



FEBRUARY

** Please contact the church office before planning events or setting up for events, as Newington gets used frequently in the winter months by outside groups (esp the gym).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship	2 6:55 pm Men's Bible Study Fellowship	3 9:30 am Safety/Security Mtg 10:00 am Clothes Closet	4 9:00 am Senior Men's Prayer Mtg 10:00 am Egg Hunt Planning Meeting	5 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer Mtg 10:00am Churchwide Prayer	6 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:15 am CPR Training	7
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship	9 9:30 am Food packing @ Bread for Life	10 10:00am Women's Bible Study	11 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer Mtg 11:00am Churchwide Fellowship hall/gym	12 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer Mtg 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	13 9:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool using fellowship hall/gym	14
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship	16 10:00 am WMU Action Team	17 6:55 pm Men's Bible Study Fellowship	18 10:00am Women's Bible Study	19 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	20 11:00 am Young at Heart	21 10:00am Clothes Closet
22 Youth Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship	23 6:55 pm Men's Bible Study Fellowship	24 10:00am Women's Bible Study	25 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	26 9:00am Senior Men's Prayer 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	27 10:00 am Hope for Appalachia packing Boxes of Hope	28 Hermitage Baptist Church

NEWington News

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

Newington Baptist Church

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Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11 ESV

But God demonstrates His own love toward us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

From the Pastors View: 'Snow, A Reflection Who We are in Jesus'

Let me begin with some 'dad joke puns' (our Wednesday night Deeper Bible study crew loves these so much :

"Jesus loves you snow much!"

"The Son can warm your winter days."

"When life gives you more than you can stand, kneel."

Now, as we all well know, January and February can AND HAS brought us some serious winter weather. But snow also can bring a unique stillness, as we are draped in a blanket of snow- a reminder too that we as followers of Jesus live under a blanket of grace. Like a snow day at home, we are invited to slow down and witness God's work all around us.

So, as you slow down and spend a few more hours and days at home due to our winter weather, please consider all the blessings we have in and through Jesus:

'We are all unique by our design!' – Just as no two snowflakes are identical, we too are all purposefully handcrafted by our creator. Also, if we take a minute to watch a snowflake, each of them is quite fragile. However, when a snowflake is joined together with other snowflakes, it creates noticeable inches of snow. Likewise, when we are joined together as believers, we can reflect the Body of Christ, the church to a watching, waiting and needy world!

'We can and should rest in the stillness of Jesus!' – If you are outside during a snowstorm, you know how it has a way of muffling all the world's noise around us, specifically with less cars out on the roads. So, the stillness of falling snow should remind us, that we have a divine invitation to rest and practice more stillness and quietness in our daily lives. As the sons of Korah write in Psalms, ***"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"*** -Psalm 46:10 (ESV)

'We are whiter than snow because of God's great forgiveness!' - Have you ever seen a field or a front yard of several inches of snow, when no one has marked it by stepping in the snow? The field or yard can appear to be pristine. No imperfections in it at all. This is what Jesus did by his death and resurrection from the cross. He completely covers our imperfections! As David is asking ... ***"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*** - Psalm 51:7 (ESV)

'We can grow as we spend this season of our lives in preparation!' – As snow nourishes our earth and is necessary for the coming spring growth next month, the winter snow of our souls can be for us a time for healing and regrouping, before a new season of life begins.

Today, may we all remember that God has complete sovereignty over every detail of His creation. Now, I know we all intellectually agree with this fact. However, this is also true in His sovereignty over God's human creation, as we are created in His image.

This month, may we all reflect Him (in how we live) to a watching, waiting, and at times, a snowy and cold world!

Happy Snowy February.
Pastor Chris Grella



Feb 28, Hope for Appalachia We will be packing boxes of hope at Hermitage Baptist Church, 10:00-12:30 pm, lunch included. Sign up will be on FYI board. Snow make-up day is March 7.

Salvation Army "Soup" Sunday Feb 8

When it gets cold, there's nothing like a hot bowl of soup to bring warmth and comfort. On Feb 8, we will be collecting canned soup for the Salvation Army's Senior Pantry. Donations will be collected across from the Welcome desk. This is a tangible way we can bless our community during the cold winter months. Any questions should be directed to Jerry Young at 804-824-7279.

Now Hiring! NBC is looking to fill the custodian position. Twenty hours/week. For an application or more info see our website under Welcome/Our Team, then click on the link. Or contact the church office for more info: 804-693-2349, secretary@newingtonbc.org



**CPR Class, Feb 7
10:15 am**

CPR with AED will be about 2 hours and will cover adult/child/ Infant CPR. 20 person max.

\$30/person. Pay at the class.





A girl who once received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox now teaches *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course to other children in need.

Of the 25 provinces in Cambodia, Samaritan's Purse operates its Operation Christmas Child project in 14 of them. The barriers to reaching people who live in the urban slums within them with the Gospel seem insurmountable. Residents often harbor a deep resentment and fear of Christianity. Visoth first met Samnang when he visited the slums with the goal of sharing the Gospel. They gathered together under a tree in a graveyard. While surrounded by evidence of our earthly mortality, these children heard the message of eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

"It made me realize just how loved I am by God, and also just a moment of recognizing that, 'Oh my goodness, the Lord died on



the cross for me!' And who else would possibly be willing to die on the cross for someone else?" Samnang said. They offered her the chance to start teaching *The Greatest Journey* at 14 years old. She was terrified and thrilled by the opportunity—every eye in the room was on her. "So my prayer during that time was for peace, and recognizing that in those moments, whenever I was feeling nervous or scared, the moment that I would surrender and pray to God, He would give me the strength to make it through," Samnang said.



