

Newington Baptist Church

A place to find NEW life in Christ ...

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Save the Date

For the Retirement Celebration of

Pastor Micahel Gray

November 28, 3:30 PM

Newington Baptist Church

Donations to Pastor Mike's Retirement Travel Fund may be made on the Giving page of NBC's website or by cash or check (Miles for Mike in the memo).

Please help us create a video message of retirement blessings for Pastor Mike! Record a short video of yourself on your phone saying a few words of encouragement and send it by email (or link to the video on Google Drive) by November 15th: heatherking@cox.net Thank you!

ANNUAL NEWINGTON INCORPORATION MEETING

Budget adoption, leadership election

Be an informed member!

October 24, 2021

Immediately following worship

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

FOR OUR PASTOR

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A DAY IN OCTOBER THAT YOU CAN BE IN PRAYER FOR PASTOR MIKE

In appreciation of Pastor Mike please stop by the FYI Board to sign up for a day that you can commit to praying for him. You could also write an encouraging note, text, email, or even take him out to lunch, that's a bonus! **Prayer** is the main goal though. Questions? Please see Heather King or Terri Townsend.

Getting things Together

Years ago, our family was traveling to Pittsburgh to visit Cathy's Aunt Ruth. Instead of taking the turnpike we decided to drive some of the back roads and see some of the sights. It was a great experience driving west on the highways of Pennsylvania in the fall. Their peak season for the leaves had already passed and it was obvious that the homeowners had been busy cleaning up their yards. As we went through the small town of Jeanette, I particularly noticed how neat and tidy all the properties looked. Everything appeared to be stowed away in its proper place.

Ever since that trip, when it comes to October, I have this urge to start the process of getting everything in its place both outside and inside. Even though we now live in a home with little outside fall work, I find myself actively engaged in getting things in order, for the coming days. If it was not for all the distractions. Yet, I find God at work in them too, sometimes humorously.

As Fall sets upon us what do you find yourself doing and is God in the midst of it? Jesus said in John 6:38 *"I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of him who sent me."* In a time when politics and the pandemic dominate the news, God's will and giving Him glory can easily be pushed out. Paul simply stated it, and in these days of chaos and complexity we need simplicity. *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31. When we do His will, we give Him glory!

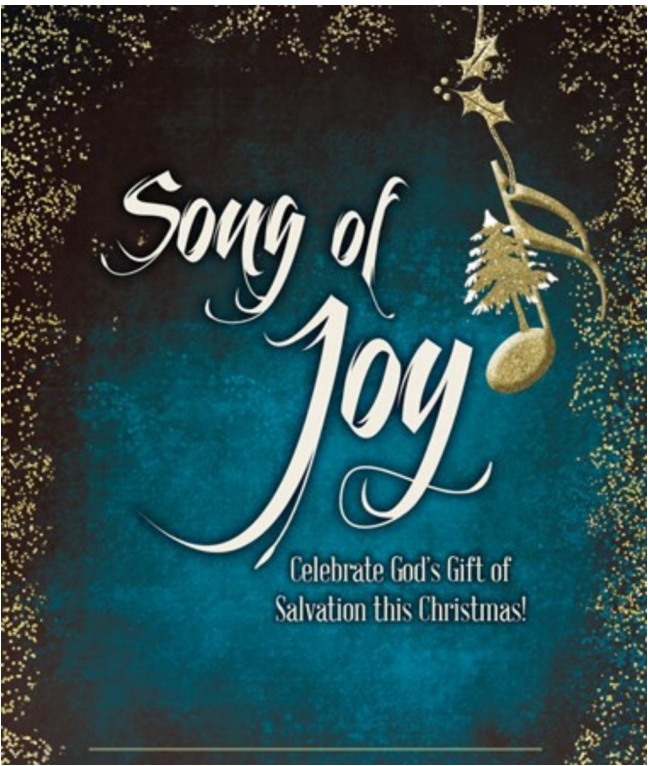
Now, on to it! Not "around to it." However many days you may have, few or many, focus on doing God's will and daily give Him glory! The distractions will come, but in Christ all things work together for good. So, laugh, and keep on Loving Like Jesus.

