



"I lift up my eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven." Psalm 123:1



"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

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From the Pastors View: 'God's Timing'

One of the hardest things for any of us to do, (yes, even if we are faithful followers of Jesus) is to trust God in His timing. There are things and prayers that we place in God's hands , but often the struggle in our requests and prayers is in His timing. In our hurried world, He seems to be late, and not meeting our time expectations. It leads us to question: "Doesn't He know and doesn't He care?"

To be sure, in our "microwave/IPhone/instant-everything" society, one of the toughest things is to trust God and wait, especially in times (or seasons/months/years) of uncertainty.

In these situations, one Scripture which I shared at Tom Shelton's memorial service from Ecclesiastes, comes to mind, where Solomon writes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

This verse and others like it, are a great reminder for us that God is truly in control of the events of our lives. But not only is He in control, but His timing is perfect. It's perfect, even when it may not align with our expectations.

There are two great reminders then about trusting in God's timing. First, to trust in His timing means that we must give up our own desire for immediate results!

And second, that we acknowledge God's wisdom and sovereignty, knowing that He, God, sees the bigger picture of our lives, and knows what is best for us. Because the fact is, that when we trust in God's timing for our lives, we are able to let go of our anxiety and practice patience. And I think that this will lead to confidence that He will fulfill His promises in **His** time.

We see throughout Scripture that God's timing is marked by His faithfulness and love to us. A very familiar verse in Romans chapter eight tells us that, ***we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.*** (Romans 8:28 ESV).

Even though it's difficult, we need to remember to believe that He will work all things together for good, even in those times of delay or apparent silence. Because trusting in God's timing will prepare and refine our eternal character, as we are aligned more to His glory and our ultimate good.

Looking back on my life, I can see that God's timing brought blessings! Because in those seasons of waiting, either for a new job or a healing for Angie, God has taught me to pursue several things:

A greater dependence on Jesus!

A deepening of my faith!

Opened doors that I never could have imagined before my time of waiting and trusting.

Today, if you are finding that you are waiting for something, even growing discouraged, try to rest in God's Biblical promises to develop that trust in His timing. Think too about your life experiences and try to recall a time when Jesus came through at just the right time. Finally, seek God through prayer and His Word, knowing that He is faithful to fulfill His plans for you at HIS appointed time.

Pastor Chris Grella

Church Picnic and Baptism

Join us after the service at the home of Bobbi Morgan for a special picnic and baptism. Bring a dish to share. More info to come!

If you are interested in finding out more about what it means to be baptized, please contact Pastor Chris at 443-605-9636 or pastorchris@newingtonbc.org



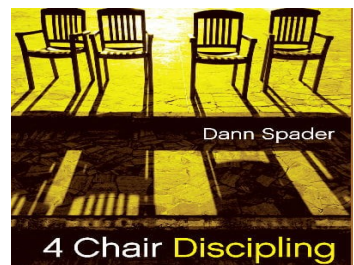
Membership CLASS

OUR NEXT NBC MEMBERSHIP CLASS WILL BE ON SAT, JULY 26 AT 10:00 AM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NEWINGTON OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE TALK TO PASTOR CHRIS. THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP FOR THE CLASS ON THE FYI BOARD. FOR MORE INFO ON NEWINGTON, SEE OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE WELCOME TAB.

Deeper Adults Series and Dinner! June 25-July 23

Join us for a 5 week study using the material by Dann Spader called 4 Chair Discipling. Come for a meal at 5:45 pm. Group discussion/study will begin at 6:30 pm.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends. Video study with Pastor Chris facilitating discussion.



Take your NEXT STEP into deeper Bible study and discipleship...

NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH



Quarterly Business Meeting

All are welcome; only members may vote

Date: July 27, after service

New deacons will be nominated.



Hello church family!

It is time for Christmas in July! We will be highlighting Operation Christmas Child on **July 20 and 27** in the service. Our church always enjoys participating in this ministry where we can send a tangible gift, as well as share the good news of Jesus with children all around the world. Last year's boxes were shipped to children in Madagascar, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Burundi, Guinea, and Colombia. We are looking forward to our packing party this November and encourage you to consider donating items or money to this ministry in July (or anytime!). Bring in items including school supplies, quality toys, clothing items, toothbrushes, washcloths, and toiletry items. They can be placed in the bin outside the OCC room in the basement hallway near the bathrooms. Money to buy items as needed and pay for shipping costs of \$10 per box can be placed in the offering plate, marked for OCC. Please note that liquids, breakables, food items, soap and toothpaste are NOT allowed. Soap has previously been allowed, but is no longer allowed. Thank you all for your generous support and enthusiasm for Operation Christmas Child! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kancianic.



