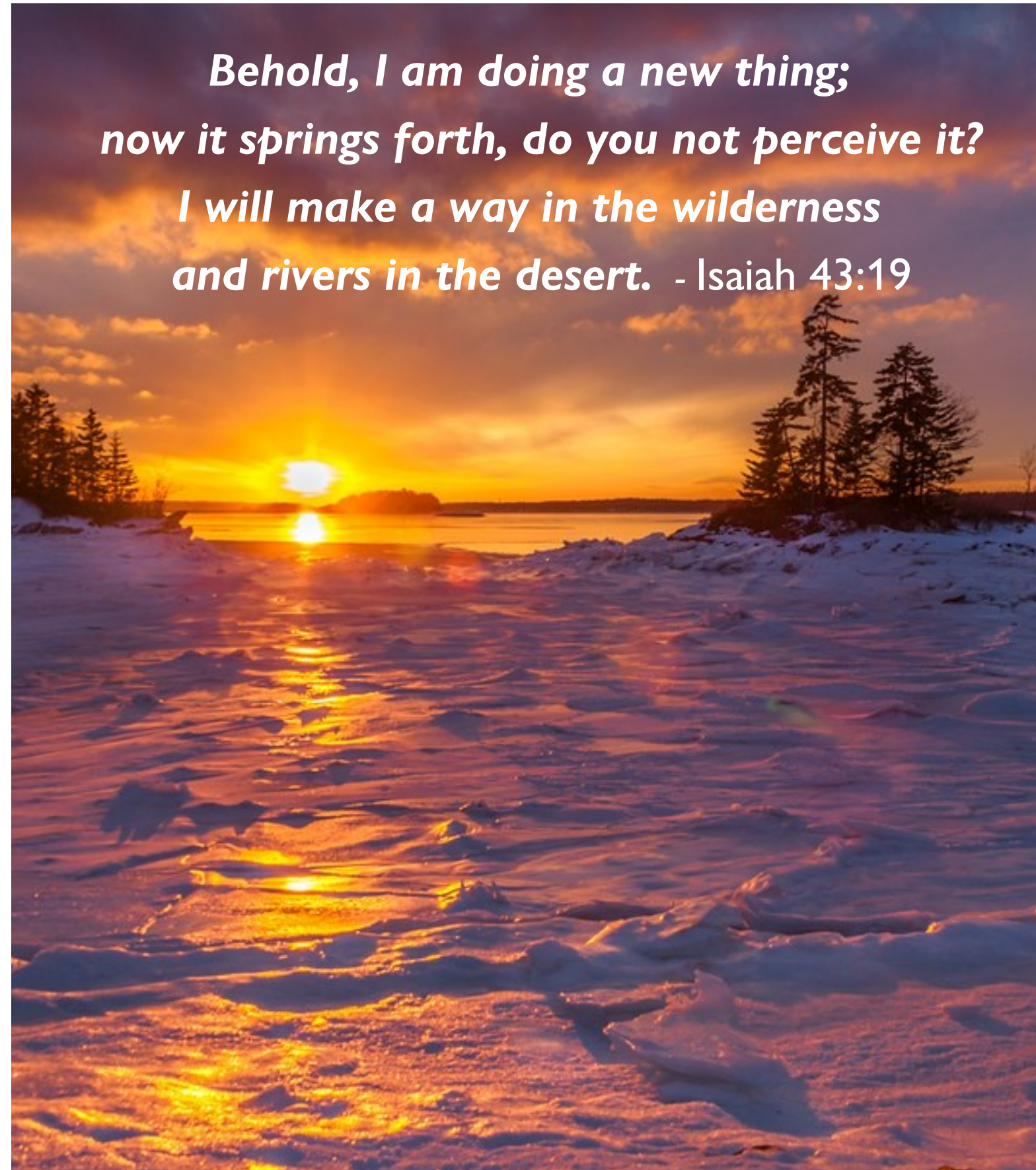




We are a welcoming community of fully devoted Christ-followers that demonstrates Jesus's love to all.

**Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:19**



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From the Pastor's view...Deeper into a New Year

As we approach a new year, one prayer that God has given me is that 2025 will be a year that we each find ourselves going deeper in several areas.

