

Newington News

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



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What's new?

Nov 4 6:00 pm

Nov 15

Nov 16-23

Nov 20 6:00 pm

Nov 29 9:00 am

OCC Packing Party (with potluck before)

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church

OCC Box Collection

Praises & Pie / Common Bond Quartet

Lottie Moon Prayer Breakfast, followed by Parade of Flags

One Final...From the Pastor's View: A Season of Gratefulness

November is a truly great month. Autumn leaves are in full falling mode. This gives many of us a bit of extra yard work each week...raking, scooping and distributing these leaves to another place--something that takes place, not just throughout our Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex counties; but all across our beautiful Virginia hills and valleys.

And later this month, many of us will gather around the Thanksgiving table where our hearts and minds will naturally turn to all the ways that God has blessed us too! This combination that November brings at the start of the month with the leaves and the end of the month's Thanksgiving holiday helps us realize just how much God has blessed us in our homes, schools, communities... and certainly as a church family!

Being grateful in this season is so much more than just a single day or two at the end of the month. It's also more than just stuffing our stomachs with turkey and pumpkin pie. Being grateful means that we remember all the ways that God provides, protects, and guides us!

As we each count our blessings, one of our greatest reasons to praise God is that He has called all of you to be together as a church family. And to this I want to devote the rest of my final newsletter article...by saying a big thank you to ALL of our incredible church leaders!

I truly believe that each of them has tried to lead with a rare combination of strength and gentle tenderness. In my time as your Newington Baptist Church pastor, I have been able to watch and celebrate their leadership; stand quietly with them in people's homes or at their bedsides; and see them open the Scriptures to feed others.

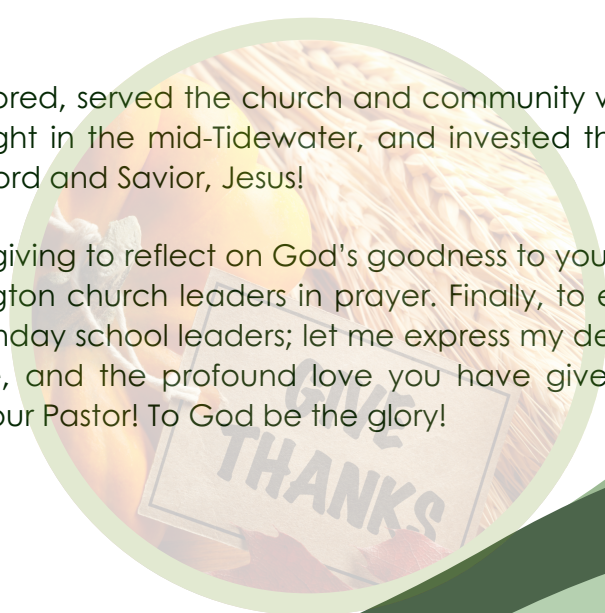
At the end of the day, being on staff or volunteering to lead within a church should not be defined by a ministry program or by the numbers. Instead, I am grateful for the quiet, everyday moments of how our leaders, volunteers and teachers have showed Jesus's love to everyone who walks through the doors at Newington!

Each November during our Praises and Pie service I read Paul's words from First Thessalonians...that we should **"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."** Again, I want to say a BIG THANKS to all our church leaders, in whatever role that God called them to serve; they modeled this verse for me, and all of us!

They each have had vision to keep us anchored, served the church and community well ensuring that Newington remains a place of hope and light in the mid-Tidewater, and invested their time, prayers and heart into helping point us back to our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

As you sit down with your families this Thanksgiving to reflect on God's goodness to you and your family, please join with me in thanks for our Newington church leaders in prayer. Finally, to each of our staff, ministry teams/committees, as well as our Sunday school leaders; let me express my deep appreciation for your tireless devotion, patient guidance, and the profound love you have given and shown to Newington while God has called me to be your Pastor! To God be the glory!

Pastor Chris Grella





This month our preschoolers will be learning about Thanksgiving, being thankful and sharing with others. We will spend time talking about what we are thankful for, how we can be thankful for God's love and how we can share that with others. We will be doing a food drive for Bread for Life food pantry as part of our sharing God's love and helping others.

Our kindergarteners and k4 students are working on simple addition, sounding out words and learning about our world/maps.

The four year old class will be practicing counting, writing their names and recognizing numbers 1-12. The three year old class will be working on colors and shapes, recognizing big and little and recognizing their names.

Preschool will be closed November 23-27 for Thanksgiving break.

