



Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter - JAN 2025

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.

WE WISH YOU A

happy new year
2025

For I Know the Thoughts That I Think towards you,
SAITH THE LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil,
to give you an expected End.
Jeremiah 29:11

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry

CRAFTING Luncheon

FELLOWSHIP • LUNCH • CRAFTS

**JANUARY 25, 2025
10AM - 1PM**

Bring your own craft or join us in writing cards in partnership with SSM Health Hospice. We need your words of encouragement to make this a success. Bring a lunch item to share!

Let's craft together!

MEN'S MINISTRY



**JAN. 24-25 AT OAKWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ENID**

\$100 pays for 3 meals and lodging.

Sign up in the Info Alcove.

Talk to Billy for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 2, after worship service.

SENIOR SINGLES



**SENIOR SINGLES
DINNER NIGHT**

**Tues, Jan 21,
5:30 pm**

Panera Bread—104th & Penn



NEW

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness - Lamentations 3:22-23

Exodus 16 takes us into the middle of the trip from Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses is still leading and the Israelites are in the desert with what appears to be nothing around them for miles. And the grumbling comes.

God answers the needs (and grumbings) by providing “bread” from heaven. It is made available every morning to all the Israelites and is enough to sustain them for the day. They called it, “manna”. In the Hebrew, manna means, “What is it?” Most people and scholars compared it to bread and there is even bread placed in the Holy Place to remind the Jews of God’s provision.

But God also had rules for gathering this heavenly meal. He said to only gather for a day, and on Friday (our word, not theirs) gather enough for two days so they would not work on the Sabbath. Seems simple enough. One day’s gift for one day’s needs. But some didn’t trust it. Exodus tells us they would try to gather for more than one day. The next morning there would be maggots in it and it would be bad. Disobedience always brings decay whether it is the bread or the soul.

What’s the lesson here?

God’s compassions are new every morning. A gift awaiting you as you rise from slumber. A provision for you to make it through each