Pastor Mike Gray

Sermons for October Mark – Who is Jesus?

There are many questions people are seeking to answer. Of all the answers people seek, none are more important than the question, "Who is Jesus?" Once we know, who will we tell?

- 03 *Historically – It's time!* Mark 1:14-20
- 10 Andrew & Leah Snipes, IMB Missionaries to Columbia
- 17 *A Friend who Forgives* Mark 2:1-11
- 24 *Motivated to Set Things Right* Mark 3:1-6
- 31 *God in the Stillness* Mark 4:35-41



Christmas Choir for Adults and Students:

There's still time for adults and teens to join in this year's Christmas Choir as we prepare the cantata, *Song of Joy*. Singers of all experience levels are welcome. Practice CDs are available, which is especially helpful for those who can't be there every week. We practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the sanctuary. We are planning to sing our cantata during the Sunday service on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to singing together!

~Heather King~  
757-592-7632  
[heatherking@cox.net](mailto:heatherking@cox.net)



COR3 Youth

We continue to grow and welcome new Youth to our group. We had 25 youth on Wednesday, September 8th with five being visitors. God is working! Please continue to pray for our Cor3 Youth and our Leaders.

On Wednesday September 1st, Cor3 Youth helped to clean the playground and the classrooms in preparation for the Pre-School year. On September 8th, we enjoyed watching "The Chosen" with popcorn and drinks.

It is my Prayer that we can have our Sunday School grow in numbers. I ask you to also pray for this. We average around eight on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to my volunteers, the ones who prepare our meals or supply drinks/snacks. You all sure know how to feed us well.

Blessings always,  
Brenda H. Armistead, Youth Leader  
(804) 694-7583  
[Nbcor3youth@gmail.com](mailto:Nbccor3youth@gmail.com)

From Your Board of Directors

Well, it's that time of year again where we must create a budget for our church for next year. Your Board of Directors along with the Stewardship Committee have been meeting to create a proposal that we will present during our October business meeting scheduled after the service on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>?

The budget for next year has been quite challenging because as everyone knows Pastor Mike will be retiring this year. We need to budget for the process of finding a new pastor, a budget to pay for an interim pastor, and a budget for the new pastor's salary and expenses! There are also some proposed changes to our budget that will help Newington grow in areas where we need to grow. We are working to finalize these changes and will make some proposals during our business meeting for discussion and your input!

Please pray that we are following God's will as we put these important proposals and numbers together! I hope that all church members will plan on attending such an important business meeting! Please mark your calendars now and plan on being there!

Bob Hinson, Chairman  
757-509-1200  
vidrender@msn.com



Pastor Search Committee Update

September proved to be a busy and productive month for Pastor Search Committee. Through our weekly meetings, we made significant progress. We are still following the outline in the BGAV Pastor Search Guidebook, which divides the pastor search into 5 phases: to prepare, assess, develop, search, and, finally, to call. We have completed most of phase 2. We have gathered nearly all of the information for the packet we are compiling for prospective interviewees. Our committee's assessment of our church is completed. We now have a clearer picture of our church's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. Our congregation is engaged in praying for us. Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and prayer groups are praying for our church's pastor search. Now that we are in Phase 3, we are developing a congregational survey. Brenda Armistead, James King, and I wrote the first draft. The entire committee will have input into the final version. This survey will be going out to our congregation in October. The committee is looking forward to getting your input through this survey. Please keep us and our church in your prayers as we continue our search for a new pastor. Please contact any member of our committee with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,  
Juli Semanski, Secretary of the Pastor Search Committee



An Outreach Event!  
Mark your Calendars for Saturday  
October 2 10 am - Noon

Reaching out to new neighborhoods. We Pray over their property.  
Leave a note saying we have prayed for them, and go.  
Prayer opens doors and hearts.



