

September Sermons & Scriptures

● September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Picnic Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sermon: The Heavens Proclaim

First Lesson: Psalm 19:1-14

Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-35

● September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

150th Anniversary Worship Service

Sermon: God is Faithful

First Lesson: Ezra 34:11-24

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:3-14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

● September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: A Shepherd's Responsibilities

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-15

● September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

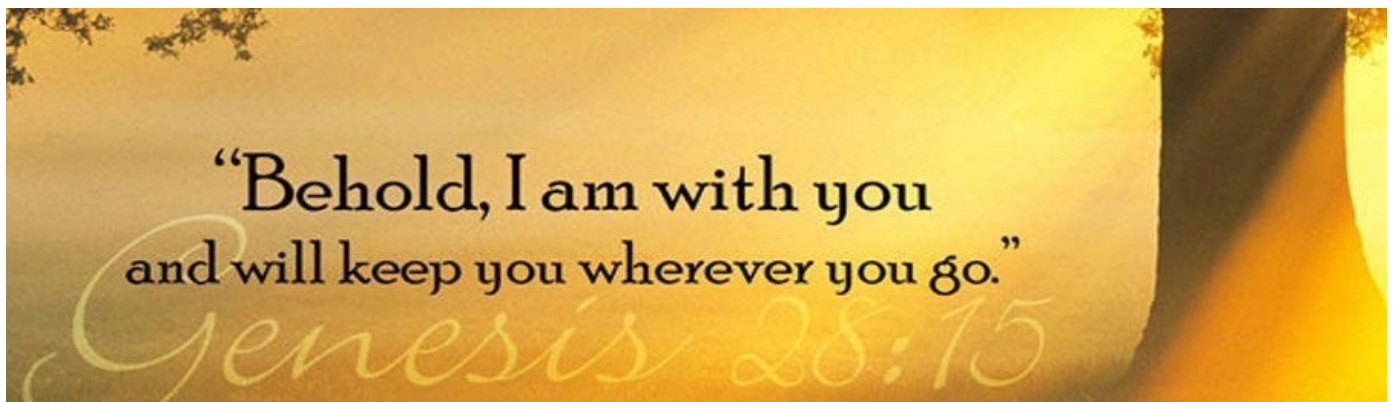
Morning Worship Service

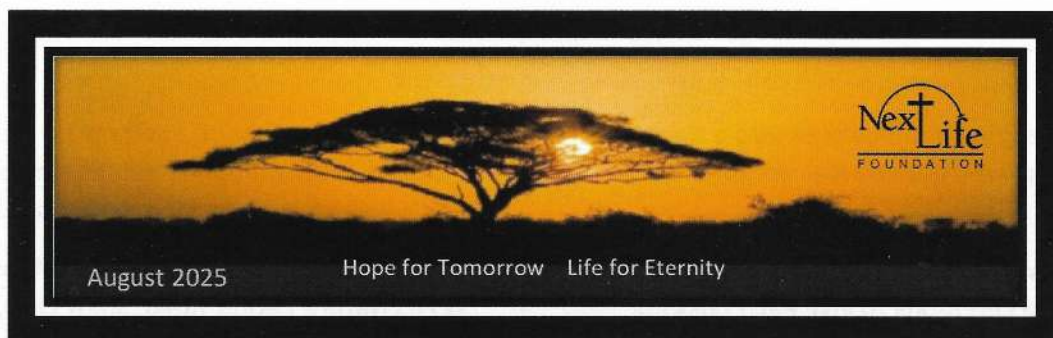
Sermon: Love of...?

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31





Moving Forward at Next Life Foundation

We praise God for all that has happened over the past ten years at Next Life in Tanzania and pray for his wisdom, guidance and provision going forward. We started with a dream in 2013, received our government approval both in TZ and the US in 2015, had our first tailoring student in February 2016. The village leaders asked us to offer something for the young men in the area so we began a carpentry class after moving to a larger site in October 2016. We bought a 3 acre property in 2020 & moved to new property in July 2021!



Next Life Foundation Campus

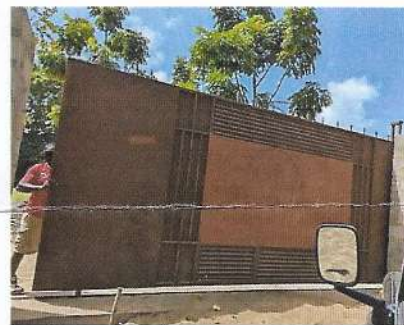
Now we have a campus that has two classrooms buildings, restrooms, an office/guardhouse/kitchen building and a perimeter wall that is over halfway



completed. God is providing when His timing is right and we feel very blessed. We have about 120 meters (131 yards) to complete the concrete block part of the wall. When this is completed a smooth stucco finish will be applied and lights will be installed to illuminate the wall for further security. The total to completely finish the wall is approximately \$60,000.

