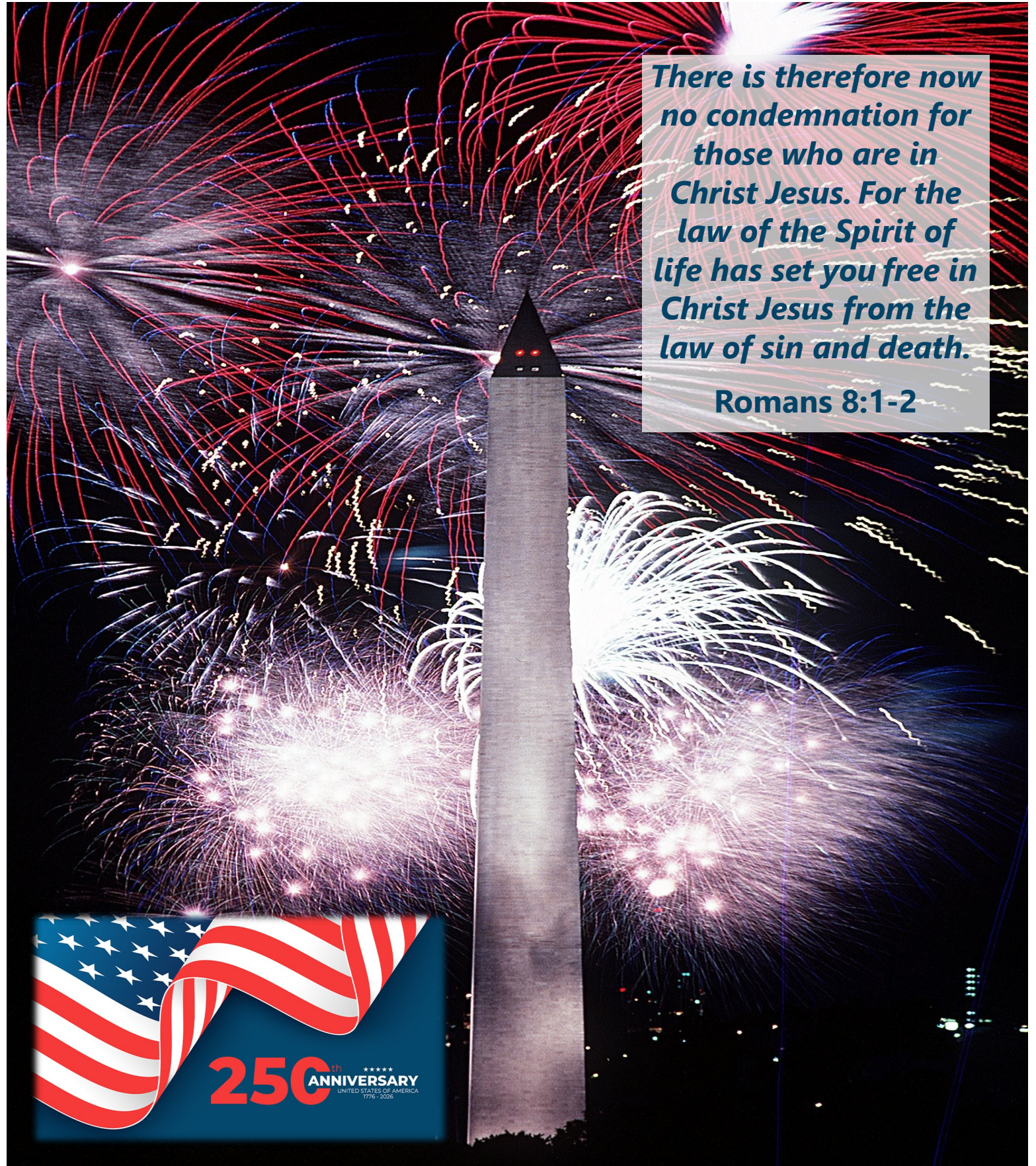




We are a welcoming community of fully devoted Christ-followers that demonstrates Jesus's love to all.


