

### Offerings

For those attending in person, there are Offering Boxes near each entrance of the gym. The Church has a Pay-Pal account that can be accessed online at the NLF website. You can also send your check by mail to:

The Fischers  
201 Ellis Avenue,  
Randolph, WI 53956  
(We would urge you not to send cash.)

### Blanket Drive

Today is the last day to donate blankets for the homeless and needy. A big **THANK YOU** to those who have made a donation! May the blankets bless the hearts and souls of the recipients!

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# NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP



Pastor Mike will bring us  
this morning's message.

Sermon:  
A Disappointing Homecoming  
and a Hopeful Sending Out  
(Mark 6:1-13)

January 29, 2023

### Prayer Requests

- Peace in God's presence and love for those who grieve the loss of a loved one, including Linda Fischer's family in Utah who lost a close friend, Jim.
- For Teri's son, Tim, who is dealing with Ulcerative Colitis and has had a relapse of symptoms. Prayers for wisdom on which course of treatment to pursue and for the flair ups to diminish.
- For Kristen Sauer, Betty Westra's niece, who has A.L.S. and is also recovering from pneumonia. Prayers for comfort, patience, and healing.
- For Amy Medema's young niece, Caroline, who has alopecia (hair loss). Prayers for freedom from anxiety, classmates to show understanding and compassion, and for such healing as is possible.

### Announcements

- The Annual Meeting for New Life Fellowship** will be held Sunday, February 19. Similar to last summer's meeting, it will be integrated within the regular service time.
- Prayer and discussion group:** meets the first three Wednesdays of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. See handout on back table for weekly location.
- Fellowship of Young Adults (grades 9-12):** meets every Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Randolph Christian School for fun activities, Bible readings, and discussion. See Paul Roberts for more information or call him 920-210-2783

## A Disappointing Homecoming and a Hopeful Sending Out

### Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."

<sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,

and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

<sup>10</sup> And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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### Next Week:

In Mark 6:14-29, we observe how the actions of those who are thoughtless or cruel can do great physical harm to those who are righteous and faithful. The passage is an account of the death of John the Baptist at the hands of the impetuous King Herod and his resentful queen.

## Teaching Notes

**Context:** Last week's passage was filled with Christ's triumph over disease and even death, encouraging us that our own walks of discipleship will at times be filled with one spiritual highlight after another. As today's passage reminds us, however, discipleship has seasons of setbacks as well, when we will be confronted by those who refuse to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. Nevertheless, God is faithful, for He then provides new opportunities for us to spread the good news of the coming of God's kingdom and His blessings to those who repent of their sins and accept Jesus as the Messiah.

### I. A Disappointing Homecoming (Mark 6:1-6)

A. Presuppositions limit understanding (vv. 1-4)  
(We only hear what we see)

B. Lack of belief leads to a lack of blessings (vv. 5-6a)

C. Jesus returns to his base line: teaching (v. 6b)

### II. A Hopeful Sending Out (Mark 6:7-13)

A. Advantages of working in pairs (v.7a)

B. Given more authority but less control (vv. 7b-9)

C. Loyalty and its limits (vv. 10-11)

D. Belief leads to blessings (vv. 12-13)

### III. Takeaways:

A. Blessings usually follow belief

B. But lack of (observable) blessings does mean lack of belief

C. Blessings are secondary to a relationship with Christ