

Newington News

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What's new?

Sept 1
Sept 9
Sept 18
Sept 23
Sept 27

6:30 pm
11:00 am
6:30 pm

New Life Group Starting
Family Fall Kickoff (Choir meets at 5:45pm)
Young at Heart
Deeper Adults Esther study begins
Stuffed Animal Sunday

From the Pastor's View: Don't Fall Away in the Fall

I know that most of us are looking forward to autumn, where high temperatures drop into the 70's. It feels like it's been forever since we've had those cooler temps! Well, they are coming soon! And after they arrive, we will experience the crisp morning chill, the beginning of the changing leaf colors...and this month, the return of normal scheduled routines, which remind us that September is here. Whether you like fall or not, each year this new season brings with it new opportunities to grow and trust God. Also, this annual transition reminds us of God's incredible, rock-solid foundation, even as many things all around us are changing.

A few years ago (2022), the Deeper Bible study (Wednesday's at 6:30 pm) studied Solomon's Old Testament book Ecclesiastes. It is there that he reminds us....

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven - Ecc. 3:1

This verse as well as the changing weather encourage us to help our kids and youth transition back into the rhythms of spiritual growth, deeper fellowship, and faithful service. They also are a good reminder for all of us, kids of all ages, not to fall in the fall!

To this end, I want to challenge and encourage you, that amidst all the busyness that September brings (compared with July and August), to not lose sight of the most important relationship you have in life. That you personally make space for time with Jesus, and that you try to connect with Him each day through the Word, prayer or personal worship.

This can be as easy as.....beginning your day with a few Bible verses at the breakfast table.

- Or saying a prayer in the car as you head to work or drop your kids off.
- Or asking yourself (or your kids) where they have seen God's goodness recently.
- Or saying a prayer as you reflect on your day, w/your spouse/children before bed.

As we take the next few weeks to either buy or decorate with fall foliage, pumpkins, gourds and prepare for our Candy Caravan event...the truths we receive from the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer and His Word will sometimes take time to mature. As the season changes, it can ultimately be a wonderful time to invest in your relationship with Jesus! At Newington we have several mid-week opportunities, where you can join with others and not only avoid falling away from Jesus in the fall, but actually grow and thrive!

Our kick-off for the Wednesday night (6:30-7:45 pm) ministries will be next week on Sept. 9th. We will be having dinner and fellowship together and then breaking for brief introductions to what we will be discussing together as children, youth and adults. (As well, the choir begins that night at 5:45 pm in the choir room.)

Finally, this month, I would like to lead you in a prayer before we launch into our fall season....

Lord Jesus, we thank you for helping us making it through the heat of summer. We look forward to the beauty and transition of fall. We pray for our kids and teens that you would protect them as they head back to school. May they successfully navigate new classes, new friends and new challenges. Help them (and us) to stand firm like trees planted by streams of water, so we can bring forth Galatians 5:22-23 fruit. Finally, let us grow in wisdom, so we can turn away from this world and Satan's desire to make us fall away in fall! Amen.

Pastor Chris





It's back to school time again! We have been working hard rearranging our classrooms and getting ready to welcome our students back to preschool and kindergarten. As we get started this month our students will be learning about fall, fire safety and we will be talking about our families.

Three year olds will be getting used to the classroom, learning class rules and trying some new social skills as they learn to work as a group. They will also start learning their colors and shapes.

Four year olds will be getting back in the preschool routine and jumping in with their letters and numbers as well as recognizing their names.

The kindergarten class will review their letters and letter sounds and get to work on their early reading and writing skills. Pray for our students, teachers and families as we kick off our new school year and help our students grow socially, academically and spiritually this year. - Stephanie Smith



COR3 Youth



It's hard to believe Summer is winding down. It's my prayer that it will be a wonderful school year for all Students and Teachers.

We've been studying "Living God's Way". Living God's Way includes choosing our words carefully, being selfless and humble and we must submit to God and reject Sinful desires. Faith brings deliverance.

We had a game night in the gym a few weeks ago. That was a lot of fun! On Wednesday August 12 we enjoyed our second Short Lane Ice Cream visit this summer.

Starting on September 9th Youth will dismiss at 7:45 pm on Wednesdays. This will help coordinate with the younger kids dismissal time.

Looking forward to a great Fall Season!

Blessings,
Brenda H. Armistead
Youth Director

**Heads
Hearts
Hands**



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Mark Your Calendars for these Kids and Family Events & Activities!

Wednesday, September 9th

Deeper Kids Kick-Off

On Sept. 9th, we'll join with the other Wednesday night ministries downstairs for dinner and games. Then, we'll head upstairs for a little time together to kick off our year of Deeper Kids for kids in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade! Our regular meetings begin September 16th.

Deeper Kids meets in the elementary classroom on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 (notice that the kids and the youth will both end at 7:45 this year) during the school year for midweek discipleship with activities, lessons, games, snacks, missions, and more!

Sunday, September 27th

Bring Your Stuffed Animal to Church Day!

We're going to enjoy the excitement of "bringing a friend" to church with us by bringing a stuffed animal friend. Ms. Heather will bring her stuffed animal to church that day, too!



Coming Soon: Sunday, October 25th

Candy Caravan (aka Trunk or Treat)

We'll start candy collection and volunteer sign-ups in September. We need many trunks, tons of candy, and some volunteers for greeting and cooking hot dogs. Please pray for the event and consider volunteering!

Heather King

Children's Ministry Director

Kids Sing Christmas

We will be starting to practice Christmas music in KidzWorship in September. We'll have practice CDs and digital tracks available so kids can practice at home. More details to come about this year's Kids' Christmas program!



