



Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter - MAR 2023



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

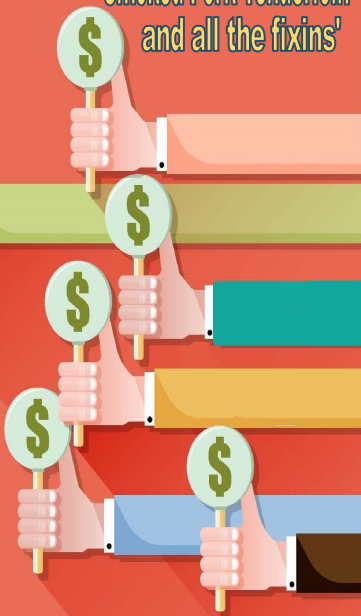
Youth Fundraiser

Dessert Auction

Come Bid on Your Favorite Dessert After a delicious dinner!

Smoked Pork Tenderloin and all the fixins'

Sunday, March 5th
6:00pm



No Entry Charge!
Live Dessert Auction
Cash or Checks Only

CHURCH LIFE



Ministry Leaders meeting
March 19, 4 pm



Odd 3 Friday, March 17th, 7 pm

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Study of the Book of Mark

Begins March 21st and will run 8 weeks to May 9. We will meet every Tuesday; Tamsen will be guiding us in the morning,

10:00—11:15 am AND in the evening, 6:30—7:45 pm. Just bring your Bibles!

MEN'S MINISTRY



March 18th, 8 am

PANTRY CORNER—MAR. 10TH 9-10:30 AM

FEBRUARY restock items:

- 40-oz Baking mix (like Bisquick)
- 15-oz Cans Pears



If you would prefer, we can always use monetary donations to help fund the pantry. Our food pantry helps feed people in need in our community. **“Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.”** —Jesus (Matt. 25:40)



But...I Love Him

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -
Romans 5:8

A “forever” love. We all want it. We all seek it. We write poems, books and songs about it. It is the central theme in most movies. It brings us to our feet in applause and drops us into a cold despair. To say it plays a major role in our existence is an understatement. But for all the things that display love (and misinterpret it), it is still a mystery in most aspects. “How did it become what it is and how do I know if I really have it?” It is still a concept that amasses beyond our futile horizons and proves it is bigger than our understanding. So what is LOVE?

It began when God said, “Let there be...” Have you ever thought of why God wanted to create a world like this? He has omnipotent power and yet still creates life that is so delicate that one change in the solar system destroys it all. He could’ve created indestructible things yet here we are. Man and woman. Far from indestructible. I wonder what thoughts went through His head as He knelt in the sand and shaped us piece by piece. Did He start with the head or the feet? Or in the middle at the heart? I wonder if He saw where we would go or the thoughts that would invade our minds. Or how we would love in return.

That’s why it broke His “indestructible” heart when we refused to return His affection that He lavished on us so immensely. It wasn’t just that we purchased death for the price of a “fruit”. It was that, after all God had done to create a “love-centered” existence, the pinnacle of that creation understood love the least. It was a distance that, even though His love could cover, His holiness could not. It was man’s desire for distance from God in the “now” that must’ve hurt the worst. But He wasn’t finished.

Even as God laid out the consequences for our disobedience and actions, He laid out the framework that would reunite His children with Him. He showed us what a forever love is made of. It isn’t in redefining what love is. It is in being willing to take upon yourself the pain and anguish of your lover’s mistakes. It isn’t about fairness but is about giving without excuse. It’s about making the object of your love better. Or in His case the best.

And...that’s why I love Him.

From My Heart,

Billy



March 2023

What are we Studying?

Sunday School: 1 Corinthians

Wednesday Night: Names of God

Sunday Night: Worldview

Home Sporting events this month.

Soccer

7th: Mt. St. Mary's 4:30pm-8pm

9th: Astec 4:30pm-8pm

21st: Kingfisher 4:30pm-8pm

24th: Cleveland 4:30pm-8pm

There is also Track, but I couldn't find a schedule



Dessert Auction Youth Fundraiser and Dinner

March 5th at 6pm. No cost to come. We will be serving smoked pork tenderloin with all the fixings. We would love for you to donate a dessert for the auction please sign up in the foyer.



It's one of the most popular chapters in all of the Bible, often spoken at funerals as a way to comfort and encourage those who are mourning. Parts of the chapter have also made it's way in to modern culture through music, television and social media. Psalm 23 has found a soft spot in the hearts of people across our country, from our Sr. Citizens to our elementary students. We find these words printed on posters, plastered on social media post, engraved in jewelry and even headstones. Why? Why is this chapter such a hook for so many people? I believe it addresses a neglected understanding we all have about ourselves.

