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NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS MAY/JUNE 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

PARENTS' LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN
 THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN
 THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SAVE THE DATE

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, 12:30 P.M.

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT COMMUNITY PARK

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION IN UPCOMING
 BULLETINS!



GRADUATES!!!!

NCC WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 IN OUR BULLETIN IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GRADUATE'S NAME, SCHOOL,
 ACHIEVEMENTS, DEGREE, FUTURE LIFE PLANS; ETC, TO OUR
 OFFICE SO WE MAY HONOR THEM.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Center

2101 Linn Street,

Williamsport

Education/Fellowship

Building/Offices

2100 Linn Street

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MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE

Nursery 9:30 am

Week 1—Merlyn Sawyer
 Week 2—Anna Monks
 Week 3—Diane Schlee
 Week 4—Cindy Thomas
 Week 5—Michelle Paulhamus

Men at the Table

May—Perry Berger and Jim Smithgall
 June—Fred Thomas and Jeff Ward

Communion Preparation

May—Tami Moon
 June—Jan Smithgall

Serving Communion

May—Jed Paulhamus and Ken Sawyer
 June—Jed Paulhamus and Steve Fischer

Greeters

May—Nettie Bower and Janine Bower-Snyder
 June—Janette and Eden Shirey

STATS

Date	Morning Worship	Children's Church	Sunday School	Offering
03/03	99	11	11/6	\$3397.00
03/10	88	6	18/3	\$3,171.00
03/17	86	7	15/2	\$3,346.14
03/24	103	9	20/4	\$4,917.00
03/31	137	EASTER	EASTER	\$2,783.00
04/07	104	11	13/3	\$3,966.00
04/14	106	7	14/3	\$2,753.00
04/21	90	6	9/5	\$3,205.00
04/28	102	7	9/3	Tabulation Not complete at time of issue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70+ YEARS

MAY/JUNE

Doris Stevens May 22
 Pat Bryan May 23
 Sherry Mattox May 28
 Betty Conner June 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 40+ YEARS

MAY/JUNE

There are no celebrations of 40+ years
 this issue.

MAY/JUNE EVENT SCHEDULE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning

9:30 am-Bible Study-Ed/Fellowship Hall has
 completed and is now on Summer Break

Wednesday Evening (3 CLASSES)

7 pm-T2 Women's Group
 Band of Brothers, and Wednesday Night
 Group -Ed/Fellowship Hall are completed
 and are now all on Summer Break

PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY

Every Saturday

7 am

MAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 2nd

Fresh Express 3 p.m.—5 p.m.
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 5th

CAMP KICK OFF AT SYLVAN HILLS

Monday, May 6th

6 pm-Board Meeting- Ed/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 8th

Quilting Club 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 10th

MEN'S NIGHT OUT AT SYLVAN HILLS

Thursday, May 16th

4H Club Meeting 6 p.m.— Ed/Fellowship Hall

JUNE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 3rd

6 pm-Board Meeting- Ed/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 6th

Fresh Express 3 p.m.—5 p.m.
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 12th

Quilting Club 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 27th

4H Club Meeting 6 p.m.
 Ed/Fellowship Hall

According to Johnny...

by John Shirey

Due to several recent conversations, I have had with Christian brothers, as well as the Experiencing God Bible study we have been doing on Wednesday nights, I have been pondering a question for a little while now. The question is *“How focused am I/are we, on seeking and living out God’s will?”*

I know that God has a will for me/us. After all, the Lord says in [Jeremiah 29:11](#) *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* But, how focused am I/are we on knowing and doing exactly what His plans and His will is for me, or us as a church?

In some ways that may seem like a rhetorical or unnecessary question for Christians. However, we know that the Lord’s will for us first and foremost is to live in relationship with Himself... (read [Colossians 1:15-16](#) & [Acts 17:24-27](#)). We know that relationship is supposed to be authentic and interactive... (read [John 15:1-8](#) & [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#)). We know that the Lord wills us to share the gospel and make disciples... ([Matthew 28:18-20](#) & [Acts 1:8](#)).

Furthermore, we know that God has given each of us a spiritual gift through the Holy Spirit through which He wills to minister to the Body of Christ... ([1 Peter 4:10-11](#))

However, we can see in the book of Acts that there are times believers in right and authentic relationship with the Lord, who are working to carry out the great commission, who desire to use the gifts the Spirit equipped them with, with all good and right intentions, had plans of their own that the Lord did not bless... ([Acts 16:6-10](#)) And we can see from ([Acts 8:26-40](#)) that the Lord wills and desires for specific people to be in a specific place, at a specific time, to minister to specific persons, in specific circumstances.

