

Matthew 6:26-33



August 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
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9:00am Sunday School	6:00 pm Leadership Action Team	9:30 am. Food Packing @Bread for Life	10:00 am Clothes Closet	11:00am Churchwide Prayer			
10:30am Sunday Service w/ Guest Speaker	6:30 pm Tent T. Teaching	6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	10:00am Women's Bible Study NO COR3 Youth				

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Sunday School	5:30 pm Missions Team					
10:30 am Morning Worship			10:00am Women's Bible Study	11:00am Churchwide Prayer	6:30 pm Sno-Cone Sendoff/ Preschool	10:00am Clothes Closet
			6:30 pm COR3 Youth @Short Lane Ice Cream			12:00 pm Celebration of Life for Michele Pearson

16 Bethel Bear Pack Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship	17 10:00 am WMU 6:30 pm Tent T. Teaching	18	19 10:00am Wom- en's Bible Study	20 11:00am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Church Board	21 11:00 am Young at Heart	22
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23 Pop-Up Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship	24	25 10-11:30 am Preschool Open House 6:00 pm Gloucester Meal Packing Mtg	26 10:00am Wom- en's Bible Study 10-11:30 am Preschool Open House 6:30 pm COR3	27 11:00am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Men's Group	28	29
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30 Kids Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship	31
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From the Pastors View: 'Understanding the Word of God'

One of the more difficult experiences I had in seminary was to study at least one ancient Biblical language...and in my case, it was Greek. Now, I can tell you that at times it wasn't fun! And yes, it was harder than Spanish!

However, in the original Biblical languages of Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic, God will periodically use figures of speech to reveal His intentions for those who open, read or meditate on His Word. But unfortunately for us, what we read in our modern English language at times, will not always translate well (or be as forceful) as those ancient Biblical languages. Here is just one example...

***And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"
And I said, "I see an almond branch." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."*** - Jeremiah 1:11-12 (ESV)

So in this example, God used a word play to remind the Jews of something that we may not fully grasp in our translations today. God uses a Hebrew term (shawkade) which is a reference to an almond branch (tree). God does this, to remind Jeremiah as a young prophet, that He (God) will watch over him carefully. And why is God doing all this? It is so that Jeremiah would be able to remember that God would intentionally use him for His glory! What an awesome promise for Jeremiah, and us today!

Sometimes we need to be reminded of this truth. That God's Word is POWERFUL...no matter in what ancient Biblical language it was written. It can transform and change us, no matter what we may understand, teach, preach or try to translate in any given moment. This is how the writer of Hebrews described Scripture...

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

So, whenever you read, search, contemplate or pray for God's direction regarding God's Word, you will be rewarded! Because God desires that we each receive all the blessings and richness from the time we spend in His Word.

Finally, please don't forget that the God knows both the intentions and thoughts of your heart—that even in those occasions and days when you may not fully understand what He is trying to communicate to you, God will use His Word to accomplish every purpose in your life.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Grella



Meal Train® Ministry—As a reminder, 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 or experiencing an illness, let's ensure they will be well fed. The Meal Train® website will be used to facilitate this. If any church member needs a Meal Train set up, please call/text Judy Ward at 804-854-0233.

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

God bless you all,

Judy Ward



The Book of Esther:
Preservation

Deeper Adults Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
starting Sept 23



Opening Doors to Discipleship with a Globe

In a village outside Tbilisi, Georgia, children attentively listen at an Operation Christmas Child outreach event, thanks in part, to a globe.

THE UNEXPECTED PROP GIVES AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY PARTNER IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF GEORGIA INROADS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

When Maya Kisievia, known affectionately as Mako, travels for Operation Christmas Child outreach in Georgia, she always brings one unusual item with her—a small school globe. It is not just a prop. It is a doorway into the story. "Our program is called *The Greatest Journey*," she tells the children, holding the globe in her hands. "And today, we are starting a journey together."



Soon the children realize that if they stick with the course, they will learn 12 exciting Bible lessons that will show them how to know, grow in, and share Jesus with others. And this adventure of following Him surpasses all others! For the rest of the story: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/opening-doors-to-discipleship-with-a-globe/>



School Supplies
August



Young at Heart Senior Ministry

August 21st at 11:00 am

Covered dish lunch & Special
Presentation by Nan Pointer,
retired GHS government teacher

For more info contact
Terri Townsend or Olga Pyatt



AUGUST MESSAGES - GALATIANS SERIES: FREEDOM & FAMILY

Aug 2	Anthony Riedel speaking	Philippians 4:4-23
Aug 9	Living Blessed in the Midst of Curses	Galatians 3:10-14
Aug 16	What About the Law?	Galatians 3:15-29
Aug 23	Assuming the Throne	Galatians 4:1-7
Aug 30	Walking by the Spirit	Galatians 5:16-25

COR3 Youth



As I write this Camp Piankatank is in full swing. I have been attending the evening worship services. The scripture comes from Genesis 3 and the camp Pastor asked the students "What is in a Wilderness"? Sometimes in our lives we feel trapped in the Wilderness. We need to remember we are never alone, Christ is always with us.

I have been teaching from the Book of James. One of the lessons talked about "Quiet time with God". The teens have a challenge to spend some quiet time with God. Spending time with God can be the best part of our day!

We will be going back to Short Lane Ice Cream in August for ice cream and a short devotion time.

Thank you Newington for
your support!

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead

Youth Director



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 August (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.



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Pop Up Sunday

August 23, 2026
Sunday School
promotion during
our 10:30 a.m.
service with
Popsicles after
service to celebrate!

COMING AUG 30TH!

KIDS' SUNDAY

5TH SUNDAYS
AT NEWINGTON

**HAVE A
TOAD-ALLY
AWESOME NEW
SCHOOL YEAR!**

Looking Ahead for NBC Kids

Aug 23	Pop-up Sunday
Aug 30	Kids' Sunday
Sept 9	Family Fall Kickoff (Deeper Kids Wed nights)
Sept 27	Stuffed Animal Sunday

Wednesday, Sept 9 at 6:30 pm

Family Fall Kickoff

More info to come!!

The Stewardship Committee has emailed the 2027 budget request forms to all ministry leaders. Please return the completed forms to the church office or email it to shelton1832@cox.net before August 9, 2026. Should you have any questions, you may contact any Stewardship Committee member. Thank you.

Newington Church App

Newington has a church app that is available through Tithe.ly or scan here:



Bethel Bear Packs

Bear Pack
Sunday--Aug 16

Please use the designated envelope in your offering box (or grab one from the sanctuary near the organ) for any donations. Make checks out to Newington.

For online giving specify Bethel Bearpack Ministry.