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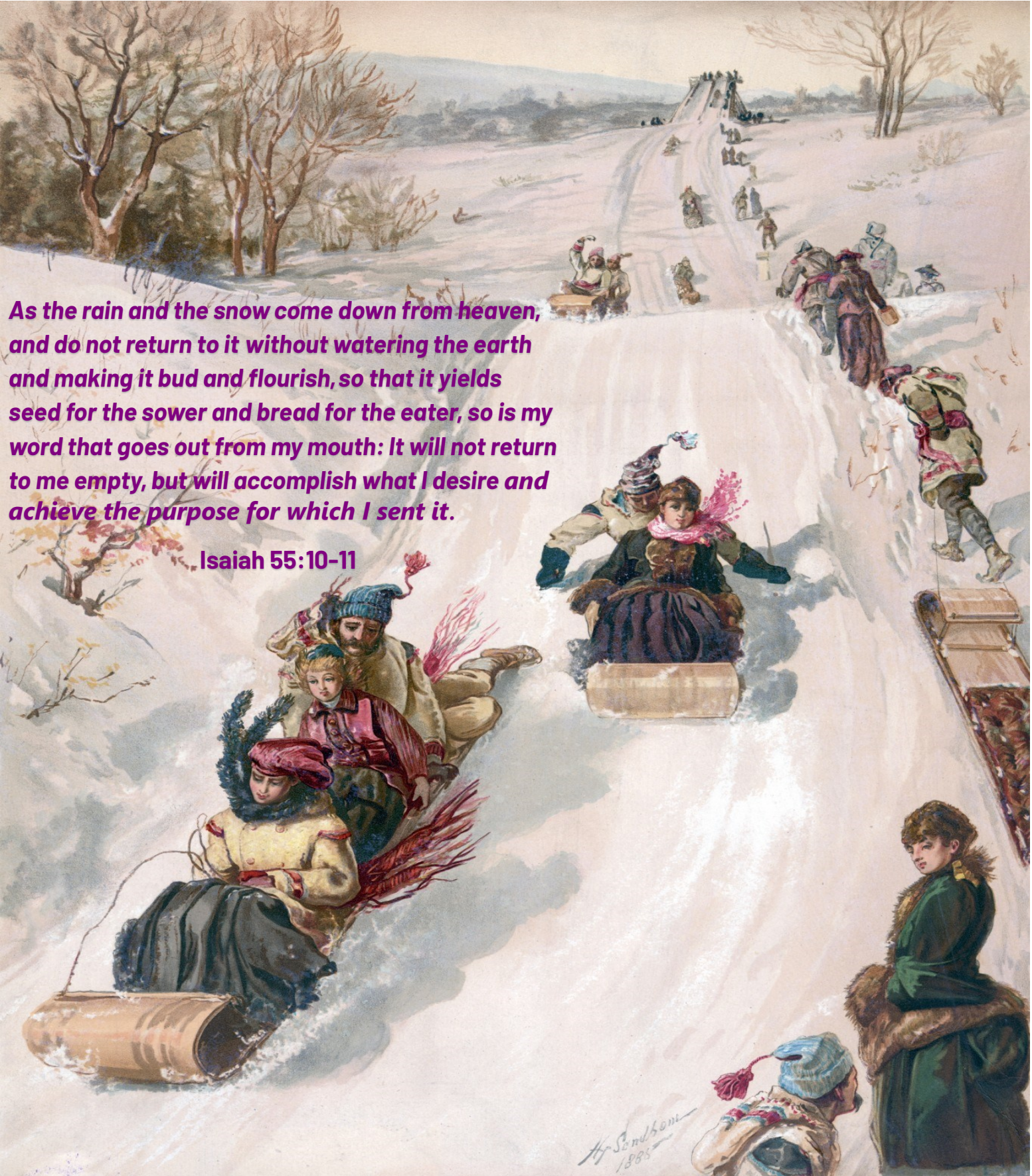


# NEWington News

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

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As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields  
seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my  
word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return  
to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and  
achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

## January 2024

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The Pastors View...The NEW Year

Over the next few days, we will say Happy New Year to many folks that we may see or meet. We give that greeting because the year has changed--the emphasis is on the year.

Now, as I get older, one thing that is becoming more apparent to me is that time has a lot more value than it did in my life thirty years ago. I guess because my time on this Earth is shorter than it was thirty years ago. But as we begin this NEW year, 2024, let's consider the NEW TIME we have in front of us in 2024.