Family Fall Kickoff

5:45 pm
Choir meets in
Choir Room

6:30 pm Food &
Games in
Fellowship Hall for all

7:10 pm Kids, Youth,
& Adults meet in
their groups

Newington
CHRISTMAS CHOIR

COR3 YOUTH

Newington
DEEPER KIDS

Deeper Adults

The Book of Esther: Preservation

Deeper Adults Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Study and discussion begins Sept 23
(Overview on Sept 9)

"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

HOPE RISING

...THE HOPE TO WHICH GOD HAS CALLED YOU
EPHESIANS 1:18

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Rejoice! It's Christmas!

Celebrating the wonder of His birth

Newington Christmas Choir

All are welcome to participate!
Practices offered on Sundays 11:45-12:25 and
Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:25 starting Sept. 9.
Come when you can!

Newington Christmas Choir

Adults and youth are invited to join the Newington Christmas Choir as we prepare for this year's cantata, *Rejoice! It's Christmas!* We meet for practices on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:25 or on Sundays from about 11:45 to 12:30, starting September 9th. You don't need to come to both practices each week, just choose the day that works best for your schedule. Practice CDs are available. Singers of all abilities are welcome. We can't wait to worship together!

SEPTEMBER MESSAGES

Galatians Series: Freedom & Family

Sept 6

Bearing Burdens

Galatians 6: 1-10

Sept 13

Final Warnings

Galatians 6: 11-18

Sept 20

The Steward

Malachi 3: 8-10

1 PETER SERIES: A NEW IDENTITY

Sept 27

A Lively Hope

1 Peter 1: 1-12

Messages are recorded and can be accessed
after the worship service via our website: www.newingtonbc.org



GLO. FIRE & RESCUE APPRECIATION

Beginning Sunday, Sept 6th, Newington will be collecting pre-packaged snacks to honor our Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept in remembrance of 9/11. We will collect through Sunday, Sept 20th.

A card will also be available for you to sign across from the Welcome Center desk, thanking them for their service.

YOUNG AT HEART

NBC SENIOR MINISTRY

SEPT 18TH, 11:00 AM IN THE

FELLOWSHIP HALL

COVERED DISH LUNCH

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TERRI

TOWNSEND OR OLGA PYATT

Operation Christmas Child is sharing Christ's love for children in Belize.

"When we need God, He always rescues us. God sent Jesus to save us from our sin and shame. What do you all see here?" Janeysi asks, directing the room full of children to an illustrated presentation of the Gospel. The children attentively watch and respond as they learn about Jesus Christ during an Operation Christmas Child outreach event in their community.

After Janeysi finishes sharing with the group, she joins other team members in joyfully giving each child a shoebox gift. Soon the room is buzzing with laughter, whistles, and chatter as boxes are opened and children discover the contents of their box. They pull out toys, school supplies, and hygiene items lovingly packed by families and individuals from far away. Around half of the children in Belize find themselves caught in the middle of this multidimensional poverty and uncertain of what their futures hold or where to place their security.

"A lot of the kids come from single parent homes. One of the major issues I've seen is that their parents aren't telling them anything about who Jesus is, so they're growing up just believing whatever the world has to say," Shinell, a local partner with Operations Christmas Child, explains. "I'm glad that the Lord led me here to pray for them and to be an example."

Operation Christmas Child has been working in Belize since 1999, and this year, over 7,000 children in Belize will receive shoebox gifts!



Thank You!



Games

September



From the Deacons...Jubilee Churches of Gloucester

It's been a very busy couple of months with requests for assistance through the Jubilee ministry in our community. There were 23 requests in July alone, with six people being helped with \$4,600. So far in the first half of August, there have been nine requests, in which two people were helped and 4 requests are being worked on! Here are three examples of people that were helped:

FIRST...Jubilee Churches (of which Newington is a member) received a referral form from one of the churches for a family needing rental assistance. In talking with the wife, it became obvious that the family income was more than sufficient to meet family needs even with just the husband working. The client explained that she had been diagnosed with aggressive cancer and had gone in for quickly scheduled surgery. Immediately after recovery she would begin chemo. The loss of her income coupled with the significant number of co-pays and medications put them behind and they couldn't make June rent. At this point they were also behind July but were only asking for \$800, the amount of June rent, to prevent action on eviction. In talking to the management company representative, the family situation was not simply as presented. Just days after the wife's diagnosis, their daughter and son-in-law, who lived next door with their 2 kids, were in a car accident and the son-in-law was killed. The parents were doing everything they could to support their daughter and grandchildren through this while coping with the shocking cancer diagnosis.

Jubilee was able to provide resources and language needed to talk with insurance companies and healthcare providers so the family could more readily anticipate medical expenses while making manageable payments. Jubilee also paid the June and July rent to prevent eviction and set the family back on a level foothold. This family asked that you all be aware of how grateful they were. Please be in prayer for this family in the midst of their grief and health struggles.

SECOND...Jubilee Churches were able to help an unhoused client who was moving into permanent housing - the client had an old outstanding \$350 water bill that Jubilee Churches was able to pay so the client could proceed to move.

THIRD...Jubilee Churches were able to help a mother with small children - the mother's boyfriend moved out and she is in the process of requesting child support and looking for full-time employment. Jubilee Churches was able to pay her outstanding Dominion bill and get her back on track.



NBC, thanks for continuing to give each month (after worship on our first Sunday Lord's Supper) to our deacon benevolence fund...and for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community and for helping make stories like these possible!

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am Food Packing at Bread for Life 6:00 pm Life Group	2 10:00 am Clothes Closet 10:00am Women's Bible Study	3 11:00am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Meal Packing Meeting	4	5
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Service w/Lord's Supper	7 6:00 pm Leadership Action Team	8 6:00 pm Life Group	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Choir 6:30 Family Fall Kickoff	10 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	11	12
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