



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

*He is not here. He is risen! Matthew 28:6*

### Upcoming Easter Events

- April 3, Good Friday Service, 6:00 pm
- April 4, Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm
- April 5, Sunrise Service (combined with Grace on Main), 6:30 am, Fary Farm (outdoors, dress for weather & walking in field; bring a lawn chair—optional)
- Easter Breakfast (potluck after sunrise service at Grace on Main)
- Easter Resurrection Baptism Service, 10:30 am

JOIN US FOR AN  
**EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4  
2:00-3:30 P.M.

Please bring your Easter basket!  
Separate hunting areas infant-5th grade  
Door prize registration begins at 1:40  
Prizes, games and activities!

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## April 2026

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## From the Pastors View: 'He is Risen!'

If you have ever walked through a cemetery, you may have recognized the heavy silence that is there. Some may call it the sound of the end. The final resting place for all of us. However, what we remember and celebrate this month is quite different, isn't it? Because on that first incredible Easter resurrection morning, the silence of Jesus's tomb was destroyed forever.

As a church family here at Newington, we pause to remember and celebrate many things this week and month...but Jesus's resurrection is really the foundation of it all! Without the Resurrection, our trust in Jesus really could be condensed down to a nice philosophy or feeling, as Jesus would have been a famous, but tragic figure of from our history books. However, because the tomb was and is still empty, everything is completely different.

But have you ever thought about just how important Jesus's resurrection really is?

### First, **Easter is a chance for an invitation!**

(Resurrection Sunday Easter Service - April 5 @ 10:30 am / Sunrise Service at 6:30 am)

Think of Jesus's resurrection as God's receipt to our sin-filled and crazy world. By raising Jesus from the dead, the Father God was declaring that Jesus's sacrifice for us on the cross was fully accepted. Yes, the debt of our sin wasn't just managed or understood, it was paid in full! When Jesus walked out of the tomb that quiet Easter morning, He walked out with the keys to our freedom and forgiveness from sin. (Colossians 2:13-14) So, consider this an invitation for you to grow in your trust of Jesus, and to give an invitation to another person to join us at Newington for our worship, baptism and Lord's Supper service.

### Second, **Easter is a chance for each of us to come face to face with death ourselves.**

(Good Friday service - April 3 @ 6 pm)

Occasionally in life, we will all face our own "Friday" moments and days. What I mean are days, weeks or seasons of grief, loss or hopelessness. But Jesus's resurrection gives each of us the surest foundation; that death is no longer a time or period that will go on and on. It is only a comma in our lives. Because when Jesus defeated death, He gave those who are His a living hope, so that we don't have to crumble when life gets tough. The same power that the Father God has, that jump-started a silent heart in a silent and cold tomb that morning, is the same power at work in your life today, tomorrow and the rest of your life! (Romans 8:11)

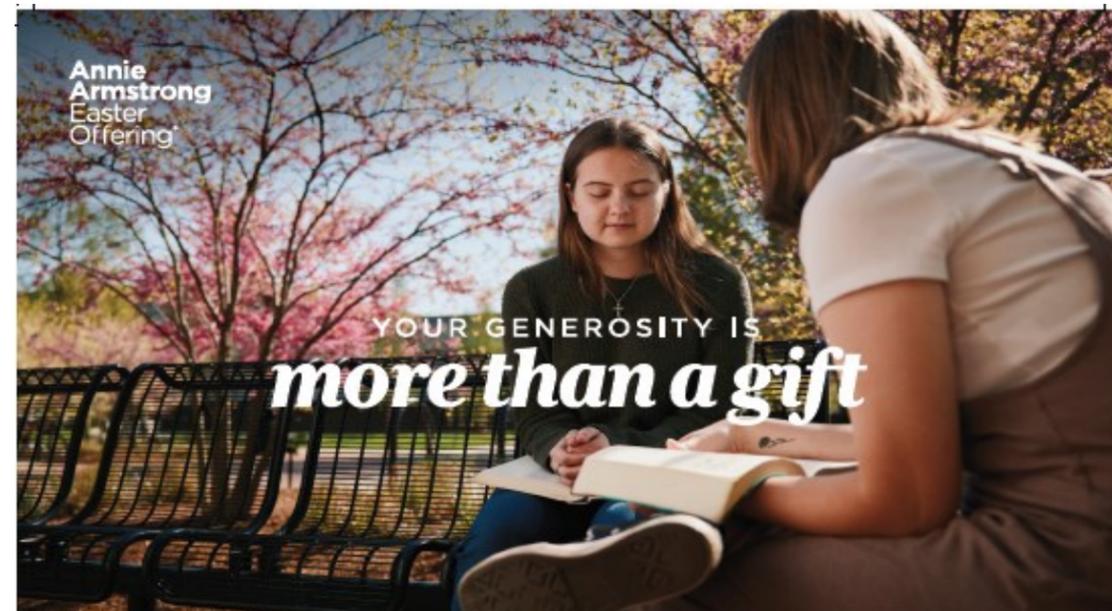
### Third, **Easter is a chance for an incredible, transformative new life!**

Easter isn't just an historical event on the calendar to remember every year. It's also a current reality for us to experience. The fact is, that Jesus didn't just come to turn bad people into good. Jesus came to live and die to make dead people alive! And He has left us the Holy Spirit to help us not to just know this fact, but to live out this power 24-7 in our lives.

