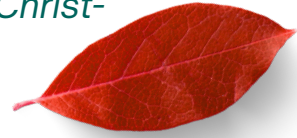


Newington News

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



Website



www.newingtonbc.org



What's new?

Oct 16
Oct 18
Oct 18
Oct 25
Nov 4

11:00 am
after service
4:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Young at Heart
Quarterly Business Meeting/Annual Budget
MTBA Annual Gathering, Saluda Baptist Church
Candy Caravan
OCC Packing Party (with potluck before)

From the Pastor's View: The Crisis Point!

As most of you know, Newington has mid-week opportunities for spiritual formation, where you can join with others in your age group, and not only avoid falling away from Jesus, but grow and thrive!

In that vein, for my newsletter article I would like to share how God led me to begin our Esther book series on Wed. Sept. 23rd in our Deeper adults Bible study (and would like to invite you to participate as we go through this book until Wed. Dec. 9th).

I think we all would agree that we live in crazy times some even labeling our time as being at a CRISIS POINT!

- Whether it is a crisis of finances, where people are out of work, not being able to pay their utility bills, or put food on their tables
- Or whether we have a crisis of relationships, where we struggle in communication with someone close to us
- Or whether we have a security crisis. terrorism in our world, or nations attacking other nations, or when we have special interest groups attacking people wearing a certain colored hat

As a result, these (and many other) crises may lead some people to surmise that God has been silent to all this suffering and turmoil, with some going farther than God 'just being silent'...to God really being distant or not interested in us, with no explanation of why.

And this is why many folks who would proudly call themselves followers of Jesus, believe that their prayers are just bouncing off the ceiling. Because of all this uncertainty or crises, it leads them to feel depressed or miserable.

But this is when we MUST GO BACK to SCRIPTURE, God's Word!

No matter what dark clouds we think are over us; no matter what regrets or self-guilt-- God is not silent in the least. And He has also NOT forgotten us!

At the time of Esther, it also was a time of crisis. The Jews had recently been conquered by the Babylonians, with the best and brightest of the Jews taken into exile years before. Consequently, what we'll see over the next few months in Esther, is that God wants to use this very special young woman to help rescue the Jews in a time of crisis.

Esther was not just a member of the Jewish people...she was called to make a difference...a huge difference. The real question for each of us is whether we are living like we can make a difference. We can't do it on our own. Today in prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to change you so that you can rely on Him and Him alone, in a world full of crises.

Pastor Chris

October

NEWINGTON
COURTHOUSE
PRESCHOOL &
KINDERGARTEN

October is our second month of school and the students are settling in and doing great! They are learning our routines, our calendar songs and our morning prayer and Bible verse. This month our three and four year olds will be learning about harvest time, continuing to study their colors and shapes, and practice with their letters and numbers as well. We will also be learning about fire safety.

The Kindergarten and k4 class will continue working on mastering their letter sounds and letter formation. They will also study pumpkins and fall harvest, as well as practicing complex patterns.

Please join us in continuing to pray for our school year and that we will be able to share God's love to our students and families. Stephanie Smith



COR3 Youth



Greetings from Cor3 Youth! We have a great group of Youth. A few weeks ago, Daniel Wells taught our Youth in Sunday school and I was approached recently where another Student wants to teach. Proverbs 22:6 is a faithful reminder, Start Children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Upcoming Lessons: Abraham (Genesis 22:1-18)
David (1 Samuel 17)
Elijah (1 Kings 18:17-39)
Esther (Esther 2:8-10, 4:3, 4:13-17, 5:1-3)

Heads Hearts Hands

We will also be participating in Candy Caravan.

Thank you to everyone who helps with our Youth and to Newington for your support.

Blessings,

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

Candy Caravan 2025



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Candy Caravan: Sunday, October 26th 5:00pm-6:30pm

Rain or shine!

Please join us for a night of family fun! We'll have costumes, candy, decorated trunks, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and some pumpkin excitement as we share the Good News of Jesus with families in our community!

Thanks to everyone who has donated candy and signed up to volunteer! We are looking for at least 6 more people to decorate trunks and hand out candy. We also need help with grilling and prepping hot dogs.

We'll continue collecting individually wrapped candy right up to the day of the event. The collection bin is next to the church office. Please pray for good weather and pray for lots of families to come and for opportunities to connect with them and share about Jesus!



