

2021

Halftime

REPORT



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HALFTIME

It's that break between the two halves of the football (or rugby) game. Just a short respite where the athletes and fans can take a break, stretch their legs (if you're in the stands), and get ready for the second half. That's where we are in 2021, we're at halftime. Most students are on break and many of us are taking vacations or at least making plans for one soon. It's a time to get ready for the fall and the last half of the year.

So here at halftime, with 2020 fully in the rearview mirror, we take a look at what God has been up to the first half of 2021 and look forward to what's yet to come with eager anticipation.

DISCIPLE MAKING:

To date, there have been 31 people who have made the decision to follow Jesus in obedience through baptism. We celebrate the lives changed through this decision.

LIFE GROUPS:

It has been exciting to see vibrant, thriving groups both online and in person the first half of this year! While some groups remain exclusively online, some are back meeting in person and doing life together each week. If you are not involved in a Life Group, email **Tess Edmonds (tesse@newlife.church)** to get connected today!

CAMPUS NEWS:

LINTON HALL

Linton Hall has had an exciting first half.

January: The campus is meeting in person again thanks to the generosity of a New Lifer who donated her dance studio in Manassas so the campus had someplace to meet.

March: The spring drive thru, Bunny on a Break, had 180 cars driving through, showing the community God's love and telling them about Easter services.

April: Easter services! New faces and new familiar faces alike are in-person celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

May: Stan announces that he and his family are taking a position in the Midwest. We celebrate how God led him to a full time, Senior pastor position, but we miss him and his family.

June: Pop-up events get started! We are excited about meeting people in our community! Food truck Tuesdays have been an amazing opportunity to connect with the community! Excited about the remaining ones this summer!

July: Return to Piney Branch Elementary School. We are excited to be home!

CHANTILLY

The Chantilly campus continues to see New Lifers and new folks coming back in-person each week.

January: In spite of some weather setbacks, continue to see more people coming back to in-person services each week.

February: Annual KidZone theme Sundays kicks off!

March: Community events to promote Easter and Michael Franzese take place. From Pictures with the Easter Bunny at the nZone to the Easter Egg Hunt, New Lifers were out in the community with their friends and neighbors doing fun things together with opportunities to have meaningful spiritual conversations.

April: April was a big month! Easter launches KidZone at the 9:30 service in addition to the 11am service time. Michael Franzese returns to New Life with a message of redemption. Elinor Kinnier, Family Minister, announces she is moving to Florida to become a Family Pastor in Vero Beach allowing her family to be closer together.

May: On Baptism Sunday six people commit their lives to Christ through baptism! Passion for Planting hosts an in-person Church Planter Bootcamp. Of the 16 in

attendance 5 were looking to plant a church in the future, several were from established churches checking out what church planting is all about.

June: Camp KidZone is back! Our summer interns, Tom Pounder and several volunteers from New Life and the community are all working together to make the camp great for the kids from the Meadows!

ONLINE

The online campus has continued to thrive with New Lifers tuning in from around the world!

January/February: When the weather did not cooperate, we were able to continue worship seamlessly (again) through the Online Campus.

April: Good Friday services online. The Creative Team put together content just for Good Friday services online. If you missed this service, you can check it out here: newlife.church/goodfriday

June: New online groups formed for the Summer.

OTHER NEWS:

MAKING ROOM CAMPAIGN

There have been two huge milestones so far in 2021:

1. We crossed the \$1 Million dollars given mark in May.
2. The Route 29 property has sold! We are excited to see how God will use the property to advance the Kingdom through the other church's efforts!

NZONE

- Shoot360 remodeled Field 2 into a state-of-the-art basketball training area.
- Jared Green has agreed to come on as the General Manager for the nZone!
- God calls Gina Sheperd, who leads P4C with her husband Clay, to join the nZone staff as our new Director of Operations.
- Camps are at high capacity! It is exciting to see the kids having a great time.

OTHER NEWS *(continued)*

PASSION FOR PLANTING

The 2020-2021 Cohort just came to an end on July 11, 2021 with the Church Planter celebration service at Chantilly/Online. The church planters in this year's virtual cohort are from around the world and looking to impact the communities around them through Christ. New Life donates 12% of all the funds we receive and because of the faithful giving of New Lifers, we continue to be able to support church planting efforts in the US and around the world.

LOOKING AHEAD

It wouldn't be Halftime without looking forward to the rest of the game or in this case the year. We have been excited to see God's hand working here at New Life. We hope to announce some new folks on staff and around the nZone soon too. As we look toward the fall and Holiday season, we've got some great stuff in the works for the community.

You hear it said often that the best way to really feel at home at New Life is to join a serving Team. We are so committed to that idea that we hired someone to do just that. Tess Edmonds joined the staff earlier this

year as the Connections Director. This fall would be a great time to start serving the community through the outreach events that are being planned. Sunday morning teams keep New Life, New Life! From smiling, friendly faces greeting people as they enter, to the behind-the-scenes crews that help us be seen, heard, fed, and neat, there is literally a spot for everyone.

You can see some of the places to serve at newlife.church/serve or you can contact **Tess Edmonds (tesse@newlife.church)** and get plugged in today.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020?

If you are like me, you lost all sense of time during the Pandemic shut downs. Throughout 2020 we saw God at work and realized how much He had been working to prepare us for a year like 2020. If you would like

to read more about 2020 and the amazing things that God did through last year, you can find the 2020 annual review at newlife.church/2020.



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ONLINE CAMPUS

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