Questions come up about the necessity for a perimeter security wall. There are a number of reasons this wall is

imperative. Theft was a problem when everyone was walking across the property and there seemed to be no boundaries. Primarily though, it will keep our



students safe. Alcoholism is a big problem in Mbuguni and with it comes bad decision making which could affect our young people if someone came onto our property that was inebriated. Also, Tanzania is a significant source for human trafficking and rural areas are often targeted.

This leads to our next building project, a girls dormitory.



Once we complete the wall, we'd like to have a place for the young ladies to stay during the week. Many are walking two to four hours to get to

class and then home again. Being three degrees south of the equator, the sun basically rises at 6am and sets at 6pm. This means many are walking in the dark since classes start at 8am and end at 4pm. We want to keep our students safe.



Another item we're ready to begin when funds are available is to teach a third trade. After prayer and



discussion, offering Salon training will give young mothers a chance to stay home with their little ones and still make a living. They'll learn everything "beauty"; hair, nails, skin care. We'll have salon type hair dryers and sinks plus different extensions for the hair so the students will have exposure to the in-house salon but could practice their skills in their yard, if need be. The start up costs to

transform the current office area into a classroom and buy equipment needed is approximately \$17,000.

Graduation will be in January and once again we'd love to have a ceremony to give each tailoring graduate a sewing machine so they can start their



own business under a tree at their home or rent a space. So many of our students will be supporting their parents, grandparents and their siblings. Some will finally be able to move out of a very dysfunctional home if they can support themselves. Christ's love will shine through a gift of a \$600



sewing machine. How can you collaborate with others to give such a life sustaining gift? There will be 30 tailoring graduates January 2026.

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

We're so excited to have Laurence Laban, Tanzanian co-founder of Next Life Foundation, join us at our Annual Banquet to celebrate this great milestone! We'll hear how he was inspired to



begin this organization and how he sees the students and community being transformed due to God's divine touch through our organization.

The celebrations will be at Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road, Spirit Lake, IA
Saturday, Sept 20, 11:30am – 2:00pm

It's time to RSVP if you can attend to NextLifeFound@gmail.com.

Make a Trip to TZ to Greet the Students

In January a team will be traveling to Tanzania again to serve the students and the region with



eyeglass clinics. We'll be traveling to some Maasai villages and also spending a couple days at our campus providing eyesight testing, eyeglass fitting, lunch and the truth of the Gospel. We will be

partnering with MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunites Short Term) in Ann Arbor, MI. Is God nudging you to join us on this mission trip? Many of these people have gone for years without seeing properly because they can't afford to go to a doctor. Some are older and need major correction, others are young and need to see the board the teacher is writing on or the book they're supposed to read. It is such a joy to witness the thrill on their face when their sight is "restored".

In May we'll go to teach first aid again. When an ambulance is not available, these skills are life saving competencies. This is another opportunity to tell the story of Jesus and serve the folks.

We do these trips to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to make Him known. Is He calling you to join us? Contact me at NextLifeFound@gmail.com with questions.

In His Service,

Patti





The Ministry of the Unnoticed

By Oswald Chambers

Blessed are the poor in spirit. — [Matthew 5:3](#)

The New Testament notices things we completely overlook. When Jesus says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” he is elevating a state which counts for nothing according to our standards—the state of being poor. Today’s preaching tends to emphasize dazzling, easily noticed qualities, like strength of will or beauty of character. We often hear preachers telling us to “decide for Christ,” placing the emphasis on our own effort and “goodness”—things our Lord never trusted. He never asks us to *decide* for him. He asks us to *yield* to him, which is very different.

At the bedrock of Jesus Christ’s kingdom is the unaffected loveliness of the commonplace. What I am blessed in is my poverty. If I know I have no strength of will, no nobility of disposition, Jesus says I am blessed; it’s through this poverty that I enter his kingdom. I can’t enter his kingdom as a “good” man or woman; I can enter only as a pauper.

The true character of the loveliness that counts for God is always unconscious. Conscious influence is smug and self-righteous and unchristian. If I start looking for evidence of my own usefulness, I instantly lose the bloom of the Lord’s touch. “Whoever believes in me,” Jesus said, “rivers of living water will flow from within them” (John 7:38). If I examine the outflow, I lose the touch of the Lord.

