



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

FEBRUARY 2025

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John 3:16

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"Soup" Sunday Feb 9, bring in canned soup to support Salvation Army

Feb 21, 11:00 am Young at Heart Event

Romans 5:8

Valentine's Dinner and Couples Game Feb 8. 5:30 pm, sponsored by COR3 Youth. Donations accepted for youth camp.

Lasagne dinner and couples game, sign up on FYI board or contact Brenda Armistead.

1 John 3:1

March 1, 10am Hope for Appalachia Food Packing, @ Hermitage Baptist Church

Missions Team Meeting, Feb 3, 6:00 pm

Sunday School Teacher Meeting, Monday, Feb 24, 6:00 pm

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11 ESV

From the Pastor's View: A Year for Jubilee!

If you were to look up in the dictionary what the word 'Jubilee' meant, you would see a few different definitions. Some of these definitions relate to a period of either twenty-five or fifty years, while others include the Old Testament Jewish nation in their definitions.

But here are just a few that I found on the term: JUBILEE:

- a special anniversary of an event
- a year of emancipation and restoration.
- a period of remission from the penal consequences of sin,

To this end, Newington, along with several other churches, have been trying to bring their own definition of jubilee to our area! We have begun a coalition to work together to help prevent the homeless crisis from spreading in our area. This coalition is called the Jubilee Churches of Gloucester.

The common work of these seventeen churches began two years ago with furnishing apartments for those transitioning out of homelessness. It then expanded over a year ago, as Jubilee shared their resources to meet the financial needs of those on the verge of possibly becoming homeless.

- The average cost of an individual experiencing homelessness is about \$26,000 a year.
- But the average cost of helping prevent someone from being homeless is just under \$1,000!

So, the mission of Jubilee churches is to help keep individuals and families from losing their home, as Jubilee also works in partnership with the G.U.E.S.T. ministry and Bay Aging.

How it works: When an individual has a need (most have been either a power bill or a singular rent check) they can contact either the GUEST ministry OR one of the Jubilee churches. The Jubilee churches then refer this individual to GUEST, as they are a clearinghouse for those who are requesting. GUEST will then talk with each person and find out if the need is legitimate; or if they can instead, refer them to a social service agency through the local government.

Now, the Jubilee churches come from a variety of denominations (Ex: Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal) and are a resource for other Gloucester County organizations in modeling what partnership and working together look like.

Last year through the Jubilee churches, over \$60,000 support was given to people in Gloucester; and over \$4,700 in November alone. (FYI: Our NBC deacons participated through the Deacon fund which many of you give to. We gave several times, for a total of over \$1500 from the Deacon fund.)

Here is just one example from the end of 2024...a married couple with three children aged 10, 4 & 2 needed help with an electric bill. They were able to contribute \$100 toward that bill. The husband is the sole financial provider, as mom stays home with the young kids. Unfortunately, this husband has Multiple Sclerosis and recently had a flare up that caused him to miss work with a hospital stay. His work pay was short due to this. So, another local organization (Samaritan Group) helped toward their rent; and Jubilee stepped in to help pay the balance on the electric bill, after mom paid what she could. As a result, this mother expressed extreme gratitude for Jubilee churches.

Personally, it has been great to get to know other Jubilee church leaders at our monthly meetings; and grow to trust them in our mission together to help people in need. Also, it has been great to see this system working as more calls are being fielded now by the trained counselors at the GUEST ministry. Finally, most of the churches that support and host the GUEST winter shelter (as we did in early January and will again in late March) are also Jubilee churches! Amen! To God be the Glory for the great 'Jubilee' that He has begun in our area!

Pastor Chris Grella

PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE :
Contact the office or pick up on Sunday



