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From the Pastor's view...INVINCIBLE, Though Invisible!

Recently, in the Jewish calendar, Purim was celebrated, remembering the deliverance of the Jews as told in the book of Esther. Christian author Chuck Swindoll once wrote about Esther from the Old Testament and her life situation that, "*though God is invisible, He is invincible.*"

A few years ago, I remember doing a message on the journey that God took Esther on as a young queen. And though her experience was certainly not easy, it was quite easy to see God's hand, His faithfulness and constant presence in her life.

In essence, Esther was handed a pretty big problem. She was challenged to help save the lives of her own people, the Israelites. So as queen, she could have exerted her power in the kingdom swiftly and quickly, to her advantage. However, she didn't do it quite like they would have expected.

The story is told that in chapter four, verses 15-17, Esther asks her relative, Mordecai, to fast for three days and wait, because there is a plan. And that plan involved, first waiting and trusting in the Lord, for His plan. Essentially, Mordecai and Esther were hoping that God was going to deliver the people from the hands of an evil adversary. And eventually it happened!

For Esther and the Israelites, it was an amazing example of God's love, faithfulness and power from beginning to end.

Now you are probably reading this newsletter either on, or a few days after, the greatest example of God's plan taking place. The resurrection of Jesus! Another powerful way that God's faithfulness to not only Jesus, but to all humanity is shown.

IN the resurrection, we see God's power in defeating death!

We remember God's love for the people then and now!

We celebrate Jesus's victory!

Because although the Romans and religious leaders hoped to make Jesus invisible that fateful Good Friday, the resurrection truly proved that He was INVINCIBLE!

Let me encourage you this month, that no matter what situations you may be experiencing, there is great comfort and peace for us as we remember the stories of Esther and Jesus. Trust in His plan! He is faithful, and we need to remember that there is great power and strength as we relax and wait on Him, in His timing.

God is invincible, though invisible!

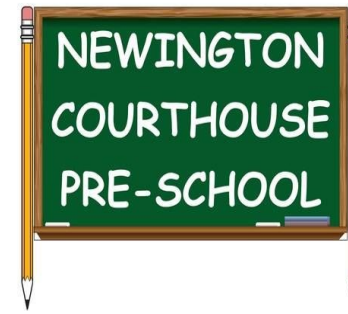
Angie and I count it a blessing to be in ministry with you during this time, as we continually seek to be the 'hands and feet' of Jesus to the Mid-tidewater area.

Pastor Chris Grella

In the next few weeks, I want to encourage you to try and attend two very special events at Newington (outside of our regular weekly ministries):

Friday April 12 (6:30 pm) – Parents/Youth Outreach: In sanctuary & fellowship hall...this is for all ages! Information (with testimonies) for teens and parents on thriving in this world.

Thurs. May 2 (6:30 pm) - National Day of Prayer:
'Lift up the Word, Light up the World' (2nd Samuel 22:29-31)



April is here and the kids are excited for warmer weather so we can get back out on the playground! With the change of season, we will be talking about spring planting, looking for signs of spring while we play outside and talking about baby animals and other fun spring things.



We will be practicing our songs, poems and Bible verses for the spring program at the end of the month, the kids love showing their families what we have been working on! The four year olds are strengthening their writing skills and are so proud of themselves when they write their names. They are also learning about keeping their bodies healthy with exercise and healthy foods.

The three year olds are also working on tracing their names and learning to draw stick figures. Be sure to check out their art work on the preschool hallway, they love sharing what they have made!

Stephanie Smith

Our Spring program is April 29 at 5:30 pm!



Ladies!!

The MTBA will have their Spring WMU meeting on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The WMU will be celebrating 150 years! Missionary, Theresa Huddler will be speaking and Colleen Patrick will play a couple piano selections. Join us for this special time!



Stuffed Animals

April

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OUTREACH
EVENTS ENCOURAGE ACAPULCO'S CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES TO HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST IN THE
WAKE OF THE STORM...



Growing Closer to God

Esmeralda said the storm and everything that's happened after the storm, especially the love shown by the church and by Samaritan's Purse, has encouraged her to reconnect with God and other believers. And she also wants to be an encouragement to other hurting people, the way others have encouraged and helped her and Fernanda.



Called to Greatness
Men's Meeting,
Thursday, April 11,
6:30pm-7:30pm
Fellowship Hall—
Men, Come on out
for a great time
of fellowship!



