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NEWington News

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Newington Baptist Church

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SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS

- April 13, Easter Egg Hunt, 3 pm
- April 18, Good Friday Service, 6 pm
- April 20, Sunrise Service (combined with Grace on Main), 6 am, Fary Farm (outdoors, dress for weather & walking in field; bring a lawn chair -optional)
- Easter Breakfast (potluck--after sunrise service at Newington)
- Easter Baptism Service, 10:30 am



Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 3-4:30 PM

NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
6169 MAIN STREET, GLOUCESTER | NEWINGTONBC.ORG

April 2025

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From the Pastors View: Why the Gospels?

Since December, some of our Newington church family have been reading through the Gospels together. Each day, we read anywhere from five to twenty verses and then answer two to three questions of either interpretation or application on the passages.

(Even if you have not been participating in these daily readings, I have been teaching through the Gospel of Mark since August, and will begin the Gospel of John in late June.)

As we approach Easter Resurrection Sunday, I thought it may be good to devote some thought on the what's and whys of the Gospel books (though I am only scratching the surface of this topic!).

Basically, what does 'Gospel' mean and how did the Gospel books originate with the church two thousand years ago?

First of all, the Greek word translated as Gospel into English means 'good news.' And how they used the Gospel in the early church was the same that we use it today: **we proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus alone, to one another and also the world!**

In our Bibles, the four Gospel books are titled: 'Matthew', 'Mark', 'Luke' and 'John'. But for a short time after being written, these books circulated around the early church independently, without any names ascribed to them. And scholars are not totally sure about when the name titles were officially given to them. But we know that each of them was assigned to be the Gospel books around the middle of the second century, a little over one hundred years after Jesus's resurrection.

So the logical next question is, why label each of them by the writers' name: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and not 'the life of Jesus' one, two, three and four? For example, we do not have a book called 'Paul', even though he wrote much of the New Testament by way of his letters.

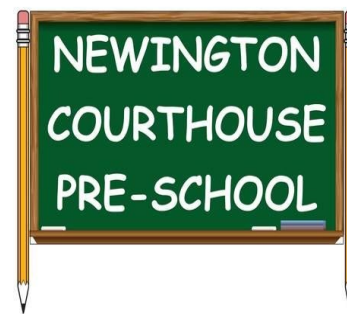
Well, after Jesus's death, resurrection and ascension, these four physical Gospel books were actually not written for a few years. What the four authors remembered and celebrated in their writing about Jesus was through the oral tradition, where the life of Jesus was shared among believers, (such as Mark being a close companion of the Apostle Peter: 1 Peter 5:13) through stories, source materials, events and anecdotes.

And what is truly awesome is that each of these four Gospel book authors wrote through the power of the Holy Spirit, from their personal life experiences and careful research. They wrote as they were in relationship to Jesus and His followers, seemingly independent of one another, but still using the same stories and source materials about Jesus. Each Gospel was written and read certainly for their church at that time, but also for EVERY church after them!

As I close, I want to remind and challenge you to enjoy this time of year. Yes, we enjoy the changing of the seasons. But please take time over the next few weeks before Resurrection Sunday to enjoy Jesus also! It is through our reading of the Gospels that we are coming face to face with an active, risen and loving Savior in Jesus, who wants nothing more than to love, forgive and care for us! The Gospels clearly show us all this!

In Christ,
Pastor Chris

P.S.- You may pick up the *Year in the Gospels* readings on the organ bench in the Sanctuary anytime or just check the church website or app for an online-version that you can use. For any ladies who are doing the daily readings and questions, a *Year in the Gospels* Discussion Group has started meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am (for more info, see Angie Grella).



This month we are excited for warmer weather and being able to get back outside! Easter is this month and we will be talking a lot about the story of Jesus and the cross, as well as having fun with egg hunts and other Easter activities.

The three year old class will be continuing to work on writing their names, identifying letters, numbers and shapes. They will also be learning about how plants grow and will be able to do some of their own planting.

The four year olds are getting good at being able to sound out small words, and memorizing some sight words. They are also using their counting skills to count by 10's.

We also have our spring break this month, the preschool will be closed April 7-11.

Stephanie Smith



Our Spring program is May 9 at 11:00 am!

Easter Baptism Service: April 20! If you would like to find out more about baptism or would like to be baptized on Easter Sunday, please contact Pastor Chris before April 6th.



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Ladies!!

**Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association/WMU
Annual Meeting Saturday April 12, 2025,**

at Spring Hill Baptist Church starting at 10 am. All ladies of Newington BC are invited to attend. The program will feature Emily Baker from Zoar BC with Lidia Foster, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator "Be A Hospice Volunteer". Jerry Young will be available to transport anyone who needs a ride. 804 824 7279



Stuffed Animals

April

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFTS ARRIVED TO CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA. EDWARD GRAHAM, COO FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE, WAS THERE FOR THE JOYOUS EVENT.



This week Edward Graham, COO of Samaritan's Purse, joined with a local church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to distribute hundreds of gift-filled Operation Christmas

Child shoeboxes. Before opening their presents, girls and boys listened to a child-friendly presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I want these kids to know that they are loved and not forsaken, and that Jesus Christ died on a cross for them," Graham said.



Quarterly Business Meeting on April 27 after worship service

Ministry leaders, if you would like to give a report at the meeting, please let the church office know by April 23.

Thank you to those who helped with updates to our Church Constitution and By-Laws. We appreciate all your behind-the-scenes work and time! Constitution & By-Laws Q&A on April 6 after the service.