So here are some of my questions... *What is the Lord’s specific will for me as the pastor of NCC? What is God’s specific will for your life, in the places and situations you live in?* I guess most of all I want to know... *What is the Lord’s specific will for the Newberry Church of Christ? What specifically does He want us focusing our time resources and energy on? How specifically does He will us to carry out the Great Commission in our community? What specific ministries need to exist to strengthen, and minister to the needs of this body?*

I confess that while I have some thoughts, I don’t yet have the answers to all these questions. However, I am making it my focus to begin praying for the Lord to reveal the answers to these questions to me. I invite and encourage you all to join me in praying for and seeking the Lord’s plans, and His will, for each of us as individuals and for the Family of God at Newberry as a whole.

Whatever God’s specific plans and will for us is, in whatever ways those plans stretch us, or challenge us to deeper faith and trust in the Lord, we can know and trust that as [Romans 12:2](#) promises ... God’s will is *“good, pleasing, and perfect”!*

In Christ,
Johnny



Hey Kids!.....

A MESSAGE
FROM
NATE



Deep Thoughts for Younger Minds...

What is Faith? We hear this word everyday and see it tossed about in so many uses and contexts that it has completely lost all importance or relevance. Think too of the word Love. We love our pets, or “man, I LOVE this pizza...” But there is more to this word than how we feel about one of the most famous of Italian dishes or our fuzzy friends. Words have meaning and for many words in our everyday American use, they have lost most, if not all, of their original meaning.

I want to share a bit on the meaning of the word faith. However, not in the context of what you may already be thinking. In the New Testament “faith” is used 243 times. Most of those are in the books Romans and Hebrews. In the majority of those uses it means a conviction of truth, or a persuasion. In the case of us as believers, it means that we are “convinced” of the truth that others have “persuaded” us of, that God exists.

But the real curveball here is this, God’s faith towards us. What?! God has “faith” in us? Well, as with most languages into English, they have a smaller vocabulary, but this just makes the words they have richer in meaning. Faith can also mean things like fidelity, reliance, assurance, and even confidence. So...? Well, what do we read in Matthew 28:19-20? Go into all the world and preach the good news of Jesus. Show the world the good news of God.

But why would God place such an important job with us? This is where his faith in us is displayed. We will never get it right every day. We can’t. Period. But yet, God has faith in us to spread his message, a very important message by the way. Probably the most important message you will ever carry. But if we mess up so often, why would he trust us, put his faith in us? That is a very good question. To be honest, I don’t have the perfect answer.

But think of it like this. Has your dad ever asked you to mow the yard? Has your mom ever asked you to wash the dishes? Did they expect perfection? As a parent I can certainly answer this question. It is no, we do not expect perfection. We just expect obedience. Ecclesiastes 12:13 tells us all we need to hear, that our whole purpose is to fear God and keep his commandments. That’s it, that is all he expects. So, his “faith” in us is that we will just take his message. We are not responsible for the outcome. We are not responsible for the timing. We are not responsible for the other person’s response. We are just responsible for our obedience.

The dishes may not be perfectly clean, but we obeyed mom’s request. There may be uneven patches of grass, but dad thinks we did a good job. One day we will do it better. But for now, be imperfect. God doesn’t care. He just wants your heart, a heart of obedience. He’s got everything else. And his faith is in you to do your best. Don’t sweat the rest.

From the Elders

Psalm 1:1-6 says, “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

We all need to do a self-examination of our Christian walk and our witness to others. Everything we do reflects where Christ is in our lives. Who we hang out with. How we conduct ourselves at our jobs. The way we treat other Christians. The big thing today seems to be what we post or like on social media. This all reflects where our roots are and what is feeding them. So are your roots planted in the word making you strong and fruit producing? When you are not planted in the word you are like chaff that is easily swayed, having no deep roots and quickly destroyed. Do not become tossed or follow the disbeliefs of today. Our prayer is that you stay connected to the Lord and his word, meditating on it day and night. Be the mirror that people see Christ in.

Make sure that all is done for Christ and God’s purpose. Do not deny what the Lord has done for us in our lives. Think of the times that you think “I was lucky”; it was God’s protection around you. Most of all let’s show God’s LOVE to all those we encounter.

