



Deep calls to deep at the roar
of your waterfalls; all your
breakers and your waves
have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands
his steadfast love, and
at night his song is with me, a
prayer to the God of my life.

Psalm 42:7-8

RAINFEST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26
9 A.M. TO NOON
Register at
newingtonbc.org/pages/outreach
for ages 4-entering 6th grade

See inside for special announcements about VBS!!!

June 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

28	29	30				
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship	22 VBS 6:30 pm Terri T. Teaching	23 VBS	24 VBS	25 VBS 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	26 VBS	27
21 Father's Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Church Picnic/ Baptism @Morgans	15 6:00 pm Leadership Action Team	16 23 VBS	17 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm COR3 Youth/VBS Training	18 11:00am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Church Board	19 11:00 am Young at Heart	20 10:00am Clothes Closet
7 9:00am Sunday School (Service w/Lord's Supper (Pastor Larry B))	8 6:30 pm Terri T. Teaching	9 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	10 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm COR3 Youth 6:30 pm VBS Training	11 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	12	13
1 9:30 am Food Packing @Bread for Life	2 9:30 am Food Packing @Bread for Life	3 10:00 am Clothes Closet 10:00am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Deeper Adults	4 11:00 am Churchwide Prayer	5	6	

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

From the Pastors View: Summer Spiritual Intentionality!

Well, do you feel it? We are officially changing seasons.

Although the temps have been rising for a few weeks, the allergies of spring have improved for some, and we are just about to park those school buses for the summer. Daylight lasts longer and the air is much warmer. It's a full-blown reminder that God's beautiful creation is now in full bloom... a nod to God's creativity and His continual renewal in our lives.

As well, in the life of the church; summer kicks off our biggest outreach of the year, Vacation Bible School—lots to do, and lots to trust God for, in those five significant days of ministry!

This past Sunday, some churches celebrated Pentecost Sunday, with some labeling it as 'ordinary time.' However, there is nothing ordinary about an invitation that God delivers to us in these summer months.

The fact is, that in the Gospels, Jesus invited Himself away from the crowds. In fact, in the first few chapters of Mark, Jesus would do something truly miraculous like the feeding of 5,000; and then He would get away for quiet time and listen to the Father God! Both a reminder and a challenge that we can do likewise, that we regularly withdraw to quiet places; to pray, rest and reconnect with our Lord and Savior Jesus. The different and somewhat slower pace of summer affords us this opportunity.

In my life, I have seen that it's easy to watch the three months of summer quickly slip away. Yes, I could always spend more time in yardwork, travel or something else worthwhile. However, while those activities are needed, I want to challenge you to see this summer differently. To approach it with intentionality...spiritual intentionality.

Let me suggest some practical things to introduce into your life this summer, that may even become faithful rhythms, which you can apply September through May.

Seek rejuvenating REST!

We all need our sleep. But this summer, seek a true rejuvenating rest. It's best to do this by looking to be restored in the power of the Holy Spirit; where we dedicate time each day to unplug from all our technology, and just sit and listen for God's presence in our lives!

Seek God in NATURE!

Go outside if your able, to sit on your front porch or back patio. Go for a prayer walk, read Scripture outside, or just thank God for being alive as you observe His incredible creation!

Seek others in FELLOWSHIP!

Certainly, summer can disrupt our natural scheduled routines. Whether it be vacation, a day at the beach or an additional ministry at church like V.B.S. So, during this time, also seek out others to just get to know better. Even as summer changes what we naturally do, this may be the time when you need to ramp up time in worship and fellowship!

I want to challenge you to be spiritually intentional this summer. Don't take this awesome summer of additional light and warmth for granted. May your summer truly be a 'no-summer summer' as you seek and find rejuvenating rest, a renewed awareness of God in this world and meaningful connections with others here at Newington!

Pastor Chris

Did you know...according to pollster George Barna...

**** 61% of Twenty-something's who have been raised in the church throughout their childhood are spiritually disengaged now.**

**** Ten years ago, the avg. freshman at Christian college, Grace University scored 60% on Bible knowledge tests; today it's 39%.**

**** And one out of every two college students who are**



Join us for an important 3-week Sunday school class based on 'Raising a Modern-Day Joseph'

Led by Pastor Chris & Angie Grella in the Media room – Sunday's at 9 am

Raising a child to be a 'Modern-day Joseph' is a tough job, that starts at birth and continues through high school. The book provides a "timeless strategy for growing great kids in the face of a culture that questions and doubts anything Biblical! This discussion is for anyone involved in a child's spiritual development, as we will come to understand five character qualities of Joseph from the O.T. — that can help influence young people today.



Thank you to all who helped with the Playground Project!! Thank you to the Properties guys, the Marshall's for the sandbox, Heather King & preschool teachers, and everyone who contributed in a big or small way, whether shoveling pea gravel or praying for the project. And thank you to our preschoolers who were so flexible and patient! **THANK YOU**





AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX RECIPIENT AND PARTICIPANT IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FROM CAMBODIA TEACHES THE SAME 12 BIBLE LESSONS THAT TRANSFORMED HIS LIFE TO OTHER CHILDREN TODAY.

Sann* seeks to follow Christ and actively works to multiply the number of believers around him. That's been true of his life since he graduated from *The Greatest Journey* at age 10. When Sann turned 8 years old, he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox stuffed to the brim with gifts that made him smile, but an invitation to Samaritan's Purse discipleship program, *The Greatest Journey*, changed the trajectory of his life forever as God opened his mind to a whole new ministry opportunity. *The Greatest Journey* was the turning point in his life where he fully committed and understood what it meant to be a Christian. He soon wanted other children to experience this transformation, too. Now 21, Sann has dedicated the past 11 years of his life to teaching this class.

