

# Living Waters focus



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## A New Season

*Pastor's Pen by Pastor Dave*

One thing I love about living in the northeast is the change of seasons (though the older I get the less I am a fan of winter). Each season brings a uniqueness that makes that season special. Well, the fall season is upon us and with it comes things like pumpkin picking, harvest festivals, colorful leaves and brisker air. If you're a sports fan, fall ushers in a new football season and playoff baseball. The change of seasons is much like life. King Solomon writes in the book—***"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the sun"***

***Ecclesiastes 3:1.*** Each new season brings something different, a new challenge, new hopes, or maybe new fears. What season are you in right now? Maybe you're in a season of happiness, joy and good fortune. If you are experiencing that type of season, rejoice and be thankful, for James writes ***"every good and perfect gift comes from above"*** James 1:17. When you are in that season

you are in a period of strength and hope for everything seems right in the world. If you are in that type of season, take time to look around for those who may need an encouraging word, a friend to come up beside them, a reassuring hug to let them know they are not alone. Your season of strength and hope may be something that could give someone assurance that things will be good again. Maybe you are in a season of discouragement, loss of hope, sadness due to a loss of loved one, loss of job or relationship. Maybe you're in a season of change, kids are grown up and have left the nest. Your job has asked you to transfer and you're leaving behind good friends and family. If you are in that season know that God is walking with you. Though seasons change, God's love for you has not. Isaiah tells us that ***"Even when you pass through the waters he is with you and when you pass through the rivers, you will not be overwhelmed. The fires will not consume you for He is your Lord and Savior. Isaiah 43:2-3*** Trust that He will be by your side during this season and that a "new season" is ahead.

## Missions News

On October 28<sup>th</sup> Living Waters Church has the privilege of welcoming Barry Jordon, missionary to the Papuan people in Indonesia. Barry, his wife Patty and their family have been serving with the CMA in Indonesia since 1989. The Jordon's are on home assignment until July 2019. During their ministry in Indonesia, they have accomplished many things, such as: starting the "Team Joshua Youth Ministry" which is in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year. They are currently working on a project called "TEPAT" which is an outreach among transmigrants. They are building a community center which expects to serve 9,000 new families moving into that area. Join us that Sunday to hear the exciting news of what God is doing on the mission field as we close out our Matthew series with Jesus Great Commission command found in Matthew 28 – "Go and make disciples of all nations....".

## Church Events

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Kids Club
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> HS/Young Adults Pumpkin picking
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> District Prayer Conference
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> AHS-Seminar "Medical Decisions"
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Kids Club Pumpkin Picking
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Leadership Team Meeting
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Missions Sunday with Barry Jordon





### “Into The Deep”

(A LIFE-group for 20s and 30s seeking the deeper things of God)  
by Pastor Pete Amerman

Jesus calls us to follow Him. A group of about a dozen young adults, led by Pastor Pete & Paul Maranino, heard the call of Jesus, and are coming together twice a month to learn together how to know Jesus more intimately, how to walk according to the Spirit more consistently in the real lives we are living! This group meets at Paul’s Diner on Rt. 46 in Mountain Lake on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and in various homes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

We have been looking at the various spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, meditation, memorization, solitude, worship and Sabbath rest as ways of “accessing the presence” of God in very real and meaningful ways. Because of Jesus, and his suffering, death and resurrection for our sins, and His ascension to the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, we can enter into the reality of the “Holy of Holies”. There, from the deepest recesses of our hearts, we hear and experience “the presence”

**“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”**  
**Psalm 32:7-8**

(the tag-line of Living Waters Church, “The presence- seek it, keep it, reveal it!”) Our “heart-cry” is the one that Moses spoke to God in Exodus 33. God said to him, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14) Moses replied, “Lord, if your presence does not go with us, do not send us from here!”

If you are interested in joining us, or you know someone in their 20’s and 30’s who wants to enter into a deeper relationship with God, contact Pastor Pete at [pastorpete52@verizon.net](mailto:pastorpete52@verizon.net) or Paul Maranino at [paul@seabreezesyrups.com](mailto:paul@seabreezesyrups.com)

**“I want the presence of God himself, or I don’t want anything at all to do with religion..... I want all that God has or I don’t want any”**

- **A.W. Tozer**

## Youth News

*“The Great I Am” by Pastor Mike*

Our Youth Sunday School (Middle and High School) will begin October 7 (9:45-10:15am).

This seven week series will be on the 7 “I Am’s” of Jesus from the book of John. During Jesus’ ministry on earth, He said many things that challenged his listeners. In fact, He often spoke in parables, or, as we will see, in metaphors. He used figurative language to relate common objects or concepts with Himself or His Kingdom so that people could better understand His character and purpose. In the book of John, there are seven times in which Jesus says “I am \_\_\_\_.” Each statement gives us a glimpse into God’s character and what He’s like.

In Exodus 3:13-14, Moses and God were having a conversation. God had just told Moses to go and tell His people that their deliverance was near, but Moses wondered how the people would believe that God sent him:

**13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”**

Jesus is a type of Moses because He came to deliver people from their sins and spiritual captivity. John demonstrated that the “I AM” in Exodus was now physically standing in front of people, ready to be their Shepherd, their Door to the Father, their Life, their Vine, their Light, their Bread of Life, and their Truth.

Jesus was equating Himself with the “I AM” title God gave Himself in [Exodus 3:14](#). In all seven declarations, He expresses His saving relationship toward the world. Our goal is for our teens to begin to fully grasp this amazing truth.

## Connect With Us!

There are multiple ways to connect with Living Waters Church:

**Life Groups:** Meet throughout Morris County (See our web site for times and locations)

Website: [www.lwcnj.org](http://www.lwcnj.org) -

Sermon podcast are also on web site



**Flock Note:** This is our new church communication system. To signup - text the keyword “LWC649” to text #84576 then follow the instructions to complete the process. You can also download the app on your phone.

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