

From the Pastor's view... 'Markers'

Happy March! Spring is well on its way!

In the next few weeks, our family will remember some important markers in our lives. Some are anniversaries. And some are days that we may not like to always remember. But they are still days where God showed up and reminded us of His presence regardless of the circumstances.

Although I am not a person who is largely sentimental, these milestones or **'markers'** are important. They are events that I, and our family can remember, seeing how God worked in our lives.

The first marker is the annual day where I get a year older. ☺ I really try not to advertise it, but it is still a special marker of God's faithfulness to me to have another year of breath under my belt.

The second **'marker'** is the relationship I had with my mom. In a few weeks (March 22), it would have been 19 years that my mom went home to be with the Lord, after a one-year battle with cancer. I treasure every memory that I have of my mom. The most vivid was when she would pray the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm every night with me growing up. This had a tremendous impact on me! Likewise, Angie and I were able to do the same with Nathan and Josh when they were younger.

Another **'marker'** took place on April 1st (no April fool's joke inserted here) 18 years ago when my dad remarried a wonderful woman, Peggy. In the 9+ years he was with Peggy, he was so happy. And I so appreciate Peggy's love for him and us, to this day.

April brings other **'markers'** to our family. In April 2004, twenty years ago, Angie was diagnosed with her first cancer. After surgery to remove it, there were several rounds of chemo and radiation. Our family was so thankful to God for the ways that He provided for and helped us all take one day at a time. In April 2010, she had a second major cancer surgery, followed by treatment; again, God has been so faithful.

A final important **"marker"** will take place on April 5th. when Angie and I celebrate twenty-seven years of marriage! This time being united in marriage seems to have flown by. However, I would not have traded any of the 9,824 days (as of March 1st) with Angie in marriage for anything, regardless of the health struggles both of us have had. I am so happy that God has brought me such a wonderful woman of God, a true Proverbs 31 woman!

In each of these **"markers"**, there were occasions when we could have given up, or made a course correction. As many of you know, marriage can be hard, loved ones can get sick, and things certainly can change. And I don't want to sugarcoat it, those days in the past, and the days still to come, may be rough and tough.

However, we serve a big and personal God ! He is always in control !

I hope and pray that each of us remember that when challenges come, whether it is the death of a loved one, a troublesome health diagnosis or stressful financial challenges, God is always with us, and we can lay things at His feet! Regardless of the situation, I look back at the **"markers"** in our family's life and point to God's goodness, His faithfulness and unconditional love in every step.

In closing, I challenge you to remember and celebrate the most important **'marker'** in all of history that we will remember and celebrate this month...the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen!!

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Chris

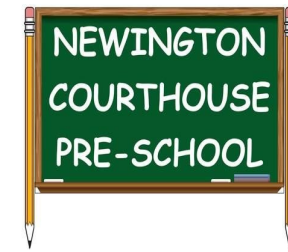
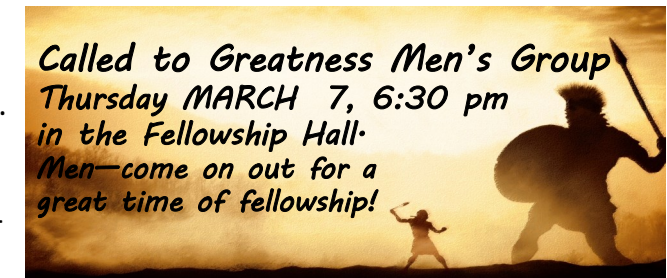
Calling All MEN! First Thursday's return!

Men, the Monthly 'Called to Greatness' group is back – Thurs. March 7 @ 6:30–7:30 pm.

After finishing our discussion on 'Unleashing Your Heart', Pastor Chris will begin a NEW STUDY discussion together, entitled 'God is Closer than you think'

Men...here is why you need to be there?

- Because intimacy with God can happen right now!
- Because God is closer than you think, even where we least expect to see or hear Him!
- And because we can truly connect with moment by moment, and listen to His voice!



March is here and spring is not too far away! We will be taking advantage of nice days to play outside, we will be talking about the change of seasons and what that means. Both classes will be doing some growing and planting while we grow beans in the classroom.

