



We are now collecting individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Pieces of candy must be able to fit in a plastic egg. Candy can be dropped off in the bin across from the Welcome Center.



We will be hosting the GUEST homeless ministry again March 24-31. They will be using the fellowship hall. See inside for info about volunteer sign-ups.

Friday, March 7  
at 6 pm  
Newington Fellowship Hall

## CREATION STATION

Family Night  
for kids & their families

# MARCH 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1  
Hope for Appalachia  
chia Packing  
10:00 am Hermitage

2 9:00am Sunday School  
10:30am Morning Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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Prayer Gathering  
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Special churchwide

21 24 GUEST

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24 27 GUEST  
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6:30 pm Men's Group

25 28 GUEST

26 29 GUEST

27 30 GUEST/Kids  
Worship Sunday  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Fifth Sunday potluck

28 31



## From the Pastor's View: HUMILITY...a Must!

I know that some of you have continued to faithfully follow the daily YEAR IN THE GOSPELS TOGETHER devotionals. It is encouraging for me to hear of your desire to grow in not only your knowledge of the Word of God. But more importantly, your hope that it changes you spiritually from the inside out.

To that end, I promised a periodic story or challenge from our study of the Gospels as we read through them together.

So here is a bonus thought for this month, about one of the daily readings for next week (specifically week 14, day 3).

Throughout the Scriptures, there is an occasional image that is used to beginning a relationship with Jesus. And that image is of a DOOR!

John wrote in the final book of Revelation,

*Behold, I stand at **the door** and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens **the door**, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. – Revelation 3:20 (ESV)*

That is pretty clear cut about how one invites to Jesus into their lives...they open the door.

Consider also some of the historic sites in either Jerusalem or the city of Jesus's birth Bethlehem. And what makes most of these sites noteworthy and memorable, is that they are not simple-looking. Today, they have been refurbished or presented to the extreme, what we may call ornate or gaudy.

But the fact is that Jesus was suggesting something completely different: humility. Jesus lived and presented himself as humble as he walked by, in or through these same areas of Jerusalem or Bethlehem.

For example, some of you may remember the doors or gates in Jerusalem, which we studied in Samuel during our Wednesday Deeper Bible studies last year. One of those doors was the 'Dung' gate. A gate that reminds us that we must be also humble as Jesus was.

As we will be reading next week in our 'Gospels together' reading,

*"Enter by **the narrow gate**. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For **the gate is narrow** and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. - Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV)*

The door or gate to Jesus is narrow. Jesus said it is hard. But why is it hard? Because we don't naturally live and ooze humility, do we? So, it begs the question...**what is humility?**

Humility was obviously important to Jesus throughout His life, from His birth to His death and resurrection. For us, humility comes across when someone is not proud or overly pretentious. Basically, the absence of arrogance.

Today as a church family, may we all surrender to Jesus; and allow Him to truly teach us what it means to live humbly. And let it begin when we practice the first and second great commandments: that we love God above all else, and likewise that we strive to love others above ourselves!

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris

**Return bottles by March 16, 2025 (make sure any checks are made to Newington Baptist with CareNet in memo line)**



**Homemade Peanut Butter Easter Eggs Youth Fundraiser**

Sign up on FYI Board before April 6th. Eggs will be ready April 20th after Church service. See Brenda For more Info



**Year in the Gospels** Bible readings are available each week in hard copy on the organ bench. They are also found on the website at [newingtonbc.org](http://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.

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**Great News - GUESTs are coming to visit!**

**March 24-March 31, 2025**

Please sign up to volunteer online.

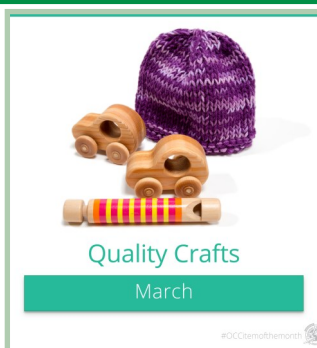
If you need help contact Mike Horrell  
Matthew 25: 35-45





CHILDREN IN A SLUM COMMUNITY COME TO FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND THE GREATEST JOURNEY.