Certainly, first deeper in our faith as well as deeper in our knowledge of Scripture. Third, deeper in our desire to be on mission; sharing the love of Jesus to our community, state and ultimately nation/world. And finally, deeper in our relationships with one another at Newington.

To this end, I know several of you have taken on the challenge to go deeper in both your knowledge of both Scripture and faith. And one way that some of us are engaging in this, is through the "Reading through the Gospels" challenge in one year. Five days a week for 52 weeks (which began a month ago); we are reading short passages from the Gospels and then answering two to three questions on each of those passages.

Personally, I have found this to be quite useful and meaningful for me recently.

So, as we begin this year, I thought I would share something that the Lord taught me just last week from one of our daily readings.

On Christmas Eve, the devotional was from the first eight verses of Mark. Here is a portion:

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. – Mark 1:2-4 (ESV)

So, from this passage:

Q. How is repentance related to the coming of Jesus?

How is this important to our understanding of grace and salvation?

[It is fully tied in. We can't understand the impact of grace, apart from our own desire to repent.]

Q. Think about someone who has/had been "crying out in the wilderness."

What was your life like prior to, then after encountering them?

[When I was in high school, it was my youth pastor. He counseled me just before I went to college, as my life was a mess. My problem was that I was living for an audience of one...ME!

So, when I went to college, I was so prepared for a complete transformation because of the change and witness that I saw in Pastor Herman Heade.]

Also, this year we all will be challenged not only with going deeper in our own faith and knowledge of Scripture, but deeper in how we love those in our community.

In practical application of how we can 'cry out repentance into the wilderness,' specifically within our community; this month we have the opportunity to host the GUEST ministry at our church. I strongly encourage you to at least pray, and if able, to participate in helping those in our own 'wilderness' --folks who are less fortunate. Please see the GUEST info on the FYI board or church website to find out specific ways/days you can help.

In addition, this year we will have opportunities to participate in a mission trip, opportunities and outreaches to families with children and opportunities to serve and help those who are going through struggling times. In 2025, I hope that you will accept the challenge to go deeper!

In Christ,
Pastor Chris

Angie and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes from our Newington family! You mean so much to us! And thank you to all who came to our reception for Nathan and Katelyn and for your generous gifts, cards, kind words and valued marriage advice!!

PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE ON:

January 12, 2025



**FILL A BOTTLE,
SAVE A LIFE!**

- 1 TAKE A BOTTLE HOME OR DONATE ONLINE
- 2 FILL IT WITH CHANGE, CASH & CHECKS
- 3 BRING IT BACK BY THE DATE BELOW



**LET LOCAL MOMS KNOW YOU'VE GOT
THEIR BACK WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST BY PROVIDING:**



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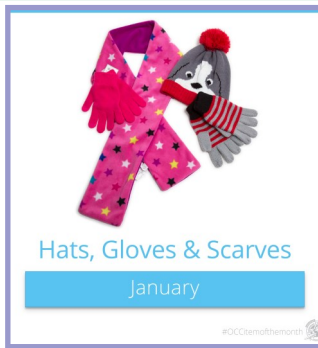
by March 16, 2025

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CONTINUES DECADES-LONG OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY IN PERU TO POINT CHILDREN TO SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST.

Lima, Peru—a city 10 million people call home—is a vibrant place of ministry for Operation Christmas Child. Decades of Samaritan's Purse outreach events in this South American country have already enabled 5 million children to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ—and the work continues. The Peru National Leadership Team, made up of six experienced, passionate volunteers, desires for more children to be saved and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Samaritan's Purse COO Edward Graham, his wife, Kristy Graham, and their children went earlier this year to Lima to participate in this exciting effort. They witnessed firsthand how church leaders and Operation Christmas Child partners who have grown up in these communities are now equipping the next generation by sharing how the Lord captured their hearts. It greatly blessed the Graham family to pass out gift-filled shoeboxes to the children.



✚ COR3 Youth ☸

On Saturday February 8th, 2025 our Youth will be having our 2nd fundraiser to help with sending our Youth to Camp in July. We will be having Lasagna, Bread and Salad with dessert. Tea and Water will also be served.

It's going to be a FUN night as we will have couples playing the Newlywed/Couples game. Let's see which contestants know each other best. It's going to be a fun night. The dinner starts at 5:30 and goes until 7:30 in our Fellowship Hall. Prizes will be awarded. Donations will be accepted. Please sign up on the FYI Board.