Stephanie Smith

The three's class with Deputy Shiflett, learning about community helpers



COR3 Youth



I cannot believe it's almost November!

Pursuing Jesus was one of our Youth lessons recently. What exactly does this mean? We cannot pursue Jesus just on Sundays. It's my prayer we pursue Jesus every day of the week.

We are looking forward to OCC packing party and our Youth Annual Friendsgiving.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Blessings,
Brenda H. Armistead
COR3 Youth Director

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Heads Hearts Hands

Candy Caravan 2026



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped make Candy Caravan our best yet! We appreciate all the donations of candy, all the volunteers, all the trunks, and all the prayers! We handed out all of our goodie bags (150) by 5:30 and had a record number of trunks and a record amount of candy. Our food team gave out 300 hot dogs and many cups of hot chocolate. God gave us beautiful weather and the opportunity to welcome lots of families! This is the first time we had a prayer tent, and it was truly a blessing as kids and their parents wrote out their prayer requests. Thanks, again, to everyone who helped.

Christmas Programs

Please join us at Newington as we celebrate the GOOD NEWS of Jesus's birth through song!

Sunday, December 6th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Our KidzWorship Kids will be sharing their program, "Sing, Children Sing Christmas" as part of our worship service on Sunday, December 6th. Practice CDs are available, as well as a link to the music digitally. Ms. Heather will be sending out the sign-up sheet in November to find out which children would like to participate and what costumes they'd like to wear.

Sunday, December 20th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service

The Newington Christmas Choir will be singing the cantata, "Rejoice! It's Christmas!" during the service. We look forward to sharing in Christmas worship that morning. If you still want to participate, there's time! The choir practices on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:25 and Sundays 11:45 to 12:25 in the choir room. You don't need to come to both practices each week; these two times are simply offered to give options. Practice CDs are available. Please join us!



Praises & Pie

Nov 20, 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

*Join us for a time of
fellowship, thanksgiving
and praise
and bring your favorite pie to
share (please label for allergens)*

*Special Music Featuring
The Common Bond Quartet
7:00pm in Sanctuary*

LOTTIE MOON

Prayer Breakfast for
International Missions
& Parade of Flags

Sunday, 11/29

Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Service with Parade of Flags at 10:30 a.m.

We're Hiring!

Newington is seeking to fill two
part-time positions:
Custodian and Admin. Asst.

For application or more
information, see church website
or call the church office.
Email resume or completed
application to
secretary@newingtonbc.org by
Nov 30 for custodian and
Nov. 9 for Admin Asst.

The Sing. Children Sing Series
presents

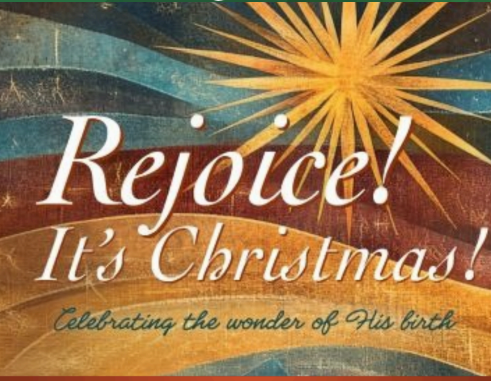


**Sing. Children Sing
CHRISTMAS**

A 4-Song Christmas Program
for Children's Choir with Scripture

Sunday, December 6th

During the 10:30 am worship service



**Rejoice!
It's Christmas!**

Celebrating the wonder of His birth

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 20th
During the 10:30 a.m. worship service

NOVEMBER MESSAGES

1 PETER SERIES: A NEW IDENTITY

Nov 1

Deacon Jeff Moore Preaching

Nov 8

Stewarding Gifts

1 Peter 4:1-11

Nov 15

Be Watchful

1 Peter 5:1-11

Nov 22

Pastor Doug Nagle Preaching

Nov 29

Jesus Our Missional Hope

Ruth

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)



Operation Christmas Child COLLECTION WEEK

November 16-22: 1-4pm

Nov 23: 9-11am

Coming soon: Volunteer sign-ups

2026 BGAV ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2026
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

featuring...



MAIN SPEAKER:
MIRIAM SWANSON
WITH ALAN HIRSCH
AND RICK WARREN



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"These people who
have been turning the
world upside down
have come here also"
Acts 17:6b, NRSV



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Visit MEETING.BGAV.ORG for details!



An Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift started God's transformation of a girl's life in Guatemala.

