



NEWington News

A place to find NEW life in Christ...

October 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES





Pastor Mike’s Memo

Fear or Faith

Before I began to write this article I checked my email. There I read a plea for prayer and support for a young man who is being charged with felonies for exposing the selling of baby parts by Planned Parenthood. How frustrating. Another article showed a street advertisement in Canada encouraging parents to have only one baby. What is it about babies that makes people so afraid?

Then I read an article about acts of genocide by jihadist rebels committed to ISIS, killing Christians in Mozambique. How sad. What is it about Christians that has these men so afraid of them, that they hate them and are trying to wipe them out?

The next article was about the fight for the Supreme Court appointee and the smear campaign against her, ignoring her excellent record of jurist prudence. Resorting to name calling and false narratives, her opposition sounded like adolescents. Her greatest flaw, she is a mother of seven and pro-life. Why are people so afraid of a person committed to not adding interpretation to the law, and is a strong supporter of life from the womb to the tomb?

In the name of “liberty and freedom” people stand against life, religious freedom, and absolute truth. What they are really fighting for is to be able to define their own truth, live life their way, and not be held accountable. It is a denial of being held accountable for sin. In fear they run from the reality of, and faith in, God.

October is a transition month. Halloween candy and decorations compete with early Christmas merchandise. Highlighting darkness, evil and the horrific, is promoted as normal and fun. Fear and fright are welcomed with open arms. In dollars spent Halloween is the #2 celebration event. Be an unprotected baby in the womb, or a Christian in Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, Pakistan, Iran, or China, or have you name submitted to the Supreme Court, and fear and death are no laughing matter.

As followers of Christ we are called to walk in faith in God, live righteously, and be light to the world. Agape love, kindness, and forgiveness are to characterize us, and good news that gives hope through salvation in Jesus Christ is to be our message.

When all we read is bad news, we are to be good news! I am glad that we are a people who Love Like Jesus, by loving to one another and our neighbors. That is what a life of faith looks like. When the world around us is focused on fear and against faith in God, we need to “Keep the Faith” and be Good News.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but One of power, love, and sound judgment.
2 Timothy 1:7

...let you light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

But in your hearts regard the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give defense to anyone who asks for the reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do so with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience... 1 Peter 3:15-16

Love Like Jesus,
Pastor Mike

COVID19 Update Requirements

The results of a recent court case against the restrictions given to churches has reduced requirements for churches with attendance under 250. The threat of shutting churches down for non-compliance has been removed. It is now up to the individuals who attend.

Masks are still mandated under the Governor’s Executive Order 63 for all individuals participating in groups. Safety through safe practices is now each individual’s responsibility. A word of wisdom: *“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive.* 1Corinthians 10:23

What does this mean for Newington Baptist Church?

Apart from the required masks, we can set our standards. They will look familiar.

Love Like Jesus will continue to guide our attitude toward every attendee. Not self-centeredness but love for our neighbor.

Mask Use Required - because of the size of our gatherings.

Continued cleaning and sanitizing - of the building.

Hand Sanitizers – Dispensers are permanently placed on the walls for your use near our main entrances and outside of the restrooms. Hand washing still recommended.

Safety Distancing - To show respect to those who are present and are at “higher risk.” To give them assurance they can safely attend.

Minimized Physical Contact – Continuing to refrain from encouraging or insisting on handshakes and hugs at this time. It is also now flu season.

Every Other Pew Seating - Bows on the end of each pew indicates the correct pew for use. Families continue to sit together. We ask for the practice of safety distancing for others.

Food Service – All food will be prepared and served by people with masks and gloves. No covered dish or self-service at this time.

On Campus and Online Worship continues.

It is up to each attendee to Love Like Jesus.

Even though the local numbers are down, we do not want an outbreak at Newington simply because we ignored good hygiene or didn’t practiced safe fellowship. We are grateful that we can meet in person for worship, fellowship and Bible study, and do not want to jeopardize our gatherings. Praise God for faithful members and new guests who are attending.

Continue to **Pray** for families who have been affected, and for the end of this virus outbreak.

THANK YOU for your love for one another.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE END TIMES?

“End Times” Study in September

September 23 – November 11

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Join Pastor Mike in an eight-week study.



COVID19, extreme weather, “popular” conspiracy theories, and quick moving societal changes, have people asking about the end times. No one except God knows when Jesus is returning (Mt. 24:36), but the Bible gives many clues about the “signs of the times.” From Ezekiel to Revelation we will be exploring the scriptures to better know God’s plan that gives motivation, even urgency, for sharing the gospel and making disciples.

Newington Courthouse Preschool

Newington Courthouse Preschool is underway. Things are settling-in with everyone. As usual, you will begin to see pictures of our students and their families hanging in the hallway. Please take a minute as you enter the building to pray for one of them. Our kids know that our church family will be praying for their family! For many, this is their first experience with prayer.