This month, as you continue to see the beautiful flowers blooming in Gloucester, and the rest of creation waking up too, let this fresh and new spring season remind you that God is, and has always been in the business of transformation--of making all things new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I want to challenge you this week and month, to not let the incredible miracle of the Easter Resurrection seem plain or boring. Don't just dress up to come to a special worship service. Come ready--anticipating, meeting and worshipping the Living King, and Lord of Lords. He is no longer in the tomb. No, He is alive and He is calling you to grow closer to Him in your faith today!

He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!  
Pastor Chris



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Thank you to the **Properties team** for filling in with the custodial duties during the search for a new custodian. Also, they have been working so hard on the new children's wing as well as other facility repairs. Thank you all!

Thank you also to **Mike Horrell** for all your service with leading the GUEST ministry at Newington. Thank you to **all who helped with serving a meal, or staying with the guests and ministering to them.** And thank you to **those who have brought donations** for the Sheriff's dept and the egg hunt and **all who are filling the eggs!** **THANK YOU!!!**



This month we will be focusing on all things spring! The beginning of the month brings Easter and we will be learning the Easter story and why it's so important!

All of our classes will be learning about how plants grow, the life cycle of a butterfly and observing the weather changes that happen in Spring. We will do some hands on planting and watching our own caterpillars grow into butterflies.

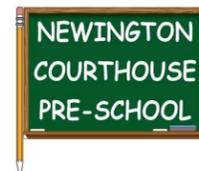
The fours class will be focusing on skills they will need in kindergarten. They have been growing more independent with their work and writing their own names, they have learned some simple reading words and have been practicing counting to 100.

The three year olds are growing their attention spans, listening to stories, identifying their numbers and counting objects.

We are still enrolling for all of our classes, please reach out for more information!

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**After attending *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia tells her friends about Jesus and inspires her parents to begin a children's ministry.**

For 12-year-old Naomi\* the box was so much more than a gift! Her Operation Christmas Child shoebox brimming with toys and other fun items showed her an amazing glimpse of God's love. Naomi was so happy about all the new things, but she especially appreciated the note, written with care by someone who loved her enough to send her the shoebox. This proved to be a direct answer to her mother's prayers... A friend invited Rhonda\* to attend church and soon the older two children had each received a gift-filled shoebox and were attending the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship course, *The Greatest Journey*, on Wednesday nights. As they went through the 12 engaging Bible lessons, the brother and sister began to follow Christ and share Him with others. This, too, blessed their mother's heart.



\*Name changed for security . Story from OCC website. To read more go to: <https://samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/a-little-child-shall-lead-them/>



**Young at Heart senior ministry invites you for a covered dish lunch and fellowship, Friday, April 17th.**



**NBC Quarterly Meeting is April 19th after the service. Come hear what God is doing at Newington in various ministries.**

## APRIL MESSAGES

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|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>April 5</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday—No More Emptiness</b>            | <b>John 20: 11-18</b>     |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>Got Worship?</b>                               | <b>Psalm 73</b>           |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>Got Water?</b>                                 | <b>Various Scriptures</b> |
| <b>April 26</b> | <b>Got Missions?</b>                              | <b>Various Scriptures</b> |
|                 | <b><u>Series on Galatians: Freedom/Family</u></b> |                           |
| <b>May 3</b>    | <b>Grace to You</b>                               | <b>Galatians 1:1-5</b>    |

# ✠ COR3 Youth ☸

Greetings from Cor3 Youth! We have been in the book of Genesis over the past few weeks. Here's a little recap of what we have been studying.

### *Isaac's Blessing and the Family Conflict*

Isaac, now old and nearly blind, decides it's time to give his blessing—a powerful, spiritual, and cultural inheritance—to his eldest son, Esau. He sends Esau to hunt and prepare his favorite meal before giving the blessing.

### *Rebekah's Plan*

Rebekah overhears and quickly acts to secure the blessing for Jacob, her favored son. She instructs Jacob to bring goats so she can prepare a meal Isaac loves. She dresses Jacob in Esau's clothes and covers his arms with goat hair so he feels like Esau.