Jim Smithgall

UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

NOTICE!!!!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE DOUBLE DOORS TO THE ALLEY BEHIND THE ED/FELLOWSHIP BUILDING WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

COMMUNITY GARDEN



We're looking once again for volunteers to work in our community garden. This garden was such a blessing to so many in the community last year. Dan and Diane Schlee have graciously volunteered to lead this effort. They really need assistance as they can't be at the garden every day. Pick a day that you would be available to weed, water, pick, or maybe even take responsibility for a row. If you'd like to

be part of this outreach, please see Dan or Diane, contact one of the Elders or call the office at (570) 326-0731.

PLANT DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED, but please check with Diane to see what is still needed.

JOIN US FOR THE WALK OF HOPE

The annual fund raiser for the Expectation Women's Center is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th at the Milton campus of the Christ Wesleyan Church. We are forming a walking team for the 2 mile walk that is scheduled for 10:30 am . **ALL** ages are welcome! If you can't join us that day, the team could use your support in fund raising for this important cause as well.

WORSHIP TEAM

If you can sing or play an instrument and would be interested in being part of the worship team, please contact Steve Lingle at 717-513-7245

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

If you haven't yet filled out the form to update your church records, please do so at your earliest convenience. This information is necessary for us to update our Servant Keeper System. Even if you feel you haven't changed anything we'd still like to have a form from you to confirm our current entries. Place your form (located on the back table) in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or drop them at the church office. **Even if you are just visiting occasionally or a regular attender but not a member, please fill out a form. This will allow us to include you on mailing lists of special events upcoming.**

LINN STREET KEY INVENTORY.....we are asking any members of our congregation who possess keys to any of our Linn Street facilities to fill out the Key ID form on the back table and place it in the collection basket or drop it at the office. An inventory of all keys is being constructed currently. The safety and security of our congregation and our buildings is imperative. Thank you for your cooperation!

NEWSLETTER CHANGES.....Our Newsletter is now available for viewing on our website. There will also be limited copies available in the back of the church. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a printed copy, please advise either Michelle or Cheryl in the office.

CHECK US OUT.....

ON FACEBOOK..... at Newberry Church of Christ

OUR WEBSITE.....WWW.NCCWMPT.ORG

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Sunday School Classes

ADULT CLASS(ES) IS/ARE AVAILABLE EACH SUNDAY MORNING IN THE ED/FELLOWSHIP BUILDING BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.

The Pairs and Spares Class will continue through the Summer. This class will be in the Ed/Fellowship Hall first floor classroom. Upon completion of the Revelation study, they will be moving to a study of Genesis. Check your bulletin!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS*

The **"THIS IS YOUR LIFE"** class will introduce the children to several of the adults in their church family and the many services they perform for the Newberry Church of Christ. The young people will also be studying how they can become involved in serving the church and the community around us as well.

**Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. These are in the church downstairs classroom.*

JUNIOR CHURCH *

Classes (K-4th) will be celebrating New Testament Heroes of faith.

Introducing the brave characters that followed Jesus' examples and continued His mission of telling others of the coming kingdom as well as studying what makes someone a true hero.

Class (5th—8th) will be mapping the growth of the First Century church. They will be tracking the people and places that were instrumental in the growth of the Church of Christ.

**Junior Church classes meet downstairs in the church during the worship hour and children are dismissed from their families following communion. Please consider inviting the children, grandchildren and family friends in your life for these interesting and intriguing new programs.*

SECURITY / REPAIRS

—PLEASE check all external doors when leaving our buildings to be sure they have been locked when you exit.

—If you have any **MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**, please fill out a work order form and drop it at the church office or to Jeff Ward.

MAY FRESH
EXPRESS

THURSDAY

MAY 2ND
3-5 PM



JUNE FRESH
EXPRESS

THURSDAY

JUNE 6TH
3-5 PM

Fresh Express/Food Pantry??? There have been questions about the difference?

The **Fresh Express** is just once a month on the first Thursday. The **Food Pantry** is considered emergency food and is available Monday-Friday. Both are no cost to the public. Both are available to anyone in the congregation and the public. There are no income requirements. **Fresh Express** does not cost the Church anything. Food is donated by Pa. Food Bank. The **Food Pantry** is a minimal cost to the Church through the PA Food Bank, we also can use the extra food from the Fresh Express. The **Food Pantry** also gets donations from you, the Congregation. If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to ask Mary Miles, Pat Bryan, Michelle Paulhamus, Cheryl Lose, or one of the Elders....

We are in need of non-perishable items for our food pantry.

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Hamburger Helper
Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soups
Canned Fruit
Snack Size Puddings, Fruits and Jellos
Pasta or Noodles
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Juice