There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2



July 2026

**** Please contact the church office before planning events or setting up for events, as Newington gets used frequently outside groups .**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Service w/ Guest Speaker	6 6:30 pm Tert. Teaching	7 9:30 am. Food Packing @Bread for Life 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	8 10:00 am Clothes Closet 10:00am Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 Cor 3 Youth @ Short Lane	9 11:00am Church-wide Prayer	10 3	11 4 
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From the Pastors View: 'VBS is Completed; Now What?'

What an incredible week we just shared together at Newington's Rainforest Falls VBS!

I think I speak for all our volunteers, parents and kids when I say "Wow!" Huge thanks to Heather King, her family and the many dedicated volunteers, young and old, who so faithfully gave of their time in preparation and during what has become Newington's largest outreach effort of the year.

For me, it was amazing to see our church property come alive with the sounds of laughter, fun, worship, and at times, the joyful chaos that only a well-led VBS ministry can bring!

I can honestly say that through every Bible story, craft, memory verse, song, game and snack; that our kids loved journeying through and around the deep rivers and forests of God's love! It was wonderful to see so many of them learning what it truly means to become more grounded in their faith with Jesus.

So, as we all take a collective sigh of relief, a few days of rest and bask in our post-VBS church life, often it may raise a question...now what? I mean, do we go ahead and sit on the sidelines until Labor Day, when the calendar becomes somewhat regular again, and when we get a more normal day to day feel to our lives?

Well of course, we will all take some much-needed time away, either at the beach, at home or with our families. We need that! However, the question remains, that our summer still has about eight weeks remaining, so how can we keep the ministry's momentum alive?

The lessons we heard and learned at Rainforest Falls VBS do not just end because the decorations have been taken down and picked up by another church who will do their own VBS this summer. No, I hope that you each will want to keep the joy and power that we sang and heard about going throughout the rest of summer!

And so—one final VBS challenge then...please continue to pray for the seeds of faith that were planted in all the kids' hearts! And please pray that the excitement that the children had and felt would motivate their parents to continue or begin their own faith with God, by even choosing to worship with us, or at another local church.

For us then, let us not lose the VBS momentum, but let's continue to be a lighthouse in the darkness for God's love here in our little slice of Virginia!

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Grella



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

In May, Jubilee Churches assisted a woman with \$625.54 for a Dominion power bill, as her power had been disconnected and so Jubilee assisted with getting it turned back on quickly. Here is her story. . .living on a very limited fixed income due to disability, she had been doing everything she could to stay afloat after a winter of unusually high utility bills. She was enrolled in a payment plan with Dominion Energy and was faithfully making monthly payments, but she did not fully understand the balance remaining and had been estimating what she owed each month. Unfortunately, the underpayments eventually led to her service being shut off, as this was the first time she had ever needed to ask for community assistance. And because of our Jubilee partnership ministry of churches, we were able to respond quickly and restore her power before the situation became even more overwhelming. And during the process, she also worked directly with Dominion to better understand how to monitor and manage her payments moving forward, helping create more long-term stability. She expressed deep gratitude for the help she received and shared how meaningful it was to experience kindness from all the Jubilee Churches like Newington, during such a vulnerable moment. Your support through our deacon fund, did more than turn the lights back on for her - it reminded someone that asking for help is okay and can be met with compassion.

NBC, thanks for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community and for helping make stories like this possible.



NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Quarterly Business Meeting

All are welcome; only members may vote

Date: July 19 after service

Meal Ministry—When someone in our NBC family is going through a challenging time, we can show our love and support by providing meals for them. If anyone in our church family is having major surgery, welcoming a new baby, experiencing an illness or truly difficult time, let's ensure they will be well fed. The Meal Train® website will be used to facilitate this. If any church member finds themselves in a tough situation and needs meals, please call Judy Ward at 804-693-4494 to initiate the process.

Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

God bless you all! Judy Ward



Ambodibibaka is so remote you can't even find it on most maps. The village is nestled in the forests of eastern **Madagascar** where its residents long held to ancestral worship and traditions—until Samaritan's Purse teams recently brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children and their families. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts opened the door and, today, classes of *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship course have started with hopes of giving a new spiritual heritage to generations of Ambodibibaka residents!



