurtured by the Holy Spirit, brings the Kingdom of God to our here and now, one life at a time.

Now, please excuse me as I run to the car wash...again! :)

blessings,  
-ashley



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Website!

[www.NewDayLewisville.org](http://www.NewDayLewisville.org)



## Upcoming Events

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May 14 - Ladies' Trivia

May 29 - Ladies' Breakfast



## New Day Quick Updates

1. **NEW DAY CARES:** New Day Cares was formed two years ago to be a resource for members who may find themselves in time of need: births, death, sickness, meals, ride to doctor or just someone to chat with. There are five members of this committee who will be reaching out to you soon. Information is not shared, unless you give permission. Don't hesitate to reach out to them or me in your time of need. In His Care, Margaret Quinn, 336-328-6009, [mpq46@outlook.com](mailto:mpq46@outlook.com)
2. The My Church Directory APP is here! Please check your email for directions on how to download the APP. If you have any questions, need to make any changes to your personal information or wish to be added to the APP contact Dana Jafroodi ([danajafroodi@yahoo.com](mailto:danajafroodi@yahoo.com)).
3. Thank you for your continued financial support! Please make sure to make your checks to New Day Community Church or give through PayPal (link to the right)
4. If you have prayer requests, please let us know. Our prayer list is emailed each Tuesday. Contact Pastor Darren with any prayer requests or fill out your request on a connect card.

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# Monthly Ministry Opportunities

- **Genesis Kardia led by Jayne Radinov**
  - Meeting Locations: Mount Olivet UMC 1082 Community Road, Lexington
  - Time: Mondays 6:30-8:00pm
  - Facebook page is always updated. Please go and like our page
- **Genesis Kardia 2nd Friday Fun**
  - Time: 7-9pm
- **Summer Camp**
  - Kamp Koinonia 2nd Annual will be August 5-9th, 2024 from 9:00-3:00
- New Day was privileged to help support the Salvation Army's "Hands and Hearts" campaign to raise funds for the Ken Carlson Boys and Girls Club teen center designed to foster the growth and potential of young adults at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Have you been attending New Day for a bit and feel like it's time to take the next step? If you are interested in becoming a member of New Day Community Church, take a moment and email Pastor Ashley ([pastorashley.ndcc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorashley.ndcc@gmail.com)) and set up a time to chat.

## Family Ministry

We're rebooting our Children's Ministry here at New Day and we need you!

After a bit of a hiatus, we're starting the reboot with Children's Sunday School and we are looking for people to fill out our teaching teams and/or provide support for our teachers on Sunday mornings. Are you interested in learning more? Email Pastor Ashley ([pastorashley.ndcc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorashley.ndcc@gmail.com))



## New Day Women's Ministry

Attention Ladies and Gentlemen on May 14th Trivia Night at The Playground Golf and Sports bar. It starts at 7:30. Need to get there early to get a table. On May 29th at 9:00am the women will meet for breakfast, please let Sherri Royall know by Monday, May 27th if you plan on attending.

## New Day Youth

Please join us 11:45 - 1:15 the first and third Sundays throughout the school year (minus school holidays).



## Men's Ministry





## Serving Opportunities

- We enjoyed celebrating birthdays with the families at the Salvation Army’s Center of Hope on April 17th! We had a great time making crafts and playing games with the children. We all enjoyed cupcakes and snacks! The next birthday party will be in June.



- **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Since January 1, Clemmons Food Pantry has averaged serving the needs of 3,390 people each month. Approximately 60 households are served even on “slow days.” It has been the busiest 3-month stretch the Pantry has seen in more than 5 years. The needs continue to be great! Congratulations to Kim Daniel who has clocked in more than 750 hours volunteering at CFP!

### Financial Reporting

Current Financials as of November 30, 2023  
 Current balance in all accounts \$120,629.02  
 Total Contributions to date \$144,545.00  
 Total Expenses to date: \$197,453.78

## Collections

The Salvation Army’s Center of Hope is our focus service ministry for May. The Center of Hope (COH) is the only homeless shelter for families in Forsyth County. When residents arrive at the COH, they receive new bedding and they can take it with them when they leave. So, during the month of May, we will be collecting Twin XL Sheet Sets and Standard Size Pillows for these families. Contact Betty Davis with any questions. Thank you for supporting the COH families!

**Thank you for your faithful support of these monthly collections. Bins are located outside of the Sanctuary to drop off your items.**



### Resources to help our nation and world

Listed below are resources for US hurricane relief as well as global support for countries of Afghanistan and Haiti. Please continue to be in prayer for those in peril in our community, nation, and world.

[www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)  
[www.worldrelief.org/triad](http://www.worldrelief.org/triad)