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

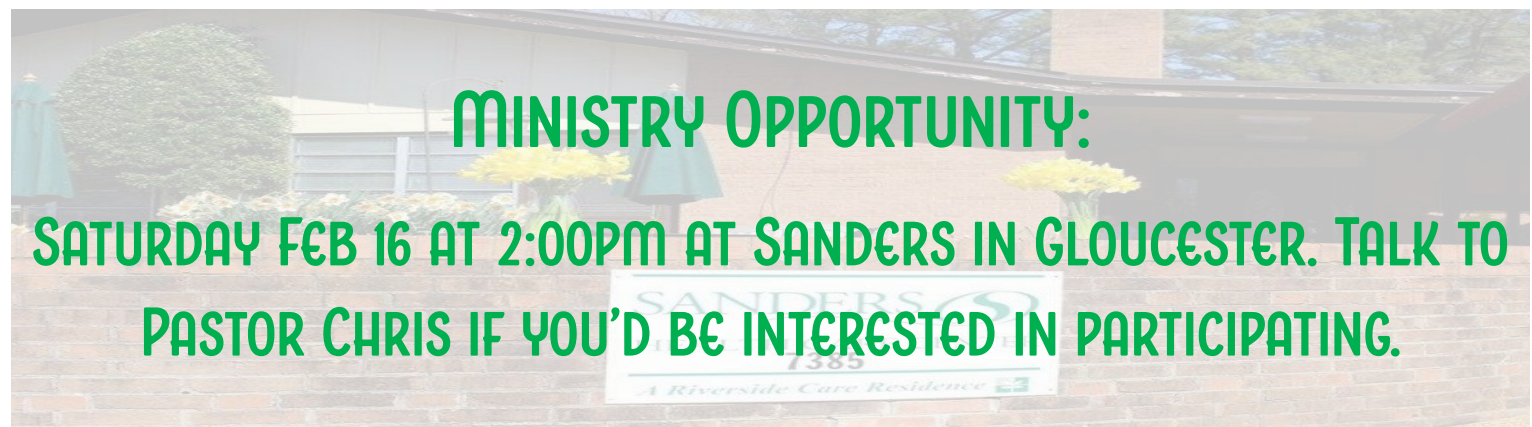
- 1 TAKE A BOTTLE HOME OR DONATE ONLINE
- 2 FILL IT WITH CHANGE, CASH & CHECKS
- 3 BRING IT BACK BY THE DATE BELOW



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



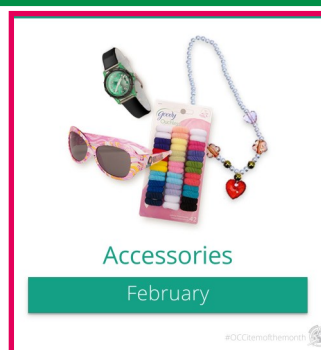
**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLE
by March 16, 2025**



Students from Wheaton College traveled to Ecuador in December with Operation Christmas Child, coming alongside the local church to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and joining in the joy as children pealed open their one-of-a-kind shoebox gifts.

The group of 20 Wheaton College students attended several Operation Christmas Child outreach events across Quito, the capital city of Ecuador. They also celebrated graduates from *The Greatest Journey* in a joyous ceremony for the boys and girls who completed the 12-week discipleship course.

“It was the best experience,” said student volunteer Brittany Funk. “We gave the kids their shoeboxes. During the Gospel presentation, they had asked the kids if they wanted to receive Jesus into their heart. And just seeing them all raise their hands...it just brought such joy to my heart. Definitely, keep packing those boxes. It is making such a huge impact.”



✠ COR3 Youth ☸

We started 2025 with lessons from YM360 on Wednesday evenings. We have been studying God's Biblical Worldview and how God is viewed by the World and how Christians view God. Sunday Mornings we are still using Db Curriculum. Both are great lesson plans.

Feb. 8 is our Valentine Dinner with Couples Game. It's our 2nd Fundraiser. Sign up sheet is on the FYI Board. If you would like to play the game you can put Yes on the sign up sheet. If you don't have a date, no worries, this is for everyone to come out and have a great time in fellowship. Donations to help send our Youth to Camp in July.

Feb. 23rd, there will be 19 of us going to see Toby Mac at Chartway Arena in Norfolk, VA.

May 4th, will be Youth Sunday. We are looking forward to sharing with you.

I ask you to please Pray for our Youth and for our Leaders as we journey together studying God's Word. Thanks to all who help our Youth Program. We thank you!

Blessings,

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



Young at Heart will be having their monthly covered dish lunch on Feb 21 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more info contact Olga Pyatt or Terri Townsend.

Egg Hunt Planning and Prayer Meeting, Thursday, Feb 20, at 12:00 pm
(See family ministry page for more details)



Year in the Gospels Bible readings are available each week in hard copy on the organ bench. They can also be found on the website at newingtonbc.org under Resources/Helpful Links, on the Newington church app, and are sent out each week by email via NBC Connect. This is a resource to help promote daily Bible reading with a short passage and thought-provoking questions.

