

**Pastor Chris Grella**

**God's Design for Our Local Church**

**Ephesians 3:1-11**

(Notes can also be found on the Newington Church app)

Big Idea question: Do we understand God's design for our church?

The design of our church...

1....is that we all are e\_\_\_\_\_ as stewards (v. 1-2; 7-8)

2....is that the mystery of Jesus is r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-4; Col. 1:25b-27)

3....is that unity is d\_\_\_\_\_ and lived out here! (v. 5-6)

- We as the local church are NOT an a\_\_\_\_\_ - t\_\_\_\_\_!
- We as the local church should emphasize e\_\_\_\_\_!

4....is that Jesus is d\_\_\_\_\_ here!  
(v. 9-11; 1 Pet. 2:9; Matthew 5:14-16)



**Newington's Mission Statement:**

We, at Newington, exist to spread the Good News of Jesus to people of all ages, both locally and globally, and to help them grow in relationship with Him.

**Newington's Vision Statement:**  
We are a welcoming community of fully devoted Christ-followers that demonstrates Jesus's love to all.



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9:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Our app is available for anyone to download.  
Hear past messages, Bible studies, see church  
calendar, connect, etc.*

# Welcome to Our Worship Service!

First-Time Guests! Please stop by the Welcome Center to say hello and receive a gift.

## Worshiping in Praise

Every Giant Will Fall  
Shout to the North  
Be Thou My Vision (#60)

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings Offertory

(Children Ages 4 through 5th grade may go to KidzWorship)

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## Invitation to Decision

### Make Me a Blessing (#559)

The invitation is for public faith responses, to trust in Jesus as Lord, for recommitment to Christ, to present yourself as a candidate for membership, to answer God's personal call for ministry, or to simply come forward for prayer.

## Benediction

Ephesians 1:16-18

The altar is open for prayer or there are volunteers off-camera in the front if you would like to pray with someone.

Celebrations	Attendance	Offering		
<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Last Sunday's Attendance</b>	Offering	01/04	YTD
Jan 12, Kenny Marshall, Jan 14, Sharon Harris. Jan 16, Michele Pearson, Jan 17, Owen Morgan, Fred Leigh, Jan 18, Robin Frost	Worship:113 Sunday School: 56	General	\$6,924.41	\$6,924.41
		Designated	\$689.00	\$689.00
		Budget	\$7,673.98	\$7,673.98

Quarterly Business Meeting -Next Sunday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> after service

Come hear what God is doing at Newington.



## Announcements

Women's conference on March 21.

\$35 by January 14, \$40 after that.  
Contact Vickie Pruden if you want  
to go! More info on bulletin board!  
757-869-4528



**Unity Service with  
area churches: Jan 22,  
7:00 pm @ Newington  
Special Prayer time at  
12:15 pm on Jan 22**

### Paid Sub. to Cover for Admin Asst:

The church office is seeking a substitute administrative assistant on an as-needed basis, tentatively scheduled for one day per week from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday to Thursday. Responsibilities include answering phone calls, taking messages, and composing and printing both the church bulletin and newsletter. Applicants must be current church members. Salary upon request.

**Jubilee Unity Service Choir:**  
Newington is hosting the Unity Service for the Jubilee Churches on Thursday, Jan 22nd. at 7 p.m. The Unity Choir will practice together at 6 p.m. that night in the choir room. That is the only practice required for participation! All are welcome to join in even if you don't normally sing with us. The music for the anthem will be distributed in advance to the other churches and to Newington. We will also practice it together at the first three Newington choir practices in January for those who would like more practice options. (Wednesday January 7, 14, & 21st at 5:45pm). Please help us sing together in unity!

## BABY BOTTLES 4Life



Come and scuba dive with us! 11:00 am Jan 16  
(covered dish lunch) - Young at Heart

Prayer Focus: Missions/Military

**Current Medical Needs:** Jeremiah (Burton's grandson), Susan Shogren, Dottie Hogge, Mike Shifflett, Regina Smith, Raegan Sibley, Dennis Kandel, Danny Beckley, Jack Semanski, Patricia Hogge

**Long-Term Medical Needs:** Robbie Steele, Eli Crone, Michele Pearson, Doug Blaylock, Orrie Smith, Raymond Hare, Sandra Crone, Walker Stippel

Please let the office know of any updates, answers or additions to prayer requests. See Vickie Pruden for a more detailed prayer list.

This Week: Jan 12-18

**14**  
WED

10:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
5:45 PM CHOIR PRACTICE  
6:30 PM DEEPER KIDS  
6:30 PM DEEPER ADULTS (ISAIAH 29)  
6:30 PM COR 3 YOUTH

**15**  
THUR

9:00 AM SENIOR MEN'S PRAYER  
11:00 AM CHURCHWIDE PRAYER  
6:00 PM MEN'S GROUP

**16**  
FRI

11:00 AM YOUNG AT HEART

**17**  
SAT

10:00 AM CLOTHES CLOSET

**18**  
SUN

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
QUARTERLY MEETING

## SAVE THE DATES

Feb 7: 8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Feb 7: 10:15 am CPR/AED Class

Feb 8: 2:00 pm Sanders Outreach Ministry