

NEW LIFE NEWS

“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.” LUKE 1:37



MEAL MINISTRY UPDATE AND ADDRESSING RUMORS

In mid August, New Life Ministries shared an important update regarding the New Life Community Meal Ministry. As of August 12, 2024, individuals began to receive only one (1) free meal per serving time at the New Life Community Meal Ministry.

At the start of 2024, New Life Ministries had announced that we were expanding our services by beginning to offer carryout meals. When making this decision, we were also faced with the decision of how many meals to offer. At the time, the decision was made to allow individuals the option to take up to two free meals during each serving period. This decision was made with hope that we would be able to serve a larger population in our community. Some individuals would take two, but many continued to only take one.

As the year went on, like many, we were impacted by the rising costs of food and utilities. We began to see our donations decrease as others were navigating these increases too. Our supplies were decreasing while the needs in our community were rapidly increasing. By the end of July, we had already served 4,911 lunches and 12,908 dinners. This is a significant increase from our numbers at this time in 2023, having only served 2,282 lunches and 7,481 dinners.

When we were offering two free meals per serving time, we knew we were helping but we also knew that we were providing extra. After multiple conversations between the Executive Director and Meal Ministry Director, the difficult decision was made to move back to one meal per person per serving time.

With this change came many misconceptions. The New Life Community Meal Ministry is still serving free meals to all people. An individual is welcome to come down and enjoy a meal every time our doors are open, we will just be serving one meal rather than two per person.

This change was not made due to not being able to afford to run this ministry. Rather, New Life Ministries wants to continue to be good stewards of what the Lord has blessed us with and are thankful for every person who has donated funds or supplies to help us prepare and serve our community. This ministry is a community ministry and we are thankful for all the support we receive.

GOLFING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

On Saturday, August 17, we hosted our 12th Annual Golf Scramble for New Life Ministries. There were 19 teams of four who joined us for a round of golf and lunch while raising funds and awareness for our ministry programs.



We want to take a moment to once again thank our sponsors. Thank you to our 28 hole sponsors. Thank you to Renovate Counseling Services for being our Par Sponsor and sponsoring our raffles. And, thank you to Joel Scheer of Ruoff Mortgage and Bob Burnsworth of Coldwell Banker for being Eagle Sponsors of this event!

Thank you again to everyone who supported this event and our ministry programs. We hope you had a great time, and we look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 13th Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

MEN'S LIFE HOUSE BATHROOM REMODEL



Before



Before

New Life Ministries was granted funding by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and its employees to help remodel the upstairs bathroom at the Men's Life House. This was a project that desperately needed completed and this grant helped make it possible!

As seen in the before photos, this bathroom was in desperate need of repairs and updates. The shower was not easily accessible for all men, a fresh coat of paint was needed, the water heater was an eyesore, and it overall appeared dingy and unpleasant. With the help of this grant and the mission team from Clarkson Baptist in July, we were able to remodel this bathroom and make it better suited for the men living in the home.



After



After

We work hard to keep our homes safe and well kept for those we are serving and are glad to see this bathroom updated to continue to provide a nice home for the men we are serving while they navigate our program.