As seasonal changes take place, we will begin to learn about fall. Harvesting the crops is a favorite four-year-old study because it includes a trip to the pumpkin farm. Seeing the animals, riding the tractor-pulled-wagon, searching for the best pumpkin ... you might decide to join us! Our four’s class will be introduced to Christopher Columbus. Please pray that we can get a visit from the big red engine as we study fire prevention. We are working hard to learn “The Pledge of Allegiance” and what it means.

Our three’s class is also learning about the season change. We will be painting pumpkins & learning the basic colors, a few shapes, and an introduction to the alphabet. We are talking about numbers and counting as well. There’s so much to learn and to keep our hands busy!

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KidzLife

Helping Kids Know God
Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00

Too Many Kids Grow Up Thinking God is Boring, Angry or Distant

KidzLife Curriculum is for any Children's Ministry that values kids knowing the true heart of God.

Biblically Accurate

KidzLife was built with Scripture at its core, with carefully crafted lessons, journals, and songs to be accessible to kids.



Newington Courthouse Pre-school

is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat, complete with candy, hot dogs and music on October 30th from 5-7pm! Decorate your trunk or truck and come out for a good time handing out candy to the little ones. If you can't make it you can still support the preschool by bringing candy in and leaving it in the box outside the office. Need more info or have questions? Contact Brandi, 912-429-5582.



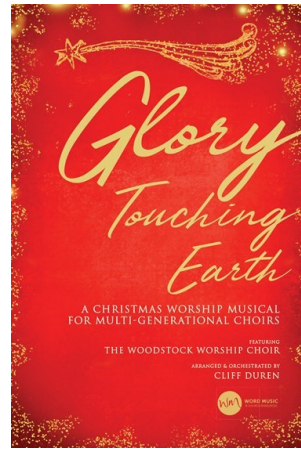
FAITH VOTES

PRAY ★ ENGAGE ★ VOTE

drjamesdobson.org/faithvotes

Choir News

There is still time for adults and teens to join in this year's Christmas Choir as we prepare the cantata, *Glory Touching Earth*. Singers of all experience levels are welcome. Practice CDs are available. We practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the sanctuary for those who want to practice in-person. You can also practice at home using your CD, music books, and the periodic practice videos that I'm posting on our church YouTube channel and sharing on Facebook and via NBCCConnect. If you are planning to sing with us, please let me know in October so that I can plan for the recordings we'll be making in November. We look forward to singing together even if it is in creative ways this year!



Lights, Camera, Action: NBCKids On Film for Christmas

We're doing so many things in creative ways this year and our children's Christmas program is no different!! We'll be making a fun and meaningful Christmas program video instead of performing our program live like we normally do. If your child is attending KidzWorship on Sunday mornings, then this is easy. I'll be asking them what part they might want to play and I will do the costuming and recording on Sunday mornings (or on Wednesday nights if needed). No preparation needed. However, if your child is not attending church in-person at the moment but would still like to participate, please let me know before the end of October. Because this will be recorded so far in advance, we'll need to have a definite idea of who is participating so that I can get costumes to you and send you instructions on how to record at home. I will be looking for these parts: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men and possibly Angels. If your child really wants to participate but absolutely does not want to say any lines even in the movie, I don't want to leave them out---so they can choose any Nativity animal for a "cameo appearance" (donkey, sheep, cow.) This is open to kids ages four through sixth grade.



Please be in touch with me if you have any questions or want to coordinate how your child(ren) can participate:

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Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me so graciously to the Newington Family. If I have not met you, I look forward to that in the near future.

The COR3 Youth have been busy over the past month. We helped clean the playground and sanitize the Preschool classrooms. We were treated to Ice Cream afterwards by Brandi Cherkauer. Enjoyed a Pizza night and non-contact game night. We also set up tables and chairs for the Men's Ministry Breakfast held in the Gym.

On Tuesdays, for the month of September the Youth Room will be open for study hall from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. This will be extended to October if we gain more Youth participation.

Youth Meals have started back. The meals are served with gloves by adults for safety. Thank you so much to Joe and Juli Semanski and Barbara Verdone for providing dinner and dessert on September 16th. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all 22 in attendance.

If you or your Sunday School class are interested in providing dinner, please sign up on the sheet located on the board. Already signed up are - September 23rd: Seekers Sunday School Class, September 30th: Regina Smith and October 7th: Juli Semanski and Bible Study Group. On behalf of the Youth, we thank you!

Looking ahead to October, we will be having a Camp meeting for those interested in attending in 2021. More information will be provided soon.

Blessings always,

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Plan Ahead



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

PACKING PARTY

NOVEMBER 6TH, 2020

6:00 PM

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