Kids Sing Christmas

We have already started practicing Christmas music in KidzWorship! We'll be sending practice CDs home in October or families can find the music here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jKu53yevOD8f-tdLDel5Mt9leg_8wRk8?usp=drive_link





Fall Gathering

Oct 18, 4:00 pm at
Saluda Baptist Church, 960 General Puller Highway



The Book of Esther: Preservation



Deeper Adults Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

CANDY COLLECTING

Please bring in donations of
individually wrapped candy
for Candy Caravan!



FALL QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING, OCT 18, AFTER THE SERVICE

WE WILL BE ADOPTING THE 2027 BUDGET, VOTING ON NEW DEACONS, AND HEARING
REPORTS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES. COME HEAR WHAT GOD IS DOING AT NEWINGTON!

**Candy
CARAVAN**
(AKA Trunk or Treat)

25 October 2026
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**CANDY - COSTUMES
HOT DOGS & MORE!!**

Newington Baptist Church & Preschool
6169 Main St., Gloucester
newingtonbc.org

**Newington
Christmas Choir**
Adults and youth, there is still
time to join the Newington
Christmas Choir as we
prepare for this year's cantata,
Rejoice! It's Christmas! Please
invite your friends also! 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!



OCTOBER MESSAGES

1 PETER SERIES: A NEW IDENTITY

Oct 4	Holiness in This World	1 Peter 1: 13-25
Oct 11	The Living Stone	1 Peter 2: 1-12
Oct 18	It's Not Easy to Submit	1 Peter 2: 13-25
Oct 25	Who's in Charge?	1 Peter 3:1-7

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

Operation Christmas Child PACKING PARTY

WEDNESDAY, 11/4, 6:00-6:30 PM
(POTLUCK/BRING A DISH)
6:30 - 8:00 PM PACKING
NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH



(POTLUCK IN
FELLOWSHIP
HALL, PACKING
IN THE GYM)



YOUNG AT HEART

NBC SENIOR MINISTRY

OCT 16TH, 11:00 AM IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

COVERED DISH LUNCH

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TERRI
TOWNSEND OR OLGA PYATT

God is using the 12-lesson discipleship course from Samaritan's Purse to reach Spanish speakers in the U.S.

Sunday School lessons have changed a bit at Iglesia Casa Para Todos. In recent months, the small Spanish-speaking congregation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been teaching their children from the 12-lesson discipleship course, The Greatest Journey.

This is the follow-up program for children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at church outreach events in dozens of countries. It's translated into dozens of languages, including Spanish. Each lesson walks young people through what it means to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While the curriculum has been used internationally to teach the Gospel, a number of Spanish-speaking churches across the United States are using La Gran Aventura, the Spanish translation of The Greatest Journey, during Sunday School. The lessons are also a way to mobilize children for God's global mission.

Nearly 40 children, ages 6-12, enrolled in the The Greatest Journey lessons at Iglesia Casa Para Todos. In addition to reading stories from the Bible and learning practical ways to apply God's Word, children are also led in singing, dancing, and in a time of prayer.

"We taught them from the beginning how to worship," said leader Natalie Contreras.

Contreras said they have watched the children grow in their love for Jesus and in excitement that they have a relationship with Him. And leaders have been delighted to see children come to faith in Jesus.

Since the beginning of the lessons, 11 children have professed faith in Christ! These same children were encouraged to share their faith at home, and, because of their witness, two new families started attending the church with them.



Thank You!



Letter & Photo

October

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 12 requests for assistance and five were helped with Jubilee (Some are referred out to other agencies). The balance of the Jubilee Fund is \$9,982. Here is just one of those stories of someone who was helped!

In August, Jubilee helped a single mother and her five children with rent. The mother works providing elder care and recently had reduced and inconsistent hours. She is presently providing care for one family and was having a hard time finding additional work that would dovetail with the hours required by that client. She has found supplemental work but had gotten behind in rent while waiting for income to start from new employment. Jubilee's help allowed this family of six, including four school-aged children, to get through a difficult financial period without being displaced from the security of housing.



NBC: thanks for those who continue to give each month to our deacon benevolence fund, (taken after the Lord's Supper) as we give out of that... and for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, helping make stories like these in Jubilee possible!

Counting Committee Reminder

To assist our Sunday morning counting team and help ensure that all gifts are recorded accurately, we kindly ask that separate checks be written when giving to multiple funds, causes, or ministries. This simple step greatly streamlines the counting process and reduces the possibility of errors.

Thank you for your cooperation and faithful support of our church ministries.

— The Counting Committee



October 2026

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1						
2						
3						
4						
9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Service/Lord's Supper 11:45 am Choir Practice	5	6	7	8	9	10
11						
9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:45 am Choir Practice	12	13	14	15	16	17
18						
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25						
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