Who are the people who have influenced us most? Not the ones who thought they did, but those without the slightest notion of their impact, those who radiated the unconscious loveliness of the Lord’s touch. We always know when Jesus is at work in someone’s life, because he produces something inspiring in the midst of the commonplace.

Grief & Share®



**Welcome to Griefshare:
Hope can be restored & healing is possible.**

Losing someone you love is deeply painful, and other people don't always understand just how hard it is. We want to reassure you that you're not alone, and joining a group is a wise way to find help. Your group leader will reach out to you soon, or feel free to contact your leader with any questions.

"The caring, encouragement, and support I encountered in the group was a balm to my deeply grieving soul." -Rose

What to expect:

Grieving is a normal response to the loss of your loved one, but grief can also be unpredictable. Your GriefShare group will help you learn how to cope with the daily challenges of grief. Here is what you can expect each week at your group.



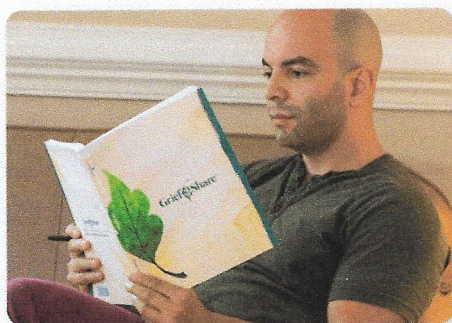
A 30-minute video

Each week you'll watch relatable stories and hear sound advice from grief experts and people who've walked this path before you.



Supportive discussion

Talk with fellow group members, who are also dealing with their own grief. You'll discover what's normal in grief and what to expect in the days to come. Your group will be a safe, accepting space. And you won't be pressured to share!



Help from your participant guide

You can use your participant guide both during your group and at home. It's filled with valuable exercises, encouragement, and tools to help you navigate your personal grief struggles.

You'll cry over a sermon but
won't change a habit.
*Feeling moved isn't the
goal—being transformed is.*

Tears are not the measure of change—obedience is.
Emotion fades, but action endures.
Conviction without correction is spiritual
stagnation.

It's not enough to be inspired on Sunday and
unchanged by Monday. God's Word is meant to
shape your decisions, not just stir your feelings.

Transformation begins when application takes root.
Don't just hear the truth—live it.
That's worship. That's growth. That's renewal.

We repent
enough to be
forgiven,
but do we
surrender
enough to be
changed?



Uganda's National Flag



Mountain Gorilla:

Uganda is home to more than 50% of
the world's mountain gorillas.



Lion:

Lions can be seen in several national
parks in Uganda.

I am in Primary _____ / Secondary One / Other _____

Dear Alicia

Date 29th -05-2025

Praise God, I hope you are all fine that
side. I know our merciful God has protected
us till now and we thank Him for all that.
Back to me, I am also fine.

I want to thank you for the support you are
giving me and may God bless you.

I want to briefly tell you about holidays. I
learned many skills like bakery and it's impor-
tant to me.

Also I am very happy when writing this
letter because it is when I received Christ
in my life so I am born again.

I pray to God that this letter reaches to you soon.
I am glad you sent to me wonderful birthday
wishes. may God bless you so much.

Translation

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Harvest Picnic-10am Greeters: Jim/Kayla Reader: Matt Acolyte: Amanda	8	9 Deacons- 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	10	11	12	13
14 150th Anniversary Celebration- 10am Greeters: Matt/Diane Reader: Tony Acolyte: Cooper	15	16 Women's Bible Study- 2pm (Ruth 3:14-18)	17	18	19	20
21 Greeters: Joel/Jack Reader: Sue Acolyte: Zade Sunday school- 10:15	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Greeters: Tony/Lydia Reader: Jack Acolyte: Makenna Sunday school- 10:15 Griefshare- 2:30pm	29	30	31			

Birthdays

10- Emmanuel Smith

14- Nick Dontje

23- Leland Pederson

September Volunteers

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Communion	Nick			
Greeters	Jim/Kayla	Matt/Diane	Joel/Jack	Tony/Lydia
Reader	Matt	Tony	Sue	Jack
Sound	Steve	Devon	Brandon	Matt
Computer	Donna	Rachel	Bobby	Bobby
Acolyte	Amanda	Cooper	Zade	Makenna
Pianist	Marcia	Marcia	Sheryl	Val
Ushers	Jeff/Donna.....			
Custodians	Lydia/Tony			

 If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!