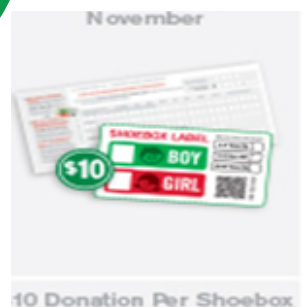
Angelita, 13, didn't want to attend an Operation Christmas Child outreach event at her church in San Pedro las Huertas, Guatemala. She didn't realize that God would use the occasion to begin transforming her troubled life through a gift-filled shoebox.

Although Angelita didn't want to go to the festivities, she reluctantly took her brother and was surprised by what she encountered. Middle schoolers like herself welcomed her, and the event was upbeat and fun. But what most amazed her was receiving a gift-filled shoebox. "I was surprised to receive a gift," she said. "When I opened my box and looked inside, I didn't feel alone anymore. I felt appreciated and thought that maybe God did love me."

Angelita and Giovany were invited to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship course. During the classes, Angelita began to become more interested in God and soon realized how much Jesus loved her. She then readily gave her life to Christ. She soon stopped hanging around her previous friends and stopped drinking and doing drugs—and the disturbing dreams disappeared. Angelita's life has been totally transformed by the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I've learned that God never forsakes us. Sometimes we turn our backs on Him, but He never turns His back on us," she said. "I now never feel alone. Jesus saved me from many things. Thanks to Him I am still alive. He is the One who can fill any void."



Thank You!



10 Donation Per Shoebox

From the Deacons...Jubilee Churches of Gloucester

It was a busy September and into October with requests for assistance through the Jubilee ministry in our community. There were 12 requests for assistance and five were helped through our Jubilee ministry, for a total of \$4,021! (as some are referred to other local service agencies). The balance of the Jubilee Fund stands currently at \$9,158.



So, here is just one of those stories of someone who was helped!

In September, a young single mother who works locally was helped! This young mom does not get child support because she and her ex-husband do not have a 50/50 custody arrangement, that she described as really good for the kids. She believes the involvement of the children's dad is more valuable to them than child support. Now, this young mom drives an older, paid for car, that required significant repairs over this summer. However, those car repairs put her far behind in her rent though. During one of her conversations with a trained Jubilee counselor, they found out that this mother was door-dashing food, a job she took on while she didn't have children. She was working in this position, so she could pay something toward the outstanding rent. Well, Jubilee was able to pay half of her outstanding amount, with the local Samaritan Group organization also paying a portion, with mom contributing from her side job. To God be the glory as we see the Body of Christ working together to help those in need!

Also, our deacons want to thank those who continue to give each month to our deacon benevolence fund, (after Lord's Supper) as we give form this towards Jubilee. This allows each of us at Newington to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community...and help make stories like these possible!



The SCOOP from Scotty...



November is the month of celebrating Thanksgiving. As we gather around the dinner table with our loved ones, let's give thanks to God for the glorious things that He has done for us. The things that I'm most thankful for is my mom for taking care of me, Tony for bringing me to church on Sundays and my church family for always being here for me when I need them. In closing, I want to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

November 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
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9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Service (Deacon Jeff Moore preaching) 11:45 Choir Practice		6:00 pm Life Group	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Clothes Closet	11:00 am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	6	

8 Deacon Ordination 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Service w/Lord's Supper 11:45 Choir Practice	9 BGAV Annual Meeting in VA Beach	10 BGAV Annual Meeting in VA Beach 6:00 pm Life Group	11 BGAV Annual Meeting in VA Beach 10:00am Women's Bible study 5:45 pm Choir 6:30 COR3 Youth 6:30 pm Deeper Kids 6:30 pm Deeper Adults	12 11:00am Churchwide Prayer	13	14
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15 Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:45 am Choir Practice	16 OCC Box Collection 1:00 pm WMU 6:00 pm Leadership Action Team	17 OCC Box Collection 6:00 pm Life Group	18 OCC Box Collection 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:45 pm Choir 6:30 pm COR3 Youth 6:30 pm Deeper Kids 6:30 pm Deeper Adults	19 OCC Box Collection 11:00am Churchwide Prayer 6:00 pm Church Board	20 OCC Box Collection 6:00 pm Praises & Pic/ Gospel Quartet Concert	21 OCC Box Collection 10:00am Clothes Closet
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22 OCC Box Collection 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship (Pastor Nagle preaching) 11:45 am Choir Practice	23 OCC Box Collection	24	25 10:00am Women's Bible Study	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 2
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Happy Thanksgiving

29 9:00 am Lottie Moon Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Parade of Flags/Morning Worship 11:45 am Choir Practice	30 6:00 pm Missions Team					
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