Young at Heart senior ministry invites you for a covered dish lunch and fellowship, Friday, July 18.

Newington Church App

Newington has a church app that is available through Tithe.ly or scan here:



You can access messages, Deeper Adults Bible study (during the school year), Year in the Gospel readings, message notes, events, and more.

July Messages - Gospel of John Series

July 6	The Call	John 1:35-51
July 13	A Filling Life	John 2:1-11
July 20	Being Born Again	John 3:1-18
July 27	Thirst Quenching	John 4: 1-30
Aug 3	YOUTH SUNDAY	

COR3 Youth

COR3 Youth is getting very excited about Fuge Camp at Regent University. We will be leaving July 7 and will return on July 11. I ask for your prayers for our Leaders and Students. In addition to myself, Doug Hull, Bob Morris and Tracy Stippel will be going. Thank you for your support in sending us.


June 1, we recognized Hannah Sawyer for her high school graduation. Congratulations!

Save the date, Aug 3 is Youth Sunday. We will be sharing about Fuge Camp.

Blessings,


**Brenda H. Armistead
Youth Director
804-694-7583**





"Stuck on Jesus" Glue Sticks donations to benefit the Gloucester elementary schools during the period of July 13-Aug 10

"Stuck on Jesus Sunday" is July 13. God Bless You!!



Newington Courthouse Preschool : Introducing our new teacher for 4-yr-old class!

" Hi! I'm Delaney Turner and I was born and raised in Gloucester but currently live in the Northern Neck. My husband and I have two girls, Wren (2) and Ruth (4 months). Two littles keep me busy but we're outside and at the beach any chance we get. I graduated from Old Dominion University in 2020 and previously taught 1st grade, kindergarten, and Pre-k. I'm so excited to be a part of all the learning and fun at NCP! "

New Kindergarten Class! We are excited for Mrs. Kelly to move up with some of her four-year-olds to teach kindergarten this year! Kindergarten will be M-F, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the success of VBS through prayer, donations, volunteering and more. We were so blessed by all that God did that week and the joy of working together as a team. Thank you for being so supportive of Newington's ministry to children in our community.

Heather King



Jubilee Churches Update

What are Jubilee Churches?

Jubilee churches of Gloucester is a coalition of churches working together to prevent homelessness. The common work of the congregations began in 2023 by furnishing apartments for those transitioning out of homelessness. It then expanded into collaborating resources to meet financial needs of those on the verge of becoming homeless in partnership with Gloucester United Emergency Sheltering Team (GUEST).

Who are a part of the Jubilee churches?

Abingdon Episcopal, Apostles Lutheran, Bellamy United Methodist, Bethany UMC, Bethel Baptist, Church of St. Therese, First Baptist, Gleaning Baptist, Gloucester Point Baptist Church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Morning Glory Baptist, New Mount Zion Baptist, Newington Baptist, Saint Paul Baptist, Salem Community, Shepherdsville Baptist, St. James On-The-Glebe Anglican, Susanna Wesley United Methodist and Ware Episcopal

What can Jubilee Churches provide for its congregations?

Our partnership with GUEST allows churches to "vet" any request for funding to:

- Make sure that the request is valid
- Connect client with other aid and services for which they may qualify
- Save client from having to contact multiple churches for assistance
- Allow churches to pool their resources and thus respond to needs, greater than any one church can financially handle

And during May, Jubilee Churches provided support to 6 families, totaling \$2,339.

Assistance was provided for rent and Dominion power assistance. As of June 4th, the current balance of the Jubilee Fund is \$5,367.

A testimony of how Jubilee Churches specifically helped...

A young mother in our community who has a two and four year old depending on her, suddenly lost her job and quickly fell behind on rent. So, as the threat of eviction and a court date quickly approached, fear and uncertainty took hold.

But even in her struggle, she showed remarkable determination!

She quickly found new employment and began working again, confident that her new income would be enough to support her family moving forward. She also turned to GUEST and Jubilee Churches looking for help—doing everything she could to protect the home her children know and love until she was able to start receiving pay from her new employer. As well, for the first time, she reached out for support from the community.

And because of the generosity and prayers of people like those in the Jubilee churches, we were able to walk alongside her, providing financial assistance to prevent the eviction!

Thank you to Newington for continuing to contribute to our deacon benevolence fund which goes to help fund our church's role in the Jubilee Churches outreach ministry!



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Newington Baptist Church
A place to find **NEW** life in Christ ...

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