Young at Heart senior ministry invites you for a covered dish lunch and fellowship, Friday, Feb 20th.



GUEST will be using the church gym March 9-15. We will need volunteers. Sign up and donate

your time at guestshelter.org or

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FEbruary MESSAGES

Feb 1 **Living for Jesus**

John 17: 6-11

Feb 8 **Truth Revealed**

John 17: 11-19

Feb 15 **Denial**

John 18: 20-26

Feb 22 **Youth Sunday**

40 Days of Listening Series

March 1 **Listening for Opportunities**



COR3 Youth



Thank you to all who came out to support our Chili/Soup Cook-off.. It was a lot of fun and we have some great Chefs. Congrats to Joe Semanski, BEST CHILI and Beth Henderson, BEST SOUP!

This year for Sunday School lessons, I decided to go back and use some of our old D6 material from when I first began at Newington. The lessons are interactive based and there is always a competition to who wants to read Scripture.

On Wednesday's I have been using YM360. We have been studying The Holy Spirit and how we are never alone. We are also preparing for Youth Sunday. Save the Date - Feb. 22nd during the 10:30 AM worship service. I am so proud of this group and look forward to hearing the messages that are being prepared. We look forward to seeing you!

Blessings, Brenda H. Armistead, Youth Director



January is over and hopefully the winter weather is behind us! The preschoolers are ready to get back out on the playground.

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's day and talking about Jesus' love for you and how we can share that with others. We will be having a Valentine's day get together in the gym for our preschool families as well.

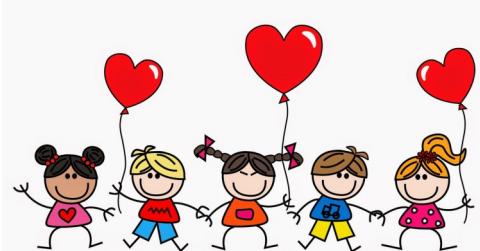
Our Kindergarten class has been building their reading and writing skills and they will keep working on the skills they will need for first grade!

The four year old class has been working on numbers, numbers, numbers. We are writing our numbers, counting and matching numbers each day. They are also working on beginning letter sounds and rhyming words.

Our three year olds are learning to stretch their attention span and sitting during calendar time. They are getting much better at cutting with scissors and holding their pencils as well. We are so proud of how much they have grown already this year!

Our enrollment is open for all three classes, please reach out if you have any questions about enrollment.

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NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



We are looking ahead to some exciting plans and events for kids and their families! Please mark your calendars!

Thursday, February 5th at 10 a.m.: Egg Hunt Planning Meeting

If you'd like to help us plan out the schedule and activities for the egg hunt, please join us. You do NOT need to come to the planning meeting in order to volunteer for the egg hunt! We'll need many, many volunteers for the actual event to make it a success and will post sign-ups for that later.

We will begin collecting individually wrapped Easter candy that can fit into plastic Easter eggs after Valentine's Day.

June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon: Vacation Bible School!

Our VBS theme this year is **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**. The setting will be the Amazon rainforest. We are collecting these items as we begin our VBS preparations:

Stuffed animals, posters and more of animals such as: Sloths, lizards, snakes, butterflies, parrots and other tropical birds, jaguars/ocelots, anteaters, marmosets/howler monkeys/spider monkeys, frogs, etc. *Please note: This is the Amazon rainforest, not the jungle and not Africa.

There are no tigers, elephants, lions, giraffes, baboons, lemurs, and such.

Fake greenery and flowers: vines, large palm leaves and ferns, orchids and other tropical flowers

Brown packing paper that comes in most Amazon boxes (we'll turn this into vines)

You can bring your items into the classroom next to the elementary kids' classroom or you can put them in the choir room/music library.

BIG News! Newington Children's Wing is Under Construction!

We are working on creating a Children's Hallway at Newington where our nursery and all our children's classes can be close together. The Properties Team has already started renovating the Trinity Classroom to become our new nursery and Sonbeams Sunday School Class for kids ages 4 through 1st grade. Ultimately, we will be decorating the hallways, adding a check-in desk, and more over the next few months. We are excited to begin this project. Thanks to everyone who is helping to make it happen!

Thank you, Newington!

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From the Deacons...Jubilee Churches of Gloucester – January update:

In December, Jubilee Churches (of which Newington is a part of) provided support to **FOUR** homes in our community with **\$558**. All of those financial requests were with Dominion power assistance. For the year then, Jubilee collectively helped **59** homes with over \$25,000!

Here is just one example of how Newington's Jubilee support was used in November:

Thanks to the generosity of Jubilee Churches, we were able to assist a 70-year-old woman in our Gloucester community who was at risk of losing power in her home. After an unexpected hospital stay and ongoing medication costs, she fell behind on her electric bill. Living with COPD, uninterrupted electricity is essential to her health and safety. Jubilee Churches' support helped prevent a power shutoff, allowing her to remain safely in her home and focus on her health instead of crisis. This assistance provided not only financial relief, but peace of mind and hope during a vulnerable season. Your giving through Newington is helping keep neighbors safe, housed, and cared for—thank you for being part of that impact.

A reminder too, Jubilee works w/ our GUEST ministry. We are hosting GUEST in our Newington gym for a second and final week...beginning **Mon. March 9 – Sun. March 15**.