MTBA Spring Meeting

April 27, 2024, 4:00 pm

At Urbanna Baptist Church

April Messages Gospel of Mark Series

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| April 6 | The Crucifixion | Mark 15:16-32 |
| April 13 | Death and Burial | Mark 15:33-47 |
| April 20 | Who Rolled the Stone Away? | Mark 16:1-8 |
| April 27 | Jesus Appears | Mark 16:9-20 |

✠ COR3 Youth

It's hard to believe Easter is this month. That means it's Peanut Butter Egg time. Get your orders in by contacting me or signing up on the FYI Board. Orders need to be in by April 6th. They will be ready on Easter Sunday for pickup.

May 4th will be Youth Sunday. We hope you will plan to attend to hear messages from several of our Youth.

Please start praying for our Fuge Camp which is July 7-11. We will be traveling to Regent University in VA Beach.

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. Thank You to Bob Boudreaux who came and spoke to our Youth about Lent. You did a great job! On Wednesday nights we are doing a series on "Does God Exist?"

Thanks to all who help our Youth Program. Reminder, if you or your Sunday School Class would like to provide a meal, there is a sign up sheet on the FYI Board.

1st Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead
Youth Director



HOMEMADE PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS

SIGN UP ON FYI BOARD BEFORE April 6th. EGGS WILL BE READY ON SUNDAY APRIL 20th AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE.

COSTS: DONATION TO HELP WITH SENDING OUR YOUTH TO CAMP. PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY.

QUESTIONS: BRENDA ARMISTEAD (804) 694-7583

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



We had the best time in March with our Creation Station Family Night and Kids' Sunday! I'm so proud of our Newington Kids!!

Here's what's coming up:



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: True North Vacation Bible School! Registration for kids ages 4 through rising 6th graders will open at the Egg Hunt!

Egg Hunt Donations and Help:

How can you help with the egg hunt?

Pray! Pray for the kids who come and their families, pray for our volunteers, pray for good weather, pray for us as we share the Good News about Jesus's resurrection and invite families to church!

Donate individually wrapped candy that can fit in plastic Easter Eggs. The donation bin is near the Welcome Center/preschool. We'll continue filling eggs up until a few days before the egg hunt.

Volunteer!! We need many volunteers to help hide eggs, make sure kids are safe as they hunt, run games and activities, refill the snack station. Even if you don't officially volunteer, please come for the fun! It's always a great time talking with the families who participate. Please sign up on the FYI board if you can help.

Volunteers can come after lunch (around 1:30) to help hide eggs. Bring water and prepare for the weather (sunscreen, hat, maybe a jacket).

VBS Preparations Underway:

Our VBS theme this year is **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.**

We are collecting items that will help us decorate the church like Alaska. We'll also host our annual VBS Prep Party in May (date to be determined) and will begin volunteer sign-ups in late April (after Easter). Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

June 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thank you, Newington!

Heather King

Heatherking@cox.net, 757-592-7632



Meal Ministry—When someone in our NBC family is going through a challenging time, we can show our love and support by providing meals for them. If anyone in our church family is having major surgery, welcoming a new baby, experiencing an illness or truly difficult time, let's ensure they will be well fed. The Meal Train® website will be used to facilitate this. If any church member finds themselves in a tough situation and needs meals, please call Judy Ward at 804-693-4494 to initiate the process.

Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

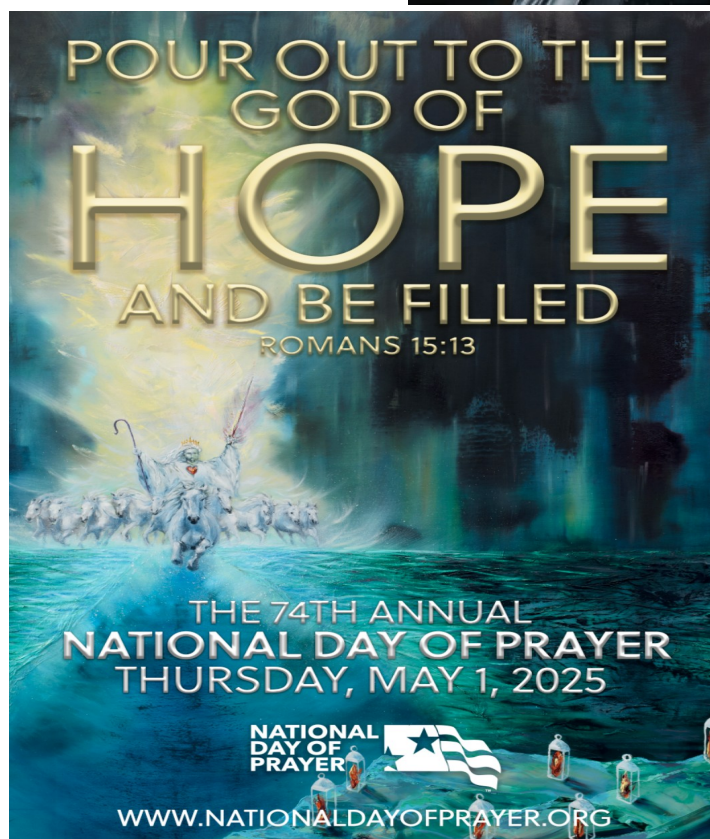
God bless you all!

Judy Ward



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 2025

Money given to the AA Easter Offering is used to support North American missionaries. Please make checks out to Newington BC with Annie Armstrong in the memo line.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 6:30-7:30 PM AT NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE PRAYER TIME. WE WILL PRAY THROUGH SEVERAL TOPICS INCLUDING EDUCATION, THE CHURCH, MARRIAGES & FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA & THE MILITARY. PRAYING ALOUD IS NOT REQUIRED.







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