February Message Titles: Gospel of Mark Series

Feb 2	Good and Angry?	Mark 11:15-19
Feb 9	Passionate Pursuits	Mark 12:28-31
Feb 16	Be Enough	Mark 12:38-44
Feb 23	Assessments	Mark 14:27-42;66-72
March 2	Ordinances: Baptism & the Lord's Supper	Mark 14:22-25

Salvation Army "Soup" Sunday Feb 9 (Superbowl Sunday)

When it gets cold, there's nothing like a hot bowl of soup to bring warmth and comfort. On Feb 11, we will be collecting canned soup for the Salvation Army's Senior Pantry. Donations will be collected across from the Welcome desk and until Feb 19. This is a tangible way we can bless our community during the cold winter months. Any questions should be directed to Jerry Young at 804-824-7279.



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.

NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



We are looking ahead to some exciting plans and events for kids and their families!

Thursday, February 20th at noon: Egg Hunt Planning Meeting If you'd like to help us plan out the schedule and activities for the egg hunt, please join us. You do NOT need to come to the planning meeting in order to volunteer for the egg hunt! We'll need many, many volunteers for the actual event to make it a success and will post sign-ups for that in March.



Friday, March 7th: Creation Station Family Night We hope to see many families out for a night of making, building, and celebrating God's amazing creativity! No need to bring any supplies—we'll have out plenty of activities for those who love art, crafts, Lego, blocks, and more.

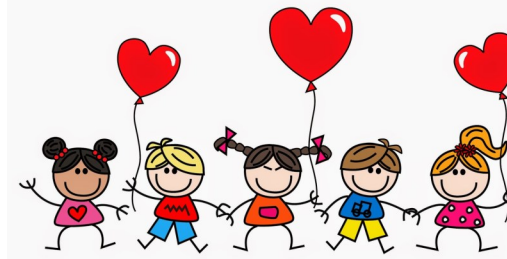
June 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon: Vacation Bible School! Our VBS theme this year is **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**. The setting will be Alaska and we'll be collecting:

- Stuffed animals, posters and more of animals such as: Bears, moose, otters, eagles, owls, crabs, huskies, reindeer/caribou, wolves, porcupines, beavers, foxes, etc. (They keep reminding us in our VBS Leaders group that there are no penguins in Alaska!)
- Camping and fishing gear such as tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, canteens, compasses, fishing rods, vests/hats, hiking backpacks, fake fish.
- Canoes and oars
- Artificial Christmas trees
- Canvas tarps
- National Park signs and posters
- 5 gallon buckets

Poster mailing tubes (basically cardboard cylinders that you would ship posters in.)

If you don't want the items back, you can bring them in any time and leave them for Heather King in the choir room/music library. If you are letting me borrow items that you regularly use and want returned, you can wait to bring them in until June and be sure to have your name on them.

Thank you, Newington!
Heather King
Heatherking@cox.net, 757-592-7632



Hello!

As February starts we will be learning about God's love for us. The kids will have fun celebrating Valentine's day, making Valentine's and exchanging them.

The four year old class is working on rhyming words, letter sounds and early reading skills. They will also keep working on counting and number sense.

The three year olds are beginning to be able to recognize their names without help, sort shapes and colors and are also working on counting.

Our enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Contact me for more information 804-654-9949 or smithstephanie452@gmail.com.



Our prayer coordinator, Vickie Pruden, is looking for volunteers on to pray @ 11:00 am on Thursdays. She can be contacted at 757-869-4528.

No man can do me a truer kindness in this world than to pray for me. C.H. Spurgeon



Giving Statements

Newington Baptist Church: Giving Statements have been emailed. You may have to look in your junk email folder for an email from susan.hinson316@icloud.com to find your statement. For a printed statement, please leave a message in the office for Wanda German, treasurer, and she will be happy to print a statement for you. You may also print your own statement from Breeze.

Sincerely, The Stewardship Committee

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025, at 10am at HERMITAGE BC

(SNOW MAKE-UP DATE: MARCH 8, 2025)

HOPE FOR APPALACHIA PACKING BOXES

MTBA will provide 1,200 boxes and all items. Lunch will be provided. Please volunteer to bless children with the love of Jesus.



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For the calendar for when outside groups use the church facility, please contact the church office.