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. (Wouldn't that be nice?! )

But one important fact you need to know is that this balance carries over no balance though from day to day! And then every evening it deletes whatever part of your balance you had failed to use during that one day.

Let me ask, what would you do? Like me, you probably would draw out every cent you could each day. And so it is in our lives. Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning we are not credited with \$86,400, but instead, 86,400 seconds of life.

And then every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of these seconds that you had failed to invest.

Each day a new account is opened for you. And each night it burns the remains of the day.

Remember that if fail to use the day's deposits of TIME, the loss is yours. There is no going back.

And there is no drawing against tomorrow's deposit. We live today, in the present, on those deposits only. This is why we should invest in the present, so we get the most value from God, in how He has purposed us to live.

Think about this...that:.

- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who just failed their grade in school.*
- To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mom who just gave birth to a pre-mature baby.*
- To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.*
- To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask a girl/boy friend who are waiting to meet.*
- To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who just missed their train.*
- To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided a car accident.*
- To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won an Olympic silver medal.*

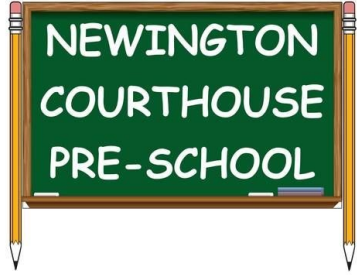
This year, I pray that you treasure every moment that you have with God, your family and your family here at Newington! And remember that time waits for no one.

*"YESTERDAY (and 2023) is history.*  
*TOMORROW is a wonderful mystery, as we trust and obey God.*  
*And TODAY is a gift. This is why it is called the present!"*

Happy 2024! Your NEW Year's clock is running...  
Pastor Chris



*Love to sing?*  
*Have a heart for worship?*  
We'd love for you to join the  
Newington Sanctuary Choir!  
Practices on Wednesdays  
5:45-6:30,  
beginning January 3, 2024

A graphic showing musical notes and a treble clef on a sheet of music, with a pine branch in the corner.

**Newington Courthouse Preschool**

Happy New Year! After a long Christmas and New Year's break we have a bit of a settling-back-in period while our preschoolers get back in the classroom routines. They are all excited to talk about Christmas fun they had, and we love hearing about it!

In the four-year-old room, we will start by reviewing our numbers 1-12, as well as our letter sounds. We will also start writing each letter as well as writing our names. A big topic of study will be the winter season and learning about migration and hibernation.


The three-year-olds are working on several things. We will keep focusing on the vowels, the numbers 1-8, primary colors, shapes, and counting. We will be learning the first letters of each student's names.

It is also time for our annual inspections as well as submitting our paperwork for licensing .There are always challenges with this process so please be in prayer that things go smoothly.



Stephanie Smith

The 3-yr-old class Christmas program

 G.U.E.S.T. MINISTRY IN GLOUCESTER  
Newington will be a host site for the GUEST ministry to the homeless in Gloucester the week of Jan 22-29. They will be using our gym. Guest ministry training is Jan 7 after church (pizza lunch). If you are interested in providing a meal that week, contact Kim Lawver at [kmdenerstein@gmail.com](mailto:kmdenerstein@gmail.com) or at (757) 202-8337. Sign-ups will be on the FYI bulletin board.

Our January Quarterly Business Meeting will be Jan 21 after the church service. Come and hear what God has been doing through Newington Baptist! Ministry leaders who would like to give a report should contact the church office at [secretary@newingtonbc.org](mailto:secretary@newingtonbc.org)





Hats, Gloves & Scarves  
January

When a teen in Central Asia received a gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoebox, the Lord used it to lead her to Christian community and discipleship. ..

“After I received the gift, I started going to church every week,” Saliha said. “I think that I immediately accepted Jesus into my heart. It happened very quickly—I did not have any doubts.” A year later, Saliha joined the children's ministry team at her church and received

training in how to teach The Greatest Journey discipleship course, designed especially for shoebox recipients like her. When the future teachers went through the 12 Bible lessons they would teach the boys and girls, Saliha especially appreciated Lesson 7, which highlights the Luke 5 story of people who lowered their paralyzed friend to Jesus through a roof. The Lord not only healed the man on the mat, but forgave his sins as well!



