



Alive Ministry Proposal

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I. Name

“Deluge” has been the name that has served the teens of Metro Life Church over the past decade. I would propose the name of Deluge/Metro Youth be changed to ‘Alive’ for the following reasons:

- In this proposal I am suggesting that we *broaden* the scope of the ministry to recognize that it is comprised of born again teens/pre-teens *and* those still in need of being born again. While designed for believing teens/pre-teens the ministry must recognize that many teens and pre-teens within the church may still be in need of the new birth.
- I am also suggesting that we *narrow* the scope of what we are trying to accomplish to focus more on spiritual awakening in key areas in the lives of teens and pre-teens. Alive is a word easily understood, has biblical basis, and that encapsulate a variety of ideas.

Ephesians 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved...”

- The new birth transforms us, renews us, and enables us to become living sacrifices to God!

Romans 12:1-2

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

So why rename “Deluge” to “Alive”?

- *Alive* is the new birth – this describes the greatest need in the lives of many young people within MLC.
- *Alive* also depicts that we are being renewed and made new – this describes the ongoing need of those who are born again; not regeneration in the sense of getting saved again, but the ongoing renewal and transformation that occurs because of regeneration. We either need to be made new or we are new, and constantly being renewed. *Every student in Deluge/Metro Youth is in one of these categories, but do the vast majority grasp it? Some do, but many don't. So how does that shape our approach to youth/parent ministry at Metro Life Church?*

II. Mission

We are a community of teens, pre teens and their parent (s) in Metro Life Church who desire to discover the depths of what being born again means and to awaken to an alive, authentic, God-glorifying walk with Jesus Christ. We are eager to see the bones of every young person "rattled" by the Spirit of God, supplying those bones with sinews and flesh, that they might live to the glory of God (See Ezekiel 37)!

We define authenticity through a growing pursuit of loving God, the church, and the world. This finds its expression in the *Alive* ministry as we help one another become young men and women who are worshippers, evangelists, and courageous, sacrificial servants of Jesus Christ.

III. Who is *Alive*?

"We are a community of teens, pre teens and their parent (s) in Metro Life Church..."

Alive is aimed at teens, pre teens as well as their parent (s). There is so much common ground for maturity in the faith and growth in godliness that takes place for people in this age range that is irrespective of gender or where one falls on the teenage continuum. This makes *Alive* more than a youth ministry and more than a parenting ministry.

While 12-18 years of age is the primary age range, it is not exclusively. Older singles with a heart to serve those a few years behind them will benefit, as will the parents of *Alive* youth. The best youth ministry we see implicitly in the Bible is a youth ministry that seeks to equip and come along side of parents, *not* replace parents. *Alive*, by implication, includes a passion to see parents and youth come *Alive* in their relationships with one another.

IV. Goals

Since “*desiring to discover the depths of what being born again means and to awaken to an authentic, God-glorifying walk with Jesus Christ*” is the mission, the goals by which we fulfill this mission focus on five specific aspects of Christian maturity. In *Alive* we will focus on the following:

1. **Desire** – We want every participant of *Alive* to come with a desire to know God, and to pursue knowing Him. *Alive* is not first a social gathering; it is first a God seeking gathering.
2. **Awaken** – We want every participant of *Alive* to understand that there is no more urgent matter in all of life than to know whether or not one is truly born again.
3. **Authentic** – We desire every participant of *Alive* to personally demonstrate a saving relationship with Jesus Christ that is observable and lived out faithfully in the home, school and in friendships.
4. **Walk** – We want every member of *Alive* who professes Christ to display the gospel of Jesus Christ by walking in a manner that is pleasing to him, so that “whatever we do” is to the glory of God.
5. **Community** – We want every member of *Alive* to embrace God’s call to community in the church, rooted first in honoring ones parents, resisting the worlds pull toward independence, and taking responsibility for one another rooted in love.

V. Ministry Contexts

There are five ministry contexts in which the goals of spiritual maturity are sought after:

1. **Alive Meetings** – *Alive* is our bi-weekly corporate meeting and it provides time for teaching, worship and fellowship. Any teaching, small group discussions, prayer groups, etc. would be aimed at achieving one or more of the stated goals for spiritual maturity. *Alive* takes place typically on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.
2. **Alive Student Council** – Older *Alive* participants who demonstrate an authentic walk with Jesus Christ have the opportunity to own the vision and ministry in a specific way. The Student Council assists in planning and implementing the *Alive* calendar.

