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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

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PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I am a returning guest.
- I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- I want to know more about the Gospel.
- I am committing my life to Christ.
- I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- I want to join a small group.
- I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- For Prayer Team
- For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(February 22nd)

The Holy Spirit Giving Life

"It is the Spirit who gives life"...[God] also made us sufficient as ministers of the **new covenant**, not of the letter but of the **Spirit**; for the letter kills, but the **Spirit gives life.** ([John 6:63](#) and [2 Corinthians 3:6](#))

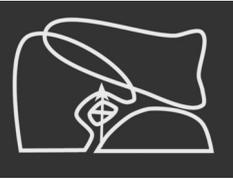
The Lord's new covenant of **grace** is a covenant of the **Spirit**: "[God] also made us sufficient as ministers of the **new covenant**...of the **Spirit**." Any approach to God other than by the Spirit results in spiritual deadness. People need **life**, initially and continually. We need it **initially**, because we were **spiritually dead** due to **sin** and **guilt**. "And you... were **dead in trespasses and sins**, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the **sons of disobedience**, among whom also **we all** once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh...and were by **nature children of wrath**" ([Ephesians 2:1-3](#)). The only remedy for such spiritual **death** is spiritual **life**. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when **we were dead** in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved)" ([Ephesians 2:4-5](#)).

People also need life **continually**, "for the **letter kills**." If we were left to our best efforts after we were given new life in Christ, we would be struggling under a human performance bondage of rules and regulations. That is spiritually **deadening**. Jesus came to earth to offer people **fullness of life**. "I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it more **abundantly**" ([John 10:10](#)). Jesus taught that if we looked to Him for our spiritual nutrition, we would find ongoing life. "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the **bread of life**'" ([John 6:35](#)). Jesus did not refer to Himself as a leader establishing a new religion. Rather, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the **life**'" ([John 14:6](#)). When the early disciples were freed from prison, they were not told to recruit members to a movement. Instead, they were instructed to "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this **life**" ([Acts 5:20](#)).

The life Jesus provides is **His life expressed** in and through **us**: "Christ who is **our life**" ([Colossians 3:4](#)). That life produces a lifestyle marked by His love, His joy, His peace, His wisdom, His courage-and whatever else is of His holy character. The new covenant of His grace holds forth this life, and the Holy Spirit delivers that life into humble, trusting hearts. "It is the **Spirit who gives life**."

Lord Jesus, You are my life. I have no other hope or source for finding true life. I praise You for Your patience with me when I try to produce a Christlike life by rules and regulations. Lord, just as You gave me life initially, please flood me now with new measures of Your life, as I humbly rely upon Your Spirit, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room. For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**. (Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

February 22, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*
 Prayer*
 Scripture reading
Hebrews 12:15
Ephesians 4:26-27 & 31-32
 Message
The Thing You Really Don't Want
 Speaker
Pastor Erik Evenson
 Response Card and Offerings
 Response song*
 Announcements
 Doxology*
 Benediction/Closing prayer
Pastor Erik Evenson
 (* Stand if you are able, please.)

JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to:

nvcccem@gmail.com

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:15

¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

THE THING YOU REALLY DON'T WANT

Notes

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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