

Dear New Life Family and Friends,

This week we have suffered a terrible tragedy at New Life Church. However, even in the midst of such trauma and grief I have found that hope, faith and courage are alive and well in the people of New Life Church. We continue to pray for the Works family, who lost two teenage daughters, for the others who were injured, and also for the shooter's family. We all need the Lord's comfort and strength in the midst of this tragic situation. Let me share some important information with you that will help us walk through this crisis together.

First, we will have a family meeting at New Life Church on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. We will gather to worship, pray, mourn and begin our healing process. After the meeting we will have personal ministry available for those who need it, so please make every effort to attend with your family. The TAG high school group will join us for this unprecedented family meeting, and there will not be childcare available.

Second, we will continue to offer free trauma counseling by professional Christian counselors at the Woodmen Valley Chapel main campus Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. I encourage any of you who are having difficulty dealing with this tragedy to go and receive ministry and comfort there.

Third, I want to let you know that we have set up a Works Family Memorial Fund for anyone wishing to contribute to the financial needs of this family. You may donate on our secure website at <http://www.newlifechurch.org>.

Finally, the book of Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. This is obviously a time for our church family to mourn together for the loss of two very sweet and wonderful girls. Out of respect for the victim's families, and sensitivity for the great sorrow we feel in our hearts, we have decided to cancel the remaining Wonderland Christmas performances. You can read more about this on our website <http://www.newlifechurch.org> by clicking on Wonderland Update.

I remain steadfast in my conviction that God is faithful. We know that He used the actions of one of our own brave members to save several hundred people from more violence and death. Our family of believers is strong! By the grace of God, we will rise again from this tragedy as we experience the healing power of Jesus over our New Life family. The world will see the light of life in us and know that our God reigns!

May the grace of God be with you and your family.

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