3. **Discipleship** – Within the corporate *Alive* meetings and in other selected contexts *Alive* participants have the opportunity to be ministered too and encouraged by a discipleship leader. These leaders may be young adults, parents, or a combination of the two.
4. **Service / Outreach** – Corporate outreach and service efforts would take place on a quarterly basis. The goal is to become others focused and mature as servants of Christ. Outreach opportunities may also include short-term mission trips to assist other local churches in Sovereign Grace Ministries or specific servant-evangelism oriented contexts.
5. **Retreats / Special Events**
 - **Youth Camp** – *Alive* participant will have the opportunity to attend youth camps designed to come together with other SGM youth, to grow in an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. These camps would be set around specific themes. June 25-28th, 2012 marks our first youth camp in this new format. The theme of this camp will be *Alive*.
 - **Socials**– *Alive* Student Council will take ownership of social opportunities in coordination with the pastors and parental advisors.
 - **The Clash** – *The Clash* is a Sovereign Grace Ministries conference aimed at establishing a biblical worldview for students and other young adults. It is aimed at further equipping folks as evangelists and disciple-makers. The Clash will take place July 29-August 4, 2012 in Grantham, Pennsylvania.

VI. 2012 *Alive* Teaching Plan

1. 2012 Teaching Plan

For 2012 the teaching plan of *Alive* will focus on being renewed. The teaching will be anchored in Romans 12:1-2, and related to common areas of our spiritual walk where youth (adults, too!) are tempted to conform to the patterns of this world. Passages that address a particular area that the grace of God renews when we are alive in Christ will help us to “walk out” Romans 12:1-2.

2. Schedule

Beginning with the 2nd meeting of February, we will utilize the 2nd *Alive* meeting of the month for a creative element that seeks to reinforce the previous

message. As James 1:22 depicts, we are to be doers of the word, not hearers only. We do not necessarily need a new teaching each meeting, but we do need the Spirit of God to illuminate our hearts and minds to apply what we have already heard. The old adage, “less is more” just might apply here! The “Live @ Alive” nights will seek to incorporate various creative elements that give a different, not always predictable feel to the meetings.

The schedule below does not include socials or service opportunities. It is strictly the schedule for the bi-weekly meetings. The schedule is subject to change.

Date	Topic	Passage
January 11th	Conformed or Transformed?	Romans 12:1-2
January 25th	Make the Choice!	Joshua 24:14-28
February 8	Do All to the Glory of God	1 Corinthians 10:23-31
February 22	Live @ Alive	2/8 Review
March 14	Renewed Music and Media	Philippians 4:8
March 28	Live @ Alive	3/14 Review
April 11	Renewed Image (Modesty)	1 Timothy 2:9-10
April 25	Live @ Alive	4/11 Review
May 9	Renewed Friendships	Hebrews 10:24-25
May 23	Live @ Alive	5/9 Review
June 13	Renewed Speech (Texting/IMing)	James 3:5-12
June 25-28	Alive Youth Camp @ Lake Swan!	
July 11	Renewed Light	Ephesians 5:7-14
July 25	Live @ Alive	Review 7/11
August 8	Renewed Walk	Ephesians 5:15-17

August 22	Live @ Alive	Review 8/22
September 12	Renewed Vigilance	Proverbs 4:20-27
September 26	Live @ Alive	Review 9/12
October 10	Renewed Fear	Philippians 2:12-13
October 24	Live @ Alive	Review 10/10
November 14	Renewed Accounting	Philippians 3:7-11
November 28	Live @ Alive	Review 11/14
December 12	Renewed Cool (Godly Examples)	Philippians 3:17-19
December 31	New Years Eve Bash!	

VII. What To Expect at Alive

On a “teaching night” the general format will be worship, followed by a time in God’s Word. A game or activity may follow. End time goal is 8:45 PM.

On a “Live @ Alive” night, the general format will be worship, followed by a creative element with interaction from the students. These nights may include time with discipleship groups as well. End time goal is 8:45 PM.

The Biblical mandate for our youth ministry is that pastors come along side of and support parents, not replace parents. To that end, our conviction is that the best youth ministry is a parentally involved youth ministry. We do not want Alive to be a drop off or child only attended, unless extenuating circumstances prohibit.