

September is Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time to serve at Newington!! We appreciate you!!

CANDY COLLECTING

Please bring in donations of individually wrapped candy in Sept/Oct for Candy Caravan!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

FAMILY FALL KICK-OFF

SEPT. 3 AT 6:30 PM

5:45 pm Choir meets in Choir Room
6:30 pm Dessert & Games in Fellowship Hall for all
7:00 pm Kids, Youth, & Adults meet in their groups



SEPTEMBER 2025

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From the Pastors View: 'Together!'

As we continue through the Gospel of John in our message series, I know a few of you are faithfully spending time in our Gospels Together devotional readings each day. So, in one of this weeks readings (Day 1 * Sept. 1st) we are asked to read Mark 12:28-34. Now, in most Bibles, they label this as 'the Great Commandment.'

I know you may be familiar with this. But we may need to be reminded that Jesus gave the Great Commandment in an answer to a sincere question by a religious teacher of the law. But how did Jesus answer this question of 'which commandment was the most important of all?'

Well Jesus does something fascinating. He begins by remembering the Old Testament. That God is ONE, or what we would label 'monotheism' (ONE God). So, for us, remembering this fact each day is foundational for us. So we may have a proper understanding of who Jesus is, what He did, and what He is still trying to do in leading us each day. This then becomes the basis for Jesus's revolutionary words, that we 'Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.' And then based on our love for ONE God, we love our neighbor too.

We must remember that in giving the Great Commandment, Jesus is quoting the Old Testament. However, He combines two great Old Testament scriptures into one command. At that time, the Jewish leaders in how they were living and leading, had not been doing the 'love your neighbor' part well. They had loved God, but not others. So, this is why Jesus combines the two!

Consider then, what does the Great Commandment mean for you and I as we enter another fall season filled with cooling temps, changing leaf colors, family events and church functions?

I have found that even in the church, we can continue to fall in the habit of doing the same ministry year after year; but not really letting our relationships and church ministry really impact us to love God more or love our neighbors as ourselves.

So, I want to challenge you in the coming month, to stop for a few minutes each day and ask the following question that I am asking myself....

How am I doing today in PRACTICALLY loving God and loving others?

Practically, changes here may mean that you begin to consistently have daily devotional times in the Word with God. Perhaps it may mean attending one of our many adult Sunday school classes at 9 am; or our Wednesday Deeper Bible study on the book of Isaiah (begins Wed. Sept. 3rd). Or perhaps it means that you pray more individually, or in our prayer ministry on Thursday's.

In the second challenge of the Great Commandment, perhaps God is calling you to reach out to someone who you have not spoken to in some time. To either say hello, or to encourage or pray for them.

Finally, one practical thing I would like to challenge our church to in this area of the Great Commandment; is in the month of September for us as a church...that we take the month and just say thank you! I have labeled this month as a volunteer appreciation month. I think it could be a practical and tangible way that we can love our neighbors, especially in our church family.

So, if you have been touched by someone's help, care or leadership in your life, take a moment and say thanks to those individuals that the Holy Spirit brings to your mind.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Grella

Fire and Rescue Appreciation



Beginning Sunday, Sept 7th, Newington will be collecting pre-packaged snacks to honor our Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept in remembrance of 9/11. We will collect through Sunday, Sept 21st . A card will also be available for you to sign across from the Welcome Center desk, thanking them for their service.



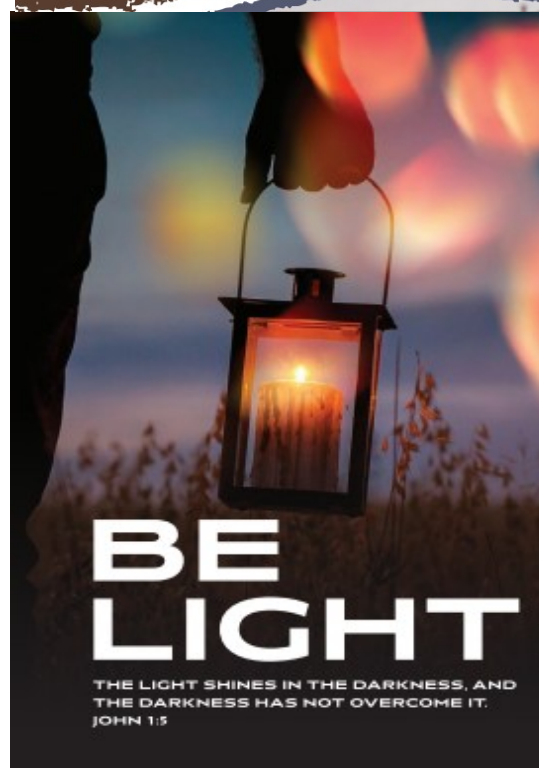
vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, 10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the te

Deeper Adults Bible Study
Every Wednesday, starting Sept 3, 6:30 pm

UNTO US

Newington Christmas Choir

Youth and Adults Welcome!
Practices start September 3rd.
Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. OR
Sundays at 11:45 a.m.



Missions Update:

On Sept 14th and throughout the month, in place of our annual Alma Hunt offering, the missions team agreed to take a special offering to raise some needed funds for one of the missionaries we support, Theresa Hudler. More details to come regarding this need and how you can contribute.