With an early Easter this year we will also be talking about Easter and learning all about the importance of Jesus's death and resurrection. The children will be excited about egg hunts and bunnies and we will enjoy their excitement with them while stressing the importance of Christ's love for them.



The three's class is continuing to learn their numbers & letters. They are talking about similarities and differences, and will continue learning shapes and colors. Also they have begun practicing fun songs for their spring program.

Newington Courthouse Preschool is currently accepting enrollment for the 2024/25 school year. If you know someone who is interested, they can stop by the church office, check us out on the church website or contact Stephanie Smith at smithstephanie452@gmail.com or 804-654-9949. There is very limited spots open in the 4 year old program but more space available in the 3 year old program.

Stephanie Smith



HONOR GLOUCESTER SHERIFF'S DEPT DEDICATION SUNDAY, MARCH 24

We will be presenting a card and Gift of snacks in honor of the Gloucester Sheriff's Dept. Please bring in pre-packaged snacks and sign the big card on display between March 17-24. Let's show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice!



Quality Crafts

March

Serik* is a Kazakh pastor who has seen how shoe-box gift outreach events equip his congregation to reach their community in ways that are having a lasting effect for Christ's Kingdom. Parents often want to know why someone would give their child such a special present—and church members then tell them about God's love.

God is using Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to create opportunities for a Gospel witness in Kazakh communities in Mongolia. The Kazakh minority group is about 20 percent of the country's population and most have not heard about Jesus.



Young At Heart Monthly Gathering

Church Family: YAH was so fun last month! Lots of laughing and as always, really good food! We also sent out 14 cards! Thank y'all for doing that!

Our next time together is March 15, 11:00 am Covered dish. Join us for fellowship and bring a friend!



For more info, contact Terri Townsend.

New Sunday School Class Discussion – Starting March 10! – ‘The ME I Want to Be!’ (John Ortberg)

God wants you to become a new creation! But ‘new’ doesn’t always mean completely different. Instead, it’s kind of like an old motorcycle that gets restored for its intended purpose.

The good news is that as God redeems and restores us, we become more of the person He had in mind when He first created us!

- If you are not involved in a Sunday school class, join us on Sundays at 9 AM in the media room (by staff offices) at Newington, as Pastor Chris and Angie Grella facilitate a video-based discussion on ‘The ME I want to be...Becoming God’s best version of you.’

March Messages

God’s Word Speaks to Culture, Church Essentials, & Crucial Conversations

March 3

God’s Word Speaks to Crucial Conversations (Politics)

Mark 12: 14-17

March 10

God’s Word Speaks to Crucial Conversations (LGBTQ+)

Romans 1: 26-27

March 17

Troubled

John 14: 1-11

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 31

Easter Sunday



COR3 Youth



Cor3 Youth had the blessing of having Terri Townsend come and speak to our Youth again recently. They certainly enjoyed her teaching and are already looking forward to the next time.

Our next Camp Fundraiser will be Homemade Peanut Butter Easter Eggs. The cost is donation and proceeds will go towards sending our Youth to Camp Piankatank in July. Adults and Youth will be making the Eggs on March 22nd and pickup will be after the worship service on Sunday March 24th. Sign up sheet is posted on the FYI Board.

We will also be having our own Spaghetti Fundraiser in May. More info to come.

We continue to study our D6 literature. In the lessons we are studying “What Jesus Did to Equip His Disciples for Ministry.” We have been averaging 16-20 on Wednesdays and 6-8 on Sunday Mornings.

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.

Blessings always,

Brenda H. Armistead, Youth Director

(804) 694-7583

HOMEMADE PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS



SIGN UP ON FYI BOARD

BEFORE MARCH 17TH. EGGS WILL BE READY ON SUNDAY MARCH 24TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE.

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

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WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



MARCH 17

Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 am

MARCH 29

Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm

MARCH 30

Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

MARCH 31

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, Fary Farm (Take Ware House Road to the end) followed by Potluck breakfast at 7:15 am at Grace on Main

Newington Easter Service, 10:30 am



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 2024

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. We will be hearing more about this special offering on April 14 this year.

NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



**We had a great time at our Fire and Ice Family Night in February!
Thanks to all who came!**

Upcoming Events:

Egg Hunt: March 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. for kids up through fifth grade. Please invite family and friends! Door prize registration will begin in the gym at 1:40.

Volunteer Sign-ups and Candy Donations have begun. We need many, many volunteers and it is easy and fun to help out. Please sign up on the FYI board if you can volunteer. Volunteers should arrive around 12:30 to help with the final setup, hiding the eggs, and prepping the stations. If you can only come closer to 2:00, please still come and help!



We also need individually wrapped Easter candy/treats that can fit into plastic Easter eggs. Our hope is to fill about 3,500 eggs, but we can only do that together!



SCUBA VBS: June 24-28 from 9 a.m. to noon for kids ages 4 through finished 5th grade. Registration will open for VBS at this year's Egg Hunt.

We are collecting ocean-themed items for decorating, as well as many other items (see list below)! Sign-ups for volunteers to be crew leaders and assistants will begin in April. We are looking for a station leader for Games. If you're interested in running the games station at VBS, please let Heather King know! heatherking@cox.net, 757-592-7632

Items we are continuing to collect for VBS:

- Ocean stuffed animals
- Ocean party décor
- Bottlecaps
- Coffee filters
- Shower caps
- Toilet paper and paper towel tubes
- Pool noodles in various colors
- Styrofoam balls
- Artificial plants that could look like underwater seagrasses and plant-life
- Blue tablecloths or "water-looking" materials



PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLE ON: **March 17, 2024**



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Welcome New Members! Here is a brief description of some of the friends who have joined Newington Baptist Church after attending the last new members class:

Your Name? Brian and Sherry Landers **Town where you live?** Gloucester

Kids - How many? 2, 4 grandkids

Your past or current job? Sherry—registered nurse, Brian—Technology Director

What church were you attending last (and town it is in) ? Salem Methodist Church

What ministry or Newington highlight most drew you to become a member? Both of us grew up in a Baptist church and as soon as we started going to the Bible study on Wednesday we felt at home. Pastor Chris and everyone is so welcoming. They just make you feel at home. Our granddaughter Natalie loves the youth group and Brenda as well. I just seemed like a perfect fit for all of us.

Your Name? Donna Northrop **Town where you live?** Gloucester

Kids—How Many? 2 children, 12 grandchildren

Your past or current job? Homemaker

No previous church affiliation

What ministry or Newington highlight most drew you to become a member? I love my Sunday school class, the church and I'm getting a lot out of it.

Palm Sunday Potluck Lunch

Rather than our usual 5th Sunday potluck, which is Easter this month, we will be having our potluck lunch on Sunday, March 24 after the service. Bring a food item to share. Please label for any allergens.





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

March 2024

Sun

Mon

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

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6:00 pm Missions Team

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10:00 am Clothes Closet
10:00am Women's Bible Study
5:45 pm Choir
6:30pm Midweek Bible Study
6:30pm COR3 Youth
6:30 pm KidzLife

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9:00am Senior Men's
Prayer Mtg
10:00am Churchwide Prayer
3:30 Local Pastor Gathering
6:30 pm Called to Greatness Men's
Gathering

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9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Morning Worship



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7:00pm MTBA Intercessory
Prayer Gathering

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6:00 pm Deacons Meeting
6:00 pm Deacons Wives Meeting

Pastor Chris away at Preach-
ing Conference

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6:30pm Kidz Life

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11:00 am Young at Heart
event

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10:00 am WMU

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6:30pm Kidz Life

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9:00am Senior Men's Prayer
10:00am Churchwide Prayer
6:00 pm Board of Directors
Meeting

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24 Palm Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30am Morning Worship
Baby Bottle Collection
Glo Co Sheriff Card Dedication
Peanut Butter Egg Pick-up
Potluck after church

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10:00am Women's Bible Study
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9:00am Senior Men's Prayer
10:00am Churchwide Prayer

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6:30 pm Good Friday Service

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Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER EGG HUNT

CANDY DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Saturday, March 30, 2024

31 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Fary
Farm
7:15am Breakfast at Grace on Main
10:30 am Easter Morning Worship