We will also have some beautiful painted shells for sale, thanks to Dottie Hogge. Looking forward to a great 2025!

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead, Cor 3 Youth Director

Choir News:
Our Sanctuary Choir will plan to restart rehearsals on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:45 in the choir room. We hope to see you there!!

OUR JANUARY QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE ON JAN 19 AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE. COME AND HEAR WHAT GOD HAS BEEN DOING THROUGH NEWINGTON BAPTIST! MINISTRY LEADERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A REPORT SHOULD CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT secretary@newingtonbc.org

January Message Titles

Jan 5	Death of John the Baptist	Mark 6:14-29
Jan 12	The BIG Feed	Mark 6: 30-44
Jan 19	Answering THE Question	Mark 8:27-9:13
Jan 26	Jesus Came to Serve	Mark 10:32-45
Feb 2	Good and Angry	Mark 11:15-19

Young at Heart will be having their monthly covered dish lunch on Jan 16 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more info contact Olga Pyatt or Terri Townsend.

Serving at last year's GUEST ministry.



G.U.E.S.T. MINISTRY IN GLOUCESTER

Newington will be a host site for the GUEST ministry to the homeless in Gloucester the week of **DEC 30-JAN 6**. They will be using our gym. Guest ministry training is on their website or contact the church office. If you are interested in providing a meal that week, sign-ups will be on the FYI bulletin board or click the link on the Newington website. For questions or more info, contact Mike Horrell at 804-815-7972 or stonewall12@verizon.net.

GREETERS!! If anyone would like to be a greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact Billy Hogge at 757-814-0472



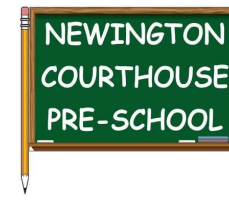
Mission: We, at Newington exist...

To spread the Good News of Jesus to people of all ages (both locally and globally) and to help them grow in relationship with Him.

Angel Tree 2024

"Thank You" to all who chose an angel from our angel tree this year. Our church families provided twenty-seven wonderful gifts to children-in-need for the Gloucester Sheriff's Department. We had nine bikes and many other gifts for them. A special "thank you" to Joe, Doug, Ron and Billy for their help along with the Gloucester Sheriff's Department Deputies. I thank you all for your generous and loving hearts for this ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed 2025.

Patricia Hogge



Happy New Year! We are back to school and ready to jump back in to learning.

The four year olds will keep practicing counting, even up to 100! They will also be working on letter sounds and beginning math concepts.

Our three's class will be practicing counting to 20, they will also keep working on their letters and numbers as well as learning about winter and doing fun winter projects.

Both classes will keep learning new Bible verses each month and will listen to Pastor Chris read a Bible story. The preschoolers love when he visits the classroom to read!

Stephanie Smith

2024 Christmas Program



Contribution Reports

Dear Newington Members,
We are pleased to inform you that the 2024 Contribution Reports will be sent out via email on or before Jan 31, 2025. To ensure you receive your report, please log in to your Breeze account and verify your email and mailing address.

If you need to make any corrections or if you prefer to receive a printed copy of your giving history, kindly notify the office at your earliest convenience. We will also post a notification in the bulletin once the Contribution Reports have been released. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
The Stewardship Committee



COME CHECK OUT OUR NEWINGTON LIBRARY. THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS, YOUNG AND OLD (KIDS SECTION, JUVENILE, YOUNG ADULT, ETC.) BOOKS (FICTION AND NON-FICTION), MUSIC CDS, AND DVDS (FICTION AND NON-FICTION) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY OR ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, SEE LYNN HOLT OR JUDY WENTZ.

Upward Basketball for kids ages 6-12 is coming to Newington Baptist Church in Gloucester this winter!

This faith-based basketball league combines sportsmanship, practices and games with devotionals and Scripture memory.

Practices are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning Jan. 21st.

(All games will be on Saturday mornings)

-First Practice will be on Sat. Jan. 18, 2025

-First Game will be on Sat. Feb. 1, 2025

-Final Game will be on Sat. March 22, 2025

Skills evaluations will be held Saturday, January 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



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