Reminder:

**Sunday School
Teacher Training**

**Monday, Sept 15,
6:00 pm**

**For more info, please
see Pastor Chris.**





Games
September

When two of our Australian staff recently travelled to Cambodia to witness Operation Christmas Child in action, they imagined they'd see excitement and smiles as children opened their shoebox gifts. What they experienced, however, was something far deeper. In a small village just outside Phnom Penh, 12-year-old Lim Liya received her first ever gift: a shoebox filled with hair clips, pencils, a doll, shoes, and even a beautiful dress—items she had only dreamed of. Overwhelmed, tears rolled down her cheeks.

The Greatest Journey discipleship classes led by her local church. There, she encountered the story of David and Goliath—and something resonated deeply.

"My favorite Bible story is David killing Goliath," she said. "It showed me that God can use even someone small like me for something great." Through those lessons, Lim gave her life to Jesus.

"This trip reminded me that packing a shoebox may seem small, but Operation Christmas Child is winning souls for Christ and creating eternal impact." Michaela reflected. "It's not just children who are changed—entire communities are being transformed by the Gospel."



Young at Heart senior ministry invites you for a covered dish lunch and fellowship, Friday, Sept 19th. We will have a special 'Mystery Musician'!

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.

SEPT MESSAGES - GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES

Sept 7	God's Urgency	John 9:1-12
Sept 14	It's Personal	John 9:13-25
Sept 21	Why Jesus Came	John 10: 1-15
Sept 28	Anthony Riedel speaking	
Oct 5	The Story of Doubt ; Thomas	John 11: 1-16

COR3 Youth

Thank you Newington for your help in sending our Youth to Camp. This year we went to Fuge Camp at Regent. It was a great week with 3 professions of Faith and lots of rededications. We were able to share about our week on Youth Sunday which was Aug. 3rd. We hope you were encouraged to hear from some of our youth and enjoyed singing some of the songs we sang at camp!

Thank you for your support of our youth here at Newington!

Blessings,

Brenda H. Armistead



Kids Sing Christmas



Kids will begin practicing during KidzWorship in September.
CDs and digital tracks are available for practicing at home.

Bring your Stuffed Animal to Church Day



September 28th

NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Mark Your Calendars for these Kids and Family Events & Activities!

Wednesday, September 3rd

Deeper Kids Kick-Off

On Sept. 3rd, we'll join with the other Wednesday night ministries downstairs for dessert and games. Then, we'll head upstairs for a little time together to kick off our year of Deeper Kids for kids in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade! Our regular meetings begin September 10th.

Deeper Kids meets in the elementary classroom on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 during the school year for midweek discipleship with activities, lessons, games, snacks, missions, and more!

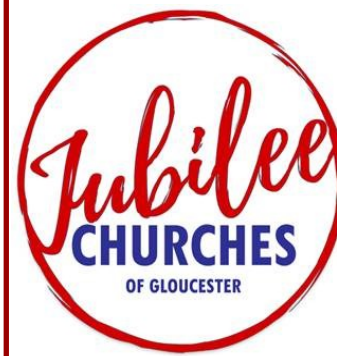
Sunday, September 28th

Bring Your Stuffed Animal to Church Day!

We're going to enjoy the excitement of "bringing a friend" to church with us by bringing a stuffed animal friend. Ms. Heather will bring her stuffed animal to church that day, too!

Coming Soon: Sunday, October 26th: Candy Caravan (aka Trunk or Treat)

We'll start candy collection and volunteer sign-ups in September. We need many trunks, tons of candy, and some volunteers for greeting and cooking hot dogs. Please pray for the event and consider volunteering!

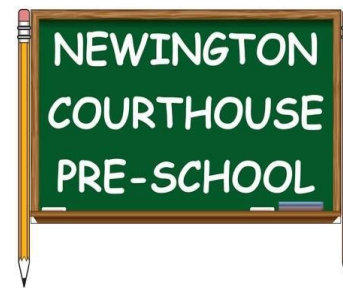


'Jubilee Churches of Gloucester' August update:

In July, Jubilee Churches (of which Newington is a member of) provided support to three households providing a total of \$ 971.58 in essential support (which included rent, Dominion power and water bills help).

Here is just one example of that support...

Jubilee Churches provided rent assistance to help prevent the eviction of a family of four — a husband, wife, and their two young children, one of whom has special needs. In May, the husband was unexpectedly let go from his job. This husband acted quickly to secure new full-time employment, and the family worked diligently to catch up on their bills on their own. But despite their best efforts, the financial strain from the sudden loss of income in May and June made it difficult to fully recover. Jubilee's churches support of \$558 toward their rent helped stabilize their housing and gave them a fresh start heading into August. Amen! Praise God. Finally, we as a church have signed up for two weeks during the winter shelter season. Please mark your calendars to help for an hour, a shift or a day to help as we host the homeless at Newington. Those weeks are: **Mon. Dec. 29 - Mon. Jan.5 & Mon. March 9 - 16**



Preschool is back for the 2025-2026 school year, along with our new kindergarten class! We are excited to welcome everyone back to Newington and jump into learning.

Our three year old class will be starting the year off by working on getting into the school routine, finding their names and adjusting to so many new school experiences.

The four's class will be getting to know Mrs. Delaney as they get back into routine. They will review their letter sounds and their numbers and get started on writing their names.

In kindergarten Mrs. Kelly will be welcoming her new kindergarteners. They will start the year with some review and then jump right into those early reading skills.

Please pray for our new school year, that we may help all of our students grow socially, academically and spiritually during their time with us.

Stephanie Smith





September 2025

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

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