# Welcome!

#### **Our Mission**

New City Fellowship exists to seek the establishment of God's kingdom rule in the lives of people from every ethnic group by **discipling** the nations in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ through a clear proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone and by doing Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy.





Scan the QR code to the left to see more information about the current house churches. Learn the Leaders, days, times and places! Fill out the form at the bottom and they will contact you!



Worship Service and Livestream at 10:30 Am Francophone Service at 10:30 AM in the Auditorium Adult Education Classes & Blast 9 at 9:00 AM

Church Office: Email and Website: Get the Mobile App: Listen to Sermons Online: 1142 Hodiamont Ave, 63112: 314-726-2302 ncfstl@ncfstl.org; www.newcityucity.org Text NCFStLouis to 206-859-9405 www.newcityucity.org

### Contact the Pastors

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Jim Ward jward@ncfstl.org



Please reserve the parking lot behind the gym for those in our congregation that have a physical need for accessible parking close to the building. Able-bodied people may also park at the school across the street.

## **Baptisms**

If you are interested in scheduling a baptism please scan the QR Code, click the link, fill out the form and we will contact you!



# Sermon Text

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:1-20



## **DECEMBER 21, 2025**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

 $\label{eq:condition} \mbox{Advent Reading and Candle Lighting} \\ \mbox{\it Ngelinkoto Family}$ 

Isaiah 7: 10-14 (ESV)

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: 11 "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

10 L'Éternel parla de nouveau à Achaz : 11 « Demande un signe à l'Éternel, ton Dieu ; qu'il soit profond comme le séjour des morts ou haut comme le ciel. » 12 Mais Achaz répondit : « Je ne demanderai rien, je ne mettrai pas l'Éternel à l'épreuve. » 13 Il dit alors : « Écoutez donc, maison de David ! Est-ce trop peu pour vous de fatiguer les hommes, que vous lassiez aussi mon Dieu ? 14 C'est pourquoi l'Éternel lui-même vous donnera un signe : voici, la vierge concevra et enfantera un fils, et on l'appellera Emmanuel.

Jesus Oh What A wonderful Child

O Come All Ye Faithful

Holy Forever

Living Hope

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Blast Song & Skit
\*\*Dismiss Nursery Volunteers

**Announcements** 

Sermon: Sam Ivey

The Lord's Supper

Silent Night

Benediction



# What's Happening At New City Fellowship...

## Giving, Infants, Kids & Teens



Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 6:00 PM

New Years Eve Service | December 31 | 9:00 PM



#### **Always Reconciling**

Class Led by Jim Ward & Herman Armstrong NCF Cafeteria | 9:00 AM Last class for 2025 on 12/14, class to resume 1/18



A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us here at New City University City beginning February 4th at 7:00 PM.

At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

For more information, contact Sam Ivey, visit griefshare.org or scan the QR code.



### New City University City 2025 Tithes & Offering Update

	January - November	Projected December	Estimated Annual Total
Tithe	\$ 612,600	\$ 91,600	\$ 704,200
Net Expenses	\$ 716,000	\$ 70,300	\$ 786,300
Cash Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (103,400)	\$ 21,300	\$ (82,100)

#### December tithes needed to cover expenses for 2025: \$173,700

We approved the 2025 budget with the understanding that we had \$175,000 in cash reserves. A portion of that reserve was intentionally set aside to help cover the increased costs of bringing on a Senior Pastor. Our goal for 2025 was to at least match our 2024 giving while we grow into this expanded budget.

To reach that goal, we need December tithes to total \$135,400.

#### **Christmas Celebration Continues:**

#### December 24th | 6:00 PM

Join us once more on Christmas Eve, as we sing and worship by candle light.



**Check Designation** 

Please ensure checks are designated to New City Fellowship **University City.** 



Scan the QR code to be directed to our online giving site, from there you can give to New City and our various ministries.



# Babies & PRESCHOOL

We provide care, Bible teaching, and songs for babies through preschoolers in the upstairs nursery rooms during the sermon. Parents can sign children in at the nursery desk during the service break and sign them out after communion. To receive updates, contact Bea Adiputra to join the parent email list.

For more information contact Bea Adiputra: badiputra@ncfstl.org

## Blast AND BLAST 9

BLAST is for kids K–5th grade. Leaders take them to the 3rd floor when dismissed, and parents pick them up there after the service. Subscribe to the children's ministry e-newsletter for updates.

To sign up for e-newsletters or more information contact Ali Grimshaw: agrimshaw@ncfstl.org

#### **Youth Group**

Youth Group is held on the first and third Sunday of every month from **12:30-2:30.** Youth ages 14-18 are welcome. Youth group is seeking new furniture for the youth room! Couches, rugs etc etc. please contact Susan or Reuel in you would like to donate.

For more information text or call Reuel at 314-574-9543 or Susan at 314-303-0800