



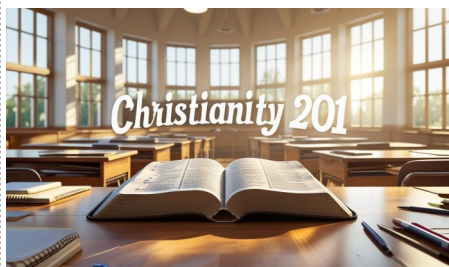
# Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Newsletter - SEPT 2025



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

### SERMON & STUDY TOPIC THROUGH NOV.



**SERMONS:** Billy and David have lined out a sermon series on the basics of our faith. This will be a introduction and overview of the subject (God’s Revelation and Inspiration, Biblical Authority, God’s Sovereignty, and so on.)

**STUDY:** All classes on Wednesday nights, including the Castle Kids and the Youth will be taking a deeper dive into the subject of the previous Sunday sermon.

**DISCIPLINES:** Every Thursday at 7, for 8 weeks, starting Sept. 4th, there will be a brief discussion on a particular Christian Discipline (prayer, giving, service, etc.), and then there will be time allotted to apply that discipline (prayer time, doing service work, etc.)

### MENS MINISTRY



## FIREPIT MEN'S GROUP

**Sat. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm**

**Men, come join your brothers in Christ for study and discussion by the fire-side.**

### OUTREACH



**SATURDAY SEPT 13**  
2pm - 4pm  
Veterans Park

**A fun, family-friendly day full of community connection!**

Open to businesses, churches, non-profits, school groups, little league teams, and community organizations.

**Food trucks, yard games & activities, booth games**

**LAWN DADDY Games** – parents compete for the title of “Lawn Daddy” (\$20 entry)

**Movie in the Park after 6 PM**

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**BOOTH FEE INFO**  
Free for current Newcastle Chamber of Commerce members.  
\$15 for non-members (fee supports Future Parks & Recreation projects).  
Not a Chamber member? You may either pay the \$15 fee or join the Chamber before the event.

NCC will have a booth at the community festival, 12-6. Come to help run a game, hand out information, or just visit with folks from the community.

Start up again Wed. Sept. 3rd

## TOGETHER AT Wednesday Night DINNER

FOOD FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS FUN



The Jerl Joslin Memorial Open



**MONDAY, SEPT 22**

**8AM—SIGN IN at EARLYWINE GOLF CLUB, \$80 PER PERSON—MORE INFO IN THE ALCOVE.**

### WOMEN’S MINISTRY



## Paint Party Luncheon

NCC Women's Ministry


September 20, 2025 | 10a - 1p

Join us for a paint party luncheon in Fellowship Hall! The instructor will provide all necessary items for \$35 per person. Sign up in the alcove by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to participate!

Bring a lunch item to share!



### FELLOWSHIP



## SENIOR SINGLES

Dinner out on **Sunday, Sept. 14, after church\***

At Sherri's Diner 704 SW 59th, OKC

Sign up in the alcove \* Note change of date due to Sherri's closing at 3 every day

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10 am.

Runs every Tuesday through November 18th. Sign up in the Info Alcove to bring snacks.

**TOPIC: WORSHIP—Why We do What We Do**

We'll explore the nature, purpose, and practice of Christian worship in order to deepen our understanding, appreciation, and practice.



# Were the Greeks Right?

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.- Proverbs 2:6*

One of the long-standing philosophies of the Greek Dynasty was that if an individual has more knowledge, they would be better people and citizens. Considering how long ago this dynasty fell we'd have to say that they were wrong. But you don't have to look back that far. Not even close. All you have to do is look at a computer or smart phone and see proof of this errancy.

We have more abilities than we ever had to attain knowledge at an alarming speed (I'm thinking AI). One click. One word. One phrase and you can accumulate more "stuff" than you are able to understand. In honesty, knowledge drives our ever-changing, ever-updating culture to the point by the time you can dwell on something it is changed or gone. Or worse, it is "anti-cultural" which labels a person...well who knows this week. There are three reasons that this philosophy is failing.

One, Knowledge is not wisdom. Knowledge is the accumulation of facts, information, and skills acquired through experience or education. Wisdom, on the other hand, is the ability to use knowledge effectively and make sound judgments. And where you get your knowledge and wisdom will either lead you to life or destruction. More on that later. The Greeks assumed if you had the information, you would behave appropriately with it. But we can't get out of Genesis before we see humans manipulating it (Genesis 3:1-10). Although having information can make someone more powerful, it cannot necessitate morality for its use. It's like an unmanned ship in the ocean. Just a fact without direction.

Two, just like a compass can direct us to true north, we must also have a "true north" which has the authority to give us knowledge. For example, what if you wanted to come to my house but you needed directions. If you ask my 2-year-old granddaughter, I'm not sure where you would end up, but I know you would be watching Bluey. Honestly, who would you ask for directions? Me or my wife would be authoritative enough to correctly get you there. So, who (Who) or what is your "true north"? Where do you trust to get your knowledge from so that you can live it out appropriately (wisdom)? Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Knowledge found anywhere else may be a 2-year-old opinion.

Three, beware of "Relevant Truth". What is that? It is the opposite of wisdom. It is believing knowledge solely based on how it's relevant to your life. Your actions (relevance) should be directed by knowledge, not the other way around. Many today, because of all the "knowledge" flippantly thrown around on social platforms, choose only those "truths" that agree with their preconceived opinions. That can lead to all kinds of disasters. Imagine an Olympic swimming race without lanes. Or Nascar (we're in Oklahoma, right) with just an open field and no track. That's what happens when we ignore God's objective knowledge and make up our own. Beware of that as our culture is plagued with it.

