



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

### Coming up in Sept:

Sept 1: Fire & Rescue Snack Collection

Sept 2: Labor Day, office closed

Sept 4 & 21: Clothes Closet, 10:00am

Sept 4: 5:45 Choir 6:30 pm Deeper Adults, Deeper Kids begins

Sept 8: Pop-Up Sunday/Fire & Rescue Snack Collection

Sept 13-14: Youth Lock-In

Sept 20: YAH covered dish lunch

Sept 29: Covered Dish lunch after worship

See calendar for more details on committee or ministry meetings...

## Fire and Rescue Appreciation



Beginning Sunday, Sept 1, Newington will be collecting pre-packaged snacks to honor our Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept in remembrance of 9/11. We will collect through Sunday, Sept 8th. A card will also be available for you to sign across from the Welcome Center desk, thanking them for their service.



# SEPTEMBER 2024

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## From the Pastor's view... 'Wedding and Marriage!'

*(This month, I would like to take you 'behind the curtain' a bit.*

*Since the full ceremony was not recorded, I would like to share a portion of the message I gave to my son Nathan and my daughter-in-law, Katelyn at their wedding on Friday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. I have re-written it, taking out some of the personal language that was just for them.)*

*Although, some of you may not be married, I think we all would benefit from a reminder of God's blessing to a man and a woman from Scripture.*

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The Bible tells us that not only is this a great day, but all days are ones that God has made special, and we live today, this week, this month, this year and the rest of our lives to rejoice and be glad in them!

Marriage is at the very heart of God's plan, no matter what happens good or bad. And because marriage is God's idea, we can be sure, that He is on our side in our marriages, as God is always available to guide, bless and strengthen us. He will always love, care for and forgive you. So, as we each choose to follow Him, we also can choose to follow and belong to each other, as essentially, couples (men and women) are no longer two but one.

When individuals that are getting married are asked: 'what attracts you to the person you are marrying?' Most people respond with personality, physical beauty, achievements, money, kindness, or basically the way that someone is thoughtful and caring. These are all good things.

However, I know also that a couple's faith in Jesus is something that is also very attractive, and much more important! But a relationship with God may not have been what initially attracted them to each other. However, I pray that it is something that becomes more important for each of us.

I believe that if we build our marriage on God, we will also grow strong to withstand the storms, and the ups and downs of life...like the ups and downs of roller coasters, so many love to ride.

Now, think back to the first couple in recorded history. Before Eve came on the scene, Adam was surrounded by incredible beauty in the Garden of Eden. He had plants, trees, birds, fish and wildlife. All these were in perfect **HARMONY** with each other. **HARMONY**...something we lack in our world.

Adam had just about everything he needed. He was at peace with God, and he was not bored. But over time, Adam started to feel like he had a simple, but big problem. Adam was lonely! God who created and knew every hair on Adam's head, also knew the answer to Adam's loneliness.

Therefore, God would bring another person to Adam. But not someone like Adam, as that may lead to boredom and predictability. No, this person would be a bit more tender, sweet, and maybe enjoy different things. And what was Adam's response to God creating Eve? Woah-man!

In relationship together, Adam and Eve could engage and communicate. They could go hand in hand through life to the special places where God led them. Just as Eve was someone with whom Adam could share his hopes, his passion and his life, likewise, Adam was someone with whom Eve could share her feelings and dreams, someone too that would love and protect her.

The fact is that perhaps our futures may not be 'Gardens of Edens.' And that may sound boring anyway.



Camp Piankatank was a lot of fun, despite the weather. Thank You to Newington for making this possible! Thanks for your support for Youth Sunday which was held on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your support.

Youth Lock-in to be held, Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 7 AM. We will be having lots of different activities throughout the night.

**SAVE THE DATE: Chili/Soup Cookoff, Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>.** Got some cool prizes already so start planning your best recipe.

On behalf of COR3 Youth, thank you Newington Baptist for all you do to support our Youth.

Blessings always,

Brenda H. Armistead, Youth Director

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### **Christmas Choir:**

We are excited to begin practicing for this year's Christmas cantata, *Behold: The King Has Come!*

All are welcome to join the Christmas Choir, even if you aren't a member at Newington and even if you are new to singing in a group! We are a multigenerational group open to youth and adults of all ability levels. Our passion is worshipping God together.

We meet on Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. (starting 9/4) OR Sundays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. (after the worship service starting on 9/8). You can choose the time that is best for you; no need to come to both practices each week. Please sing with us and invite a friend or two to join!

~Heather King~  
[heatherking@cox.net](mailto:heatherking@cox.net)





THE GOSPEL IS TRANSFORMING THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN AND HEALING BROKEN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY THROUGH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFTS.



