



# Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Newsletter - JAN 2026

LOVE GOD  
LOVE PEOPLE  
MAKE DISCIPLES



**Our Vision Statement:** NEWCASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH STRIVES TO BE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS EAGER TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!



*Happy* NEW YEAR  
*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
 And Your paths drip with abundance.*  
 PSALM 65:11

## SPECIAL SPEAKER



### OZARK

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
LINCOLN SEMINARY

**January 11—Morning Worship**  
**MATT PROCTOR**  
**President, Ozark Christian College**  
**Combined adult Sunday School**  
**with President Proctor**  
**Worship Service—President Proctor will bring the message. He is much in demand as a speaker, so this will be a very special time.**

## MEN'S MINISTRY




### BURLY

MEN'S CONFERENCE

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**  
 JAN 23-24 OAKWOOD.CHURCH/BURLY


**BURLY MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**JAN. 23-24, 2026**  
**\$100**  
**(COVERS REGISTRATION & MEALS & LODGING)**  
**SIGN UP IN THE INFO ALCOVE**  
**TALK WITH BILLY FOR MORE INFO**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Crafting Fellowship

January 17<sup>th</sup> | 10a-1p


New year, new crafts! Our first craft of 2026 will be making snowmen using tin cans. Any size can will work. The bigger the can, the bigger the snowman, so keep that in mind. Batting and embellishments will be provided. Bring your cans, friends, and a dish to share. Lets have a Crafty New Year!



## WORSHIP MINISTRY INVITATIONAL

Let's do


### LUNCH



**Sun. Jan. 25, following worship service**

If anyone has been gifted by God to be musically inclined, to sing, play instruments, or even to want to support our worship with readings, running sound, etc., you are invited to attend this luncheon to find out more about how you can fit in to the music ministry here at NCC.

## PRAYER



Praying Sisterhood Club—Thursday, Jan. 8, 10 am

This is an opportunity for our praying women to get together and pray for our families, those younger than us that we love and are invested in.



# Dust of the Rabbi

**“Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”” – Matt. 22:38-40**

A saying that is loosely interpreted from the Mishnah, (The Mishnah is a collection of rabbinic thought from 200 BC to 200 AD that still forms the core of Jewish belief today) is, “be covered in your rabbi’s dust.” In Jesus’ time, a rabbi would walk and teach his students. He would lead and his students would follow. The saying means to follow your rabbi (teacher) so close that you are covered with the dust of his teaching.

When starting His ministry, Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee and called James and John to follow Him. Going a little further, He also called Peter and Andrew. The Word says they “immediately” left and followed Him. He taught. They listened. He walked. They followed. Rabbi. Student.

And Jesus still calls us to “Follow Me” every day. Some drop the “world” and follow immediately. Some are more reluctant, but still follow. Some refuse and continue “fishing for themselves.” Question is...which are you? Do you desire to learn from the Rabbi that you walk so close to Him that the dust of His sandals lands on you? Do you stretch to hear what He is saying? Do you desire more than anything to just “be” in His presence?

But that is only the first step. To “come” and “follow” Jesus is the beginning of the adventure. To listen to His “Words of Life” is the start. Don’t get me wrong. It is essential and very important for it directly affects all that you do for His kingdom, but there is more. You must pass it on.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus is also a pledge to make other disciples. It isn’t just something between you and Him. It is taking what you have learned from Him and passing it on to others. It is allowing you to be a rabbi to others who need to know how to be a disciple and so on. Too many people take on a little “dust” of Jesus and feel they have done enough. But they apparently did not follow close enough, for those who were caked with dust understand they are to leave “dust” on others.

Following Jesus is also about leading others to Jesus. It’s about shaking off “Jesus’ dust” on to others. Taking what you have learned and experienced and giving it to someone else. So are you caked with the dust of your rabbi? Then who are you shaking His dust onto?

Follow...and lead.

From My Heart,

*Billy*





# Insight Student Ministry

## January 2026

### Spicy Food Night!!

Bring a spicy food (salsa, hot sauce, chips, wings, ramen, poppers...ect...)

Drinks will be provided.

January 15th, 6pm-9pm

### Super Bowl Party

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

Bring a snack to share,  
drinks will be provided.

It's the season of new beginning. I don't know how your year went last year, but mine was a roller coaster to say the least. God and I had many long talks, some were very productive, and some felt like I was talking into the wind. Regardless, here we are and a new year begins.

As the new year begins, I ponder a new beginning in scripture. I was reading Acts chapter 1 recently and I sat and thought through what it would have been like to be the disciples. They followed Jesus for 3 years, (Excitement builds) He dies on a cross, (Complete fear and uncertainty arises) Jesus rises from the dead (overcome with Joy) and now he says he needs to leave, (major let down) He leaves with a command to the disciples to go and be witnesses for the Gospel. This is not so much a surprise as it is a fuller understanding. The last 3 years of the disciple's lives have been a training ground for this moment in history. Jesus has prepared them for his departure, (they just hadn't realized it at the time) and now they have a task before them, a new beginning, a new season. This new season will be different, this time instead of Jesus walking along side them the Holy Spirit will lead them from within. The Spirit will help them become witnesses to the whole world, the Spirit will help them start a movement that will encompass generations upon generations of people. What a task, change the world, talk to your friends and talk to your enemies about the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus shares this command and then casually ascends, after he has disappeared from their sight the disciples are met by 2 men, their message simple, Jesus is gone, but he will come back, why are you still looking? I often find myself "gazing" towards the skies, waiting for Jesus to come back, but really, I am just looking for an excuse to be lethargic, why do I stand staring up? The ends of the earth haven't been reached; the ends of our community haven't even been reached. This new season the same challenge remains, be a witness for the Gospel of Jesus, but understand a witness of Jesus is not flippant or lackadaisical, a witness of Jesus is ready to be led by the Holy Spirit so when He speaks, we obey.