We are sheep. We always follow the herd. We may not always follow the same herd as we change herds through-out our lives. This is easy to understand right? We see it everywhere we look, in school students are always drawn to those they dress like or act like. From the greasers and the squares, to jocks and band nerds, preps to emos, democrat to republican. We all follow a herd, the problem is we don't always follow a shepherd. David creates beautiful imagery in this chapter of Psalms, he makes the shepherd appear powerful, engaging, encouraging and safe. Let's face it, no matter how old we get or how prepared we may be, we always desire a safe place. The shepherd is the safe place for all people no matter their status in life. Who is this shepherd? Jesus says in John 10:14-15, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep." We know who the shepherd is, but the questions that must be answered is, do you know the shepherd? John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." A sheep that follows the shepherd is recognized by how well he hears and obeys the voice of the shepherd. We can all do a better job of hearing and obeying the shepherd, we all can do a better job of allowing the shepherd take care of us. Finally, we all need to be better sheep and follow the Good Shepherd.

-Baaa, David



March 2023 Newsletter

Courtney Loveless, Children's Ministry/Preschool Director

Our mission is to help children come to KNOW Jesus Christ, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him.

"Come, my children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Psalm 34:11

Children's Church

4yo ~ 5th grade meets in Room 101,
Door will open at 10:20 am for check in.
Church will start at 10:30 am.

Children's Church lessons are added to our church website every week. www.nccok.com

Sunday School

→ 9:30 am, Room 105
4yo ~ 5th grade



Wednesday Nights

Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm
Bible Study, 6:30pm
Room 101, 4yo ~ 5th grade

**Castle KIDS
Servant Schedule**

1st Sunday > Cheri & Emily
2nd Sunday > MaLinda
3rd Sunday > Courtney
4th Sunday > Courtney

CHILDREN'S →

CHURCH ↑

10:30 AM ↗

ROUTE 66 - A Road Map Through The Bible...

Hitting the road with our Castle Kids as they are lead on a journey to memorize the 66 books of the Bible. In this series, kids will learn all the books of the Bible and how each section fits into the larger picture of God's story. We are the home stretch.

- Week 9 - Roadside Attractions - Paul's Letters to Churches (Romans through 2 Thessalonians)
- Week 10 - Almost There - Paul's Letters to Individuals (1 Timothy through Philemon)
- Week 11 - The Open Highway - General Letters (Hebrews through Jude)
- Week 12 - Final Destination - Apocalyptic Book (Revelation)



Memory Verse - Hide it in your heart!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Upcoming Events...

Easter Eggstravaganza
at Newcastle Christian Church
2200 N. Main St Newcastle, OK 73065

We'll have inflatables, games, craft -
FREE hot dogs, chips and drinks
Fun time for the whole family.

11:00 - 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 8, 2023

SPRING CAMP AT CAMP SOONER
MARCH 31 - APRIL 1
1ST-5TH GRADE
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CAMPERS

COST

\$30 Camper Cost Includes
• 2 meals + 2 snacks
• T-shirt

\$10 Parent Cost Includes
• 2 meals
• Shirts will be available for extra cost

REGISTER HERE

All campers, parents, and sponsors must be registered online by March 19.



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Garland Hawkins

Deacons

Alan Allison
Travis Cotten

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Youth Group 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Dinner at 5:30 pm
Bible Studies (all ages) 6:30 pm

Important Dates in March

- 1—Wednesday night dinner & classes
- 4—Primetimers, Johnny's in Moore – noon
- 5—Youth Dessert Auction 6 pm
- 7—Election day
- 8—Wednesday night dinner & classes
- 8—Garden Club—noon
- 10—Pantry 9-10:30 am
- 12—Daylight Savings Time begins
- 13-17—Spring Break
- 15—Wednesday classes @ 6:30 NO DINNER (Spring Break)
- 16—Mobile Smiles @ NCC
- 17—Odd 3 Friday game night 7 pm
- 18—Men's Bible Study & Bkfst 8 am
- 19—Ministry Leaders meeting 4 pm
- 22—Wednesday night dinner & classes
- 29—Wednesday night dinner & classes
- 30—Red Hats

Prayer Requests

Call or email the church office, 405-387-4100, 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.



March 2023 - Communion Thought

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
COMMUNION					
THOUGHT	Rick DeWeese	Neil Newcomb	Gary Pitzer	Travis Cotten	N/A

Tithes and Offerings



There is a giving box in the foyer for your checks or cash (in an envelope please). Giving is also available through the church website at NCCOK.com, or on your mobile devices on the Faithlife app. Download the Faithlife app from your smartphone Apple Store or download to your Android phone from the Faithlife.com website. If you need help, just call the church office.