"Know that because of your shoebox and because of what you've done, there are smiles on children's faces." Sann said. "The joy, the laughter, the cheering, seeing their joy, it's because of you being able to bless them." Please pray that each of the millions of shoebox gifts delivered this year will show a child God's love and that many of these boys and girls will participate in *The Greatest Journey* and become lifelong followers of Jesus.



Toys
June



Young at Heart Senior Ministry

June 19th at 11:00 am

Covered dish lunch

For more info contact Terri Townsend or Olga Pyatt

"I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD, TO GOD WHO IS MY JOY AND HAPPINESS" (PSALM 43:4)

PRAYER MEETING

THURSDAYS
11 A.M.
IN THE MEDIA ROOM

MAY MESSAGES - GALATIANS SERIES: FREEDOM & FAMILY

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| June 7 | The Truth Still Stands (Larry B) | John 14:1-7;8:32 |
| June 14 | Justification By Faith | Galatians 2:15-21 |
| June 21 | Faith or Deeds? | Galatians 3:1-9 |
| June 28 | VBS Sunday | Galatians 1:18-2:10 |
| July 5 | Special Speaker | |

COR3 Youth

Thank you to Terri Townsend for filling in for me while I was on Vacation. The Youth love when you come to teach. Terri talked about Prayer.

One of our lessons recently was on 1 Timothy 4:12. "Don't let anyone look down on you, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." This verse is our Cor3 theme verse.

We talked about "Power of Words" one week. We played a game where two youth each squeezed a tube of toothpaste out on a plate. Then they had to try to put the toothpaste back in the tube. This demonstrated the words we speak we cannot take back. Scripture was from Proverbs.

On Wednesday, May 20 Daniel Wells taught a lesson about Job. We also did Bible drills.

We will not be meeting June 3.

Thank you to everyone who provides meals and snacks. We appreciate your generosity.

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead

Youth Director

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The SCOOP from Scotty...



June is the month that begins the season of summer and also the celebration honoring our fathers on Father's Day. Let's give praise to the Lord for our fathers on the things that they do for us, such as taking us out fishing and camping.

Even though my dad has passed away in 2019, I'm thankful for the memory of jumping on the trampoline with him as a toddler. In closing, I just want to wish all of the fathers a Happy Father's Day!



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



VBS is almost here! We have about 120 kids already registered, and decorating is about to start. All week long, we'll be learning about the nature of God and studying Bible verses from the book of Psalms. We are getting excited!

Rainforest Falls VBS

June 22-26, 9 a.m. to noon

for ages 4 through entering 6th grade

Registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/newingtonvbs2026>

Important VBS Announcements:

Prayer:

Please be in prayer for VBS! I've placed prayer cards at all the Welcome Centers to help us remember to pray for Vacation Bible School!

VBS Volunteer Training:

I'll be holding trainings after the church service on Sunday, June 7th and on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to go over what's new this year, hand out any needed supplies, and get everyone ready for VBS. I'll also be going upstairs to lead a youth training at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th. If you can't attend any of those trainings, please contact me as I need to go over preparations for VBS with you. (You only need to attend one training).

Substitutes Needed:

I am still looking for substitutes for VBS in case a leader can't come a particular day. If you can help as a substitute, please let me know!

Snack:

I will be placing the requests for snack supplies on the FYI board. Please sign up if you can bring any items for snack. Donations can be placed in the kitchen, marked for VBS, and will need to be in the kitchen by Sunday, June 21st.

Decorating:

I'll be send out a message during the first week of June with some idea of when I'll be decorating the church. If you'd like to come help, you can text me to make sure my schedule hasn't changed and find where I am in the building.

Thanks to everyone who is helping make VBS a success!
~Heather King~ 757-592-7632, heatherking@cox.net



From the Deacons...Jubilee Churches of Gloucester – June Update:

In April, Jubilee Churches (of which Newington is a part of with 18 other churches) provided support to **SIX HOMES** in our community for a total of **\$3,922.40!**

All of the requests were for helping with rent payments, move-in costs or Dominion power bills.

Here is just one example of how our Newington deacon fund support was used in April:

One especially meaningful success story came from a couple staying in our overnight emergency shelter of which Newington was a host for in mid-March.

Like many GUEST serves, this couple was working very hard to rebuild their lives but faced one major barrier: the upfront cost of securing stable housing.

So, because of Jubilee Churches' compassionate partnership, funds were provided for their first month's rent, allowing them to move into their own apartment and begin a new chapter together. What was once uncertainty and homelessness has now become safety, stability, and a renewed hope. The fact is that when we give, our support does more than just pay bills—it restores dignity, creates opportunity, and reminds people that they are not alone!

NBC, thanks for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community and for helping make stories like this possible. Your generosity in giving to our deacon fund is changing lives in incredible and meaningful ways!

NBC PICNIC & BAPTISM

JUNE 14TH AFTER CHURCH

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR CHURCH PICNIC AND BAPTISM ON JUNE 14TH AT THE HOME OF THE MORGANS AT 12:30PM. FOLLOW SIGNS FOR PARKING. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, A SIDE FOOD ITEM FOR THE POTLUCK, AND SWIM ITEMS IF SWIMMING (NO LIFEGUARD PRESENT). HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BUNS, CONDIMENTS, DRINKS AND PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE SEE PASTOR CHRIS IF INTERESTED IN BAPTISM.

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