Learning to Obey, David



# CASTLE KIDS

January 2026

## A New Year

2026? It's wild how fast time flies when you're having fun! I am so grateful for the year I've gotten to spend in Castle Kids. It has blessed my heart more than words can express. I hope you can leave each Sunday and Wednesday knowing that your student was loved and taught truth. That is my goal, to lead your students closer to Jesus. We have so much fun together as we memorize scripture, learn Bible stories and look up scriptures. Each time we read from the Bible, every student opens a physical Bible and is shown the word of God. Even if they can't read. I want them to see, to feel the power of God in their hands.

He is so powerful, so good isn't He? I have been listening to a song by Elevation Rhythm, practically on repeat the past few months. The title is "This is the Gospel" and that is the message of the whole song. The gospel. Please go listen to the song. It speaks on Creation to Christ. Some of my favorite lyrics are as follows:

"And then from the garden, we became the fallen, sin made us lose our way. Oh, but the love that's too good to give up set a course for amazing grace."

"This is the Gospel, this is the Good News. Tell everybody how He saved you. This is the Gospel, come hear the Good News. Tell everybody, there's a God that loves you."

That is good news! That should be shouted from the mountain! At Castle Kids we are LEARNING TO SHINE OUR LIGHT TO MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED. I'm so excited, because I know that there is not Junior Holy Spirit. As we continue to learn, I pray each student's heart and mind would be open to the Good News message God has for them!

Be a Blessing and Shine Bright!  
MaLinda



\*Bring a snack to share

\*We will have door prizes!

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>

6 pm: Doors Open

6:30: Movie Starts

## What we are learning:

- Sunday School: Armor of God
- Castle Kids: Snowed in!

kids will learn more about the promises God made through stories in the Bible. They will see that God is not just a promise maker, but a promise keeper

- Wed Nights: Armor of God  
continued

Putting it into practice and creatively studying the armor on a deeper level

## A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of your love and support this past year. Whether you volunteered, prayed for the ministry, blessed me through encouraging words or gifts. I appreciate all of you very much! It is an honor to serve you.

*Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*







# Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Deacons

Alan Allison  
Robert Elliott  
Cody Lee

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Sunday School 9:30-10:15am  
Worship Service 10:30 am

### Wednesday

Dinner @ 5:30  
Bible Studies 6:30 pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Call or email the church  
office, 405-387-4100,  
[ncc@nccok.com](mailto:ncc@nccok.com).

Submit prayer requests  
to the church office any-  
time. They will be added  
to the weekly list,  
emailed out each week,  
or emailed immediately  
if its urgent.

## Important Dates in JAN

- 1—New Year's Day—Church office closed
- 3—Corbin & Sydney Carter reception 2-4
- 7— **Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30**
- 8—Praying Sisterhood—10 am
- 9—Food Pantry 9-10:30 am
- 11—Matt Proctor from Ozark CC speaking
- 14— **Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30**
- 17—Ladies Craft Day & Luncheon, 10a-1p
- 18—Ministry Leaders meeting, 2pm
- 21— **Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30**
- 23-24—"Burly" Men's Conference
- 23—Family Movie Night 6:30 pm
- 25—Family Sunday
- 25—Worship Ministry Luncheon—noon
- 28— **Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30**



1/4—Billy & Michelle  
1/11—Ellen S  
1/18—Cody Lee  
1/25—Billy & Michelle  
No 5th Sun.

## FAMILY SUNDAY



Jan. 25 - Bring the Kids in to Worship

## MEET THE NEWLYWEDS!

SAT. JAN. 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2-4 pm

CORBIN & SYDNEY

CARTER

Corbin Carter, Cal & Dinsel Cossey's grandson, married the love of his life, Sydney, back in November. They would like to invite everyone to a small reception to meet Sydney and to see

Corbin again. He's come a long way from a kid in Billy's youth group!

## MEETINGS



Ministry leaders Sun. Jan. 18,  
2 pm



Announcement of our Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, Feb. 1st—It will be held immediately after church services on Feb. 1st. We'll have a short presentation about the year 2025 just completed, and goals and vision for the coming year of 2026. Plan to stay for this important meeting.

The Extra  
Mile

Last Sunday of the  
month—watch for info

## JAN 2026 - Communion Thought

1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25	5th
Ed Harris	Garland Hawkins	Mike Aston	David Martinez	N/A

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates are passed each Sunday, or you may use the giving box in the foyer for your checks or cash (in an envelope please). Giving is also available through the church website at [www.nccok.com](http://www.nccok.com) on any of your devices. If you need help, just call the church office.