**Greetings! Your Young at Heart team (Olga, Brigitte, Rhonda, Heather H, Terri) has had a great time this past year putting together monthly fellowship gatherings! The Lord has given us ideas for each month. Olga makes everything look beautiful; Brigitte is our “welcomer;” the rest of us fill in! Thank you, Dorothy for your beautiful hand-made jewelry and Chik-Fila for the gift cards. Our guest, Ginger, showed us how books can have a lasting effect on our lives. Then she read a special story - its truth and love was like a “warm cup of tea” and a warm blanket for all of us.**

**What a way to end 2023--with a strong reminder how God DOES workout all the circumstances of our life paths. It helped us to realize that we really do not want to miss any monthly gathering this year! We might miss a specific sweet treat from our heavenly Father! --Your YAH Team For any questions, call Terri Townsend at 804-413-4049. SAVE THE DATE: JAN 19, 11am**



## January Messages

Jan 7	2024: A Year for Rejoicing	Philippians 4:2-9
Jan 14	2024: A Year for Prayer	Philippians 1:1-11
Jan 21	2024: A Year for Vision	Romans 15:1-7
Jan 28	In the Middle of Trials	1 Peter 3: 13-22

## COR3 Youth

It's hard to believe 2023 is coming to an end. Thank you to Newington for your continued support for our Cor3 Youth.

We participated in the Gloucester Christmas Parade, had a Movie Night, had our Youth Christmas Party where we played the White Elephant game, participated in the Angel Tree and, mailed Christmas Cards to our Shut-ins.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for our 1<sup>st</sup> Chili/Soup Cook-Off**. This will be our first Camp Fundraiser. The FUN begins at 5:30 P.M. Please sign up on the FYI board, and prizes will be awarded for the BEST Chili and Soup. The Cost is a Donation. We look forward to seeing you!

A special thanks to all who provide food, drinks, snacks and money to purchase food. We appreciate your generosity and know we can always count on being fed well. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board if you would like to provide a meal for Wednesday night Youth.

On behalf of COR3 Youth, thank you Newington Baptist for all you do to support our Youth. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

Blessings always,

Brenda H. Armistead, Youth Director

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## CHILI AND SOUP COOK-OFF



We will have Tea and Water, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Crackers, Nachos and Cheese, Hot Dogs, and Dessert.

**DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2024**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**PLACE: Newington Fellowship Hall**

**COST: Donations to support sending our Youth to Camp**

**RSVP: Please sign up on the FYI Board if you plan to bring a Chili or Soup and if you plan to attend.**

**Overall Best is determined by our audience. To vote, you make a donation for your choice(s). Whomever ends up with the most money is the winner. Two winners will be awarded. *One winner for Chili and One for Soup.* A prize will be awarded for the Overall Best Chili and the Overall Best Soup.**

**Quests: Brenda H. Armistead(804)694-7583**

# NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



We're looking forward to an exciting year for NBC Kids and their families! Congrats to the more than 30 kids who participated in our 2023 discipleship challenges! In 2024, we'll continue to host Kids' Sunday every fifth Sunday of the month and offer some new discipleship opportunities for kids and their families.

I want to say a huge thank you to the more than 30 volunteers who regularly serve in Kids' ministry at Newington---in Sunday School, KidzWorship, KidzLife, and Nursery! I see you all preparing lessons, loving kids, and teaching God's Word in amazing ways. When we add in special events like the Egg Hunt and VBS, we had more than 50 volunteers in our church helping with children's ministry in 2023. That's remarkable, and it shows how committed we are to sharing the Gospel with kids and helping them grow in the Lord through discipleship.

**After a quick Christmas break, we'll restart KidzLife, our midweek discipleship program for elementary-aged kids on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30.**

Looking ahead: We'll begin planning in January for the Egg Hunt and for SCUBA VBS in June 2024. Stay tuned for more info about how to help and participate!



Our VBS theme this year is: **SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship with God**

That means——Under-the-sea decorations! As you see deals or shop at thrift stores this year, please consider picking up:

- Sea creature stuffed animals
- Bright-colored Pool noodles: Orange, bright green, purple, blue, pink, etc.
- Scuba masks/gear
- Foam blocks (like used in flower decorating)
- Green streamers
- Blue plastic tablecloths
- Blue cloth/material of any kind, especially blue tulle or blue cellophane
- Treasure chests
- Shells

Thank you, Newington!

Heather King  
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PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE ON:

January 07, 2024



**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 ON:

by March 24, 2024





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