### *Jacob Deceives Isaac*

Jacob goes to Isaac pretending to be Esau. Though suspicious, Isaac is convinced by the smell of Esau's clothes and the feel of Jacob's disguised skin. Isaac gives Jacob the blessing meant for Esau, granting him prosperity and leadership over his brother.

### *Esau's Anger*

Esau returns, discovers the deception, and is devastated. Isaac trembles, realizing the blessing cannot be undone. Esau begs for a blessing of his own, and Isaac gives him a lesser one.

We have welcomed a few visitors to our group over the past few weeks. Each Wednesday we normally have a game with our Lesson. It's a lot of fun to see how competitive our group is.

WinterJam, was a lot of fun and we had one accept Christ and will soon be baptized!! Praise the Lord!

On Saturday, March 21st we will be attending "Rise Against Hunger" food packing party at Grace on Main. This is a fun mission project. Our Youth will also be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt.

We are still getting our final count as to who will be attending Camp Piankatank this year.

A special thanks to all who provide food, drinks, snacks and money to purchase food. We appreciate your generosity and know we can always count on being fed well. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board if you would like to provide a meal for Wednesday night Youth.

On behalf of COR3 Youth, thank you Newington Baptist for all you do to support our Youth.

Blessings always,

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# NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Here's what's coming up for Newington Kids and their families:

**Saturday, April 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.: Egg Hunt** for kids up through fifth grade. Please invite family and friends! Door prize registration will begin in the fellowship hall at 1:40.

**June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon: Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School!** Registration for kids ages 4 through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will open at the Egg Hunt!

**Grand Opening of our newly renovated Children's Wing** is coming soon! We're so grateful for the Properties Team and all the work that they've done on our new nursery space. We can't wait to open this area to our kids and families soon!

## **Egg Hunt Volunteers:**

We will meet around 12:30 on the day of the egg hunt to set up the activity stations, hide eggs, and more. Please come after lunch, wear sunscreen, bring water, and dress for the weather (hat, jacket, etc.)

Please be in prayer for this outreach event. We love to share the joy and excitement of Easter and the GOOD NEWS that Jesus loved us enough to save us. Pray for the weather, for our volunteers, for good turnout, and for lots of opportunities to connect with the families who come!

## **VBS Preparations Underway:**

Our VBS theme this year is **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.** We are collecting items that will help us decorate the church like the Amazon rainforest. We'll also host our annual VBS Prep Party in May (date to be determined) and will begin volunteer sign-ups in late April (after Easter). Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for VBS opens at the Egg Hunt. Starting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, you can register for VBS at this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/newingtonvbs2026> Thank you, Newington!

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## **From the Deacons...Jubilee Churches of Gloucester – March update:**

In February, Jubilee Churches (of which Newington is a part of) provided support to **TWO** (with four additional families that were in process at the beginning of March) **HOMES** in our community with **\$1,078**. One of the filled requests was for rent and the other was for a Dominion power bill. Again, each of support helps were to help with eviction prevention!

*At the end of Feb., the Jubilee balance stood at \$6,549...w/ over 36K given last year alone.*

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

*Thanks to the generosity of Jubilee Churches, we were able to assist a hardworking mother who was facing a Dominion Power cut-off after an unexpected season of financial strain. Between supporting a family member in crisis, managing necessary home repairs, and navigating delays in assistance programs, she found herself overwhelmed despite doing everything she could to stay afloat. Because of your generosity, we were able to come alongside her at a crucial moment and help her keep stability in her home by preventing a cut-off from Dominion Power. She expressed deep gratitude for the support. Newington, thank you for making this possible!*

*Finally, a big thanks to all those that help with our hosting of the GUEST ministry a few weeks ago! The winter shelter season is now concluded until November.*

**ALL HANDS ON DECK! MTBA Spring Meeting Sunday,  
April 26, 4:00 pm at Zoar Baptist Church.**

**The MTBA Associational Choir will be singing,  
focusing on the Easter season.**

Serve. Cooperate. Share.



**MTBA/WMUUV  
SPRING MEETING 2026**

**All Ladies!! You are invited!!**

**Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association/WMUUV  
Annual Meeting is on Saturday April 11,  
2026, at Newington Baptist Church starting  
at 10 am. Our speaker is Judy Young, a  
missionary who served in Africa.**

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**The SCOOP  
from Scotty...**

What's the true meaning of Easter? As kids, we never really understood the true meaning and why we came to celebrate Easter. To us, as little kids, celebrating Easter was all about the Easter bunny and hunting down colorful eggs. As we got older and went to church on Sunday morning, we began to listen and understand the true meaning behind celebrating Easter through the Bible.

A long time ago on Easter Sunday, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the grave. That's the real reason as to why we actually celebrate Easter!



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