MTBA Spring
Meeting
April 28, 2024,
4:00 pm

Gwynn's Island Baptist Church

There will be a choir-led worship service!

April Messages The Questions of JONAH Series

April 7	Are You Feeling a Call?	Overview
April 14	Are You Running FROM God?	Jonah 1
April 21	Are You Running TO God?	Jonah 2
April 28	Are You Obeying God?	Jonah 3

COR3 Youth

We recently held our second Fundraiser to help for Camp costs. Thank you to everyone who supported our first Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Egg Fundraiser. It was a lot of fun making them and I thank all who helped in making this a success. As I type this, so far we have raised \$1243.00 from this Fundraiser. Thank you to Newington for helping make this a success!

SAVE THE DATES.....April 12 Parent/teen event (see details below) & Sunday May 19th is Youth Sunday. After the service we will have a Spaghetti Fundraiser. We are looking forward to these events!

On Wednesday, March 13, our Youth picked up Sticks in the cemetery to help with camp costs. Thank you to the Friendship Fellowship Sunday School class that donated some money towards camp. Cor3 Youth had the blessing of having Bob Boudreaux come and speak on Wednesday, March 20th. We enjoyed your visit!

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

Helping decorate the eggs!





7 - 8:30 pm, Friday, April 12, 2024
Newington Baptist Church
An Event for
Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, Youth Leaders
and Teens

INSIGHTS ABOUT TEENS
Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, Youth Leaders Welcome!
(In the Sanctuary)

You are invited to meet **LAUREL BYRD**,
principal of a local middle and high School

These are a few of the topics Laurel will discuss:

- the teenage brain
- boundaries
- friends/social media
- what does the Bible say about parenting
- how to pray for your child

Laurel will answer your questions

INSIGHT FOR TEENS
Teens Welcome!
(In the Fellowship Hall)

Teens will meet Ray – Christian – Jason – James
And hear first-hand how one or two unwise decisions can
change your life.
THEN
EVEN BETTER
How THE one best decision can turn your whole life around.
With all that is going on out there, please make this a priority!



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR FAMILIES



Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Egg Hunt! We could not do outreach events like it without your participation in donating supplies and giving financially, helping to fill eggs with candy, volunteering at the event itself and more. I am so grateful for you!



Sunday, April 28th will be a special Kids' Sunday! Not only will children be serving in various ways around the church, but Pastor Chris will also be delivering a special message with them in mind, so they will not have regular KidzWorship that day.

SCUBA VBS: June 24-28, 9 a.m. to noon, for ages 4 through entering 6th grade

Registration is now open! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/newingtonvbs2024>

Our VBS Prep Party will be Tuesday, May 14th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and help us get ready for Vacation Bible School! We'll be cutting nametags, making signs, creating coral, decorating jellyfish, and more! We always have a great time working together!! *Please note that any children who come must be fully supervised by adults since this is a work night.*

Sign-ups for crew leaders and other VBS assistants will begin at the end of April. We need many volunteers to make VBS week a success!!! The more helping hands we have with the crews, the more kids who can attend and the smaller the crews will be.

~Heather King~
757-592-7632, heatherking@cox.net



What is the most important business in the world? The Lord's business!

**Quarterly Business Meeting
April 21st, following worship**

What is a Business Meeting at Newington? It is a time for Newington's family to gather and learn what is happening at Newington so that we can pray for the many good things the Lord is doing in our midst. It is a time for us to prayerfully consider new business.

Church member, you are a part of the body and are necessary. Will you consider coming and playing your part in doing the Lord's business at Newington?

Committee Chairs, will you be ready to report to the Newington family on what your committee is doing and to listen and learn about what your fellow committee chairs have to report?

Deacons, come pray over the meeting and lift every member, speaker and motion up in prayer as ministries are shared, business is presented, and decisions are made.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 21st!
Susan Hinson
Member, Stewardship Committee



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



**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.



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
**THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**



For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. 2nd Samuel 22:29-31 (ESV)

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 2, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 6:30-7:30PM AT NEWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE PRAYER TIME. WE WILL PRAY THROUGH SEVERAL TOPICS INCLUDING EDUCATION, THE CHURCH, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA & THE MILITARY. PRAYING ALOUD IS NOT REQUIRED.

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A place to find **NEW** life in Christ ...

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