Joyous cries permeated the quiet streets of the San Lorenzo neighborhood in the outskirts of Asuncion, Paraguay, as dozens of children peeled open their Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Jaws dropped at the sight of soccer balls, stuffed animals, crayons, and more. The initial timidity vanished as the group of 50 children picked out their shoebox items one-by-one in a frenzy.

Among the cries of joy, Pastor Roger crouched down, shaking as tears rolled from his eyes. His wife, Shirley, and other members of the church ministry team embraced him as they, too, began to cry.



**We need a helper in the Joy Class for the coming year. The children are in grades 2-5 and the teacher is Vickie Pruden. If you are interested, please contact Billy or Patricia Hogge at 804-693-3481.**

# Gospel of Mark SERIES

Sept 1	Jesus's Authority	Mark 1:21-34
Sept 8	NO Fear	Mark 1: 35-45
Sept 15	Something Extraordinary	Mark 2:1-12
Sept 22	Time to Do the Right Thing	Mark 2:23-3:6
Sept 29	The Unforgiveable Sin	Mark 3: 22-30

I mean naming animals and just eating fruit all the time? Realistically, storms, tragedies, distractions and temptations may threaten that sanctuary. Weeds such as unkind words, bitterness and resentment can creep in.



When we marry, we pledge ourselves before God, family and friends to a marriage relationship that is exclusive, permanent, protected and sealed by God.

But the big question now is, how do we keep our marriages exclusive, permanent and protected? A question that many couples struggle with. Because from time to time, we may fall short in loving one another. We may fail or upset each other.

This though, is when you hopefully will be quick to admit your failure. And when you can forgive each other. None of us are perfect, but I have seen that the answer to future disagreements lies in Paul's writing of the love chapter.

Paul describes love being patient and kind. Love does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is never rude; and love is not self-seeking, not easily angered, and keeps no record of wrongs. And why is love any, and all these things? Because love always protects. Love always trusts. It always hopes and perseveres...because love never fails.

Some believe though, that this kind of love isn't realistic. They believe it's a nice ideal, but not possible. Well, I humbly disagree. Because this kind of love is possible in Jesus!

The vows in the covenant of marriage are unlike any other. They are not an agreement where you promise to just be a good husband, or good wife. No, the covenant declares the promises to love God, to love one another; and to give yourselves to each other unconditionally in order to live as one.

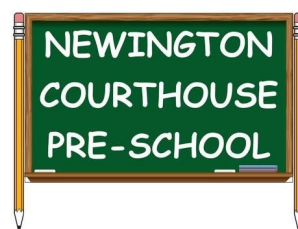
So, as God leads and protects us, may He also bless and strengthen each of us to truly live out our vows and covenant within our marriages.

Pastor Chris

*School has started and we are getting all of our students settled in! Our little ones are happy to be back to preschool and are ready to have fun learning and making new friends.*

*For our three year olds, September is all about learning to walk in a line, learning our preschool routine and learning to share with friends. They will start being able to recognize their names and will learn a little bit about the changing seasons.*

*The four year olds will jump right in learning about transportation, they will also learn about fall and harvesting.*



*We have our "all about me" pictures of our preschool families hanging up in our preschool hallway, stop by and take a look and pray for all of our preschool families this year.*

Stephanie Smith



# NEWINGTON KIDS

Sunday school at 9 a.m. for preschool & elementary

KidzWorship for ages 4 through 5th grade during Sunday Service/Nursery for birth to age 3.

Deeper Kids on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. for kindergarten-5th grade, mid-week discipleship with games, snacks, activities & more!



DEEPER KIDS

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## Pop Up Sunday

Sunday, September 8th

We will celebrate our Sunday School promotion during our 10:30 a.m. service Popsicles after service to celebrate!

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

### DEEPER KIDS

STARTS SEPTEMBER 4TH!

TeamKID discipleship program for elementary-aged kids with games, snacks, activities, and more!

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### CANDY COLLECTING

Please bring in donations of individually wrapped candy in Sept/Oct for Trunk or Treat!

#### Candy Collecting for Trunk or Treat:

We'll begin collecting individually wrapped candy for Trunk or Treat during the month of September. Thank you for your donations! We use A LOT of candy for this event! Stay tuned for more ways to participate.

Baptisms at picnic, 8-11-24!



**Called to Greatness**  
**Men's Fellowship**  
**Thursday, Sept 5**  
**at 6:30 pm**

**Men come out for a great time of fellowship!**



THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" AND I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!"  
ISAIAH 6:8

# MISSION:

*Willing*

**ALMA HUNT OFFERING**  
*for Virginia Missions*

**SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2024**  
**ALMAHUNT.ORG**



### WHAT IS THE ALMA HUNT OFFERING?

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unwavering dedication to the cause of Christ. The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of WMUV and the BGAV. Every dollar you give goes directly to support this and many other ministries. We invite you to give to the Alma Hunt Offering—joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world.



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