I don't mean to be too hard on the Greeks. It's just that they honestly thought knowing truth without a God-fearing compass would make us better people. In the words of Plato, "Knowledge becomes evil if the aim be not virtuous." We live in the truth of that statement.

Seek God. Seek His truth and knowledge. Live in the wisdom found therein.

From My Heart,

*Billy*





# September 2025

Hiking  
September 6th  
Leaving the church at  
10am  
Bring a sack lunch. We will  
be going to the Wichita  
Mountains.  
We will be back around  
3pm



Jr. High Students	High School Students
Get-A-Way	The Event
September 26-27	November 7-8
\$60 per person	\$50 Per Person
Sign up by ASAP	Sign Up by October 1st
Location: Ozark Christian College, Joplin, Mo	

I have been reading the book of 1 Timothy every day for the past 3 weeks. I have decided to read the smaller books in completion every day during this season. It has been interesting to say the least.

I am caught up in the expectations that Paul has on Timothy, not only for Timothy, but also for the church in Ephesus. We see these expectations cover topics like, false teaching, love, law, worship, leadership, behavior, even to Widows. I know this isn't a surprise to most of you, we always expect Paul to have high expectations for those that claim to follow Jesus. Rather i believe the surprise should be related to the expectations you have of yourself as a follower of Jesus. Often believers will get to a point where their expectations are no longer for themselves, but are only projected on others (I believe some of these people consider themselves "mature").

There are times even when an older believer's expectations are no longer even based on scripture, rather they have been mixed or diluted with a person's feelings, traditions, or even political alignment.

Paul's advice to Timothy in chapter 4 is mixed with encouragement, he tells him to not let people look down on him because of his age, but rather to be the example. After this verse Paul goes further and tells him, "Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." (vs15-16)

I feel like sometimes we forget these last two verse of chapter 4. Maybe we've done a good job of being an example when we were young, but overtime it could have changed. Again, sometimes we read scripture not so we can be more like Jesus, instead we sometimes read scripture to be more right than the other person. I believe we should continue to follow Paul's advice to timothy, "Be diligent", no matter what age or stage of life we are.

Working together- David



# Castle Kids Newsletter



September 2025

## Things look different...

I know things are changing and it's not just the weather. It's an odd feeling to not have the Preschool going full force by now. Rooms aren't the same and even Insight youth group has joined the children's wing. I know it's different..but different can be good.

We have been cleaning out rooms, going to through toys, tubs, crafts and all sorts of things. It's been exciting. I have enjoyed seeing the heart of what was as I look forward to the blessings of what will be.

I invite you before or after services to come look at the Castle Kid's wing. Just inside the door of each room you will find a list of ways that you can pray specifically for that room. We invite you to come sit and pray in each room over the activities that happen there. Change can be a good thing, and I really believe that by partnering in prayer while we look for new ways to reach the community, we are going to be **SHINING OUR LIGHT TO HELP GROW THE KINGDOM**, which is our Castle Kid mission! So come join the fun and bring a friend as we all grow closer to Jesus...TOGETHER!

## Fall Fest is COMING!.....

It's time to start preparing for Fall Fest!

Can you help with the following?

\*Candy (individually wrapped)

\*Prizes (bubbles, stickers, pens, small toys....)

\*Lg and XL boxes! (Must be sturdy)

Ideas: What's something new you would like to see at Fall Fest? I can't promise it will happen, but I'd love to hear from you.

Text MaLinda at 402-340-5879

## Upcoming Events

- 7th: Sunday School Class Special outing
- 11<sup>th</sup> Praying Mom's club (Come pray with me about your kids...of any age! 10 am
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Park outing @ Vetrans Park 1-3 pm  
MaLinda will bring drinks!
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Volunteer training/meeting
- 28th: Sonic Sunday at Blanchard

Interested in serving in Castle Kids?  
Message MaLinda at 402-340-5879 today to see what you can do!







# Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**2200 North Main Street Newcastle, OK 73065**

## Church Office:

Phone: 405-387-4100  
Website: [nccok.com](http://nccok.com)  
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## Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

## Staff

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Cheryl Millican, Ellen Storey, Secretaries  
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## Elders

Rick DeWeese  
Garland Hawkins

## Deacons

Alan Allison  
Robert Elliott

## 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 anytime. They will be added to the weekly list, emailed out each week, or emailed immediately if its urgent.

## Important Dates in SEPT

- 1—Labor Day—Office closed
- 3— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 4— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 7— The Chosen, Episodes 7 & 8 4pm
- 10— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 11— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 12—Food Pantry 9-10:30 am
- 13—Community Festival 2-6
- 14—Senior Singles to Sherri's, after church
- 16— Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 17— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 18— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 20—Ladies Paint Party & Lunch 10-1
- 21—Castle Kids/Insight lunch mtg, after church
- 21—Ministry Leaders meeting 2pm
- 22—Joslin Mem. Golf Tournament
- 23— Ladies Bible Study 10am
- 24— Wed. night dinner 5:30 & Bible Study 6:30
- 25— Christianity 201 disciplines
- 26-27—Getaway for Jr Hi
- 27—Men's Firepit 7 pm
- 28—Family Sunday/SONIC Sunday
- 30— Ladies Bible Study 10am



- 9/7—Billy & Michelle  
9/14—Ellen S  
9/21—Cody Lee  
9/28—Ron & Jan Y  
5th Sunday—N/A

## FAMILY SUNDAY



**SEPT 28 - Bring the Kids in to Worship**

## SEPT 2025 - Communion Thought

9/7	9/14	9/21	9/28	N/A
Rick DeWeese	Garland Hawkins	Gary Pitzer	David Martinez	

## MEETINGS

**Ministry Leaders Meeting—  
Sun. Sept. 21, 2 pm**



## 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.



**Last Sunday of the month—watch for info**