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 keep our hands busy!

Brandi Cherkauer

# The Deacons' Corner

Greetings to all our Newington Church Family from your Deacons.

This section of the newsletter will provide information to the congregation and updates from the fellowship of Deacons. As an introduction the Deacons for the church are, Rich Cherkauer (Chairman), Joe Semanski (Vice Chairman), Walter Johnson, Steve Kancianic, Frank Wingfield, and Pastor Mike Gray.

This past month Alan Douglas completed his time of service as a Deacon. We are very thankful for Alan’s service to the congregation. If Alan was your Deacon over the past few years, you will be contacted by your new Deacon within the coming days/weeks.

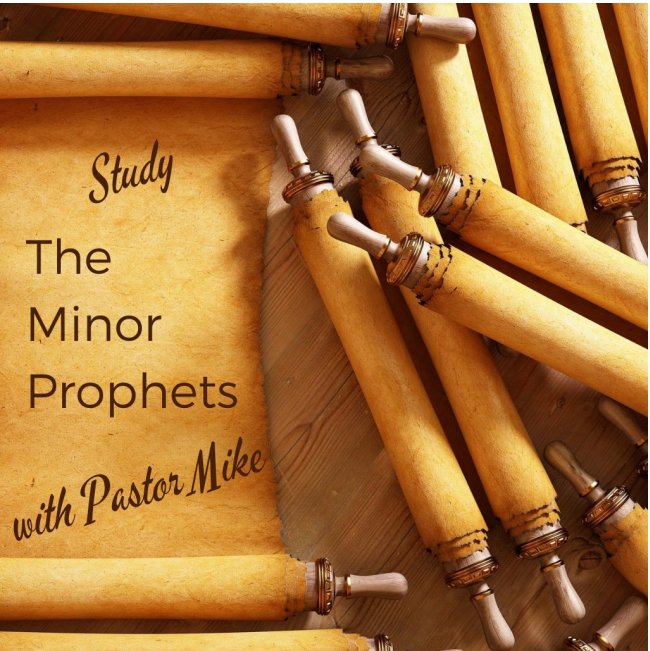
With the coming retirement of Pastor Mike, the Deacons will be filling the discipleship role while the search for a new Pastor continues. It is important that if you have any issues or concerns, that you reach out to your Deacon so that we can assist you. If you are not sure who your Deacon is, you can look it up in the Breeze App or you can contact me, and I will help you get in touch with your assigned Deacon.

The Deacons will also be conducting the search for an Interim Pastor to fill the pulpit during the time between Pastors departure and the selection of a new Pastor. If you have any questions about the process, please let me know. We are working closely with BGAV to find a solid Interim Pastor that will assist the Church during this transition time.

Your Deacons are here to serve you and our church families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have spiritual needs or any other needs.

Thank you

Rich Cherkauer  
Chairman of Deacons  
Newington Baptist  
Church  
(912) 429-1272



## Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Prophecies – Past, Present & Future Continuing with Minor Prophets: Amos - Malachi

The past is a valuable rudder but is not to be an anchor that holds us back.

The future is a great motivating force of hope.  
The present is where Biblical prophets related their message.

Prophecies speak of what God wants to do in the church today.

### Newington Courthouse Preschool

#### Playground Fundraiser

Every dollar donated will be matched by the Preschool!!

Our goal is to raise \$22,500.

Please list “playground” on any donations.

Donations may also be made online by choosing  
“Preschool Playground Equipment”  
in the dropdown menu.

Contact Rich (912-429-1272) or Brandi (912-429-5582)  
Cherkauer with any questions.



AMERICANS BORN AFTER JANUARY 1973  
ARE THE PRO-LIFE GENERATION.  
THEIR MOTHERS CHOSE LIFE,  
THEY SHOULD TOO, IN APPRECIATION.  
Bob Boudreaux



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