

THE NEWSLETTER



COMMUNITY STORY

BY ITA TETA

This week, The NewLife church welcomed our new pastor with open arms--in our usual NewLife tradition. In his inaugural sermon [pastor...] said....

The pastor has a busy schedule, but he spared a few minutes to talk to me about the future and vision of his mission at NewLife Church. With a vibrant plan and confidence in the potential future of the church, he summarized himself as a man who just loves Jesus.

He told me that he wants to create service projects that would lead the church into missions that serve the community. The new ideas he laid out include a nursing home, volunteering and packing lunches for the homeless and others.

We then talked about the world we live in and how it has changed--from his youth days to today. He said that 1990s were an era of American new found relief, as the cold war ended. Americans felt freer than ever but with the attacks on 9/11 American society has changed to be "more on edge". He said that as Christians, we must know that God always has our backs. The pastor said that his view his role as "not only to preach the word but to teach the word". As we celebrate the holiday season he says "we have to find ways to be more kind and benevolent. Ways to be kind. Ways to be the Christian we want to be". Adding that "The political climate may change, the issues we face may change but the love of Jesus will never change" said Pastor Levy.

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AMAZON'S RELOCATION TO THE EAST COAST.

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The online shopping giant Amazon has moved its headquarter to the east coast, specifically New York and Virginia. The Amazon move is projected to generate 50,000 jobs and \$5 billion dollars in investments. The bold move of picking New York came with its back flashes. New Yorkers took to the streets of Brooklyn to protest the “chaos” the headquarters will bring. Their main concern were housing prices and transportation congestion in what is already the busiest city in America. On the other hand, the Virginian headquarter was met with praise due to the positive projected economic activity that will be generated. But why does Amazon need two headquarters? That’s a question for Jeff Bezos.



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In 2017, Donald Trump signed a tax cut that many economists are calling “irresponsible”. It is reported that rich companies like Patagonia will save millions of dollars even as economists warn of a pending slow down in the economy. This tax cut was supposed to boost consumer confidence but has instead created a larger economic deficit. Economists argue that the American economy was already at its peak and consumers do not need a boost but rather a push on the breaks as we are heading for inflation.

It will be costly as the federal debt exceeds 21 trillion dollars. If this high consumer behavior continues we can expect an increase in interest rates in the near future.

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Montgomery County public schools have changed course on its magnet application as it experiences an increase in African American and Hispanic acceptance. In the new changes, teacher recommendations are to play a smaller role, while cognitive abilities test will carry less weight. The changes also mean that private evaluations from parents will no longer be an option. The changes also mean more student competition as they must rank higher in their neighborhood school community rather than a countrywide rank. This process will reduce the number of students accepted but allow for a positive demographic change.