The boys and girls knew to quickly pick up their chairs and scoot to the side, clearing the narrow alleyway anytime a bicycle or motorbike needed to squeeze through. These interruptions to the discipleship class happened often enough that they had become normal, and the children and their teachers carried on with worship and Bible teaching once the traffic had cleared.



The tiny thoroughfare in the middle of the slum was the only space that members of Grace Baptist Church could find to hold The Greatest Journey lessons. But they were undeterred. Every Saturday morning, they arrived to find the boys and girls waiting for them and eager to hear the Bible story they'd come to share.



God is using Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program for shoebox gift recipients, to introduce children in this slum in Illoilo, Philippines, to the Gospel. Most of their families aren't Christians, and they had never before had an opportunity to learn about God's love for them.



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

**BAPTISMS ON EASTER SUNDAY!** We are having a BAPTISM ON APRIL 20, 2025. IF YOU are INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR CHRIS.

**Save the date!**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK!**  
 After the service on March 30, join us for food and fellowship together. Please bring a dish to share. More info to come.

## March Message Titles: Gospel of Mark Series

March 2	Ordinances: Baptism & The Lord's Supper	Mark 14:22-26
March 9	The Second Time	Mark 13:24-37
March 16	Healing of Malchus' Ear	Mark 14:43-50
March 23	The Preparation	Mark 14: 51-65
March 30	Deliverance to Pilate	Mark 15:1-15

# ✠ COR3 Youth ☸

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> was our Valentines Dinner and game which was our Second Fundraiser and it was a lot of FUN! I can't thank you enough for your support. We raised \$1500.50. Great Fellowship and lots of laughs were had by all who attended.

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> we went to see Toby Mac at Chartway Arena in Norfolk, VA. A fun but late night.

In April, we will be making the Peanut Butter Eggs again. More info to follow.

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 and growing in our Faith.

Thanks to all who help our Youth Program. We appreciate you all very much.

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead  
 Youth Director



**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!

## Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: 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 plenty of activities for those who love art, crafts, Lego, blocks, and more.

**Sunday, April 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.: Egg Hunt** for kids up through fifth grade. Please invite family and friends! Door prize registration will begin in the fellowship hall at 2:40.

**June 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon: Vacation Bible School!**

### Egg Hunt Donations and Help:

We've already started collecting individually wrapped Easter candy/treats that can fit into plastic Easter eggs. The donation bin is near the Welcome Center/preschool. We're hoping to fill at least 4,000 eggs this year, but we can only do that together!!

Volunteer sign-ups for the egg hunt will begin in March and will be

on the FYI board. We need many, many volunteers, and it is easy and fun to help! Volunteers should arrive around 1:30 to help with the final setup, hiding the eggs, and prepping the stations. If you can only come closer to 3:00, please still come and help!

### VBS Decorating Items:

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

Canvas tarps

National Park signs and posters

Thank you, Newington!

Heather King

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Happy March! We are ready to start learning about spring and the changing season. Our preschoolers are excited to get back out on the playground after a long winter of wet and cold weather!

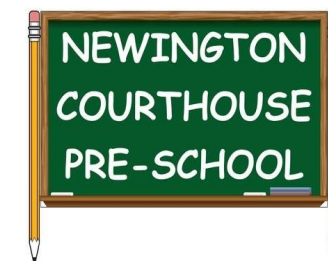
Our three year olds are getting very good at identifying their letters and numbers, as well as picking out their own name. They have been practicing with scissors all winter and are able to cut on their own. This month they will keep working on their rote counting, practice tracing letters and learn about spring.

The four year olds are continuing to practice writing upper case and lower case letters, they are learning to sound out small words and they have been practicing counting to 100. They are also starting to work on writing their last name for those that have mastered their first names.

We are still accepting enrollments for our three year old class for the 2025-2026 school year.

-Stephanie Smith

804-654-9949



**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*



**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.



**The MTBA is organizing a mission trip to deliver the Boxes of Hope in Clary, KY April 14-19. IF you are interested in going, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR CHRIS as soon as possible! (Paperwork needs to be returned by a certain date). If you are unable to go, please pray for this trip and for those going from Newington and other churches. Pray for the kids who will receive the boxes and their openness to the Gospel. Pray for health and safety of all those involved, travel mercies and unity.**



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