CHILDREN AND INTERESTED FAMILY MEMBERS WAIT IN EXPECTATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS PRESENTED AT THE OUTREACH EVENT.

Carrying Gospel Opportunities

Through prayer and persistence, the Operation Christmas Child volunteers reached out to the leaders of Ambodibibaka with a message of tangible love: "We want to bless your children. We want to give each child a gift." Suddenly, the village leaders were interested.

The parents also agreed to let the RLT come and volunteered to walk six hours to help carry the cartons of shoebox gifts to Ambodibibaka. Mothers and fathers who once rejected the Good News were carrying the very boxes considered "Gospel opportunities" in their own hands!



Clothing Items
July

✠ COR3 Youth

It's hard to believe Summer is upon us. We have been averaging between 8-10 on Sunday's for Sunday School and between 15-20 on Wednesday evenings. We will not meet on Wednesday June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd and Aug. 5. The Blymyer's are taking the Summer off. Doug and I are working around schedules to meet. On Wednesday July 1st we will be meeting at Short Lane Ice Cream from 6PM to 7PM.

We have several Youth helping out with VBS. Two of our Youth will be attending Camp Piankatank in July. Please be in prayer for a great and safe week. (July 19-24). I ask you to Pray for the Camp Counselors and Leaders.

We have been Studying The Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20:1-21)

- *God's Commands Show Us How to Love and Respect God
- *God's Commands Show Us How to Love and Respect People
- *Reverence for God Helps Keep Us From Sin



Please continue to Pray for our Youth. We have a Younger Group and it's my Prayer they will continue to Love the Lord and Make disciples.

Thank you to everyone who helps support our Youth program.

Blessings,
Brenda H. Armistead
Youth Director
(804) 694-7583



Hello church family!

It is time for Christmas in August! We will be highlighting Operation Christmas Child on **August 9th** in the service. Our church always enjoys participating in this ministry where we can send a tangible gift, as well as share the good news of Jesus with children all around the world. Last year's boxes were shipped to children in **Madagascar**, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, and Colombia. We are looking forward to our packing party this November and encourage you to consider donating items or money to this ministry in July (or anytime!). Bring in items including school supplies, quality toys, clothing items, toothbrushes, washcloths, and toiletry items. They can be placed in the bin outside the OCC room in the basement hallway near the bathrooms. Money to buy items as needed and pay for shipping costs of \$10 per box can be placed in the offering plate, marked for OCC. Please note that liquids, breakables, food items, soap and toothpaste are NOT allowed. Soap has previously been allowed, but is no longer allowed. Thank you all for your generous support and enthusiasm for Operation Christmas Child! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kancianic.



Young at Heart

Senior Ministry

July 17th 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

Prayer Warriors Needed: Hebrews 4:16
Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need!

JULY MESSAGES - GALATIANS SERIES: FREEDOM & FAMILY

July 5	Guest Speaker—Pastor Doug Naugle	
July 12	Living Blessed in the Midst of Curses	Galatians 3:10-14
July 19	What About the Law?	Galatians 3:15-29
July 26	Assuming the Throne	Galatians 4:1-7

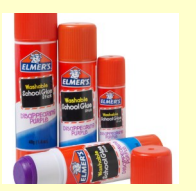
VBS THANKS

We had a great week sharing about God's character and His love with over 140 kids! Thanks to the more than 55 volunteers who helped during VBS week, plus everyone who prayed, donated, decorated, and prepped. We couldn't do this amazing outreach without you!!!





"Stuck on Jesus" Glue Sticks donations to **wmu NEWS** benefit the Gloucester elementary schools during the period of July 5th-16th. Place donations in collection area across from Welcome Desk. God Bless You!!



Newington Courthouse Preschool & Kindergarten

Introducing our new 
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
KIMBERLY TUCKER



Hi! I'm Kimberly Tucker, mom of twin boys and a little daughter. I have 10 years of teaching experience in private schools with Pre-K through 7th grades and have also been a foster mom. I always gravitate back towards working with the younger students as I enjoy their eyes lighting up at learning new things. Teaching and children are my passion, and I am always in "teacher" mode through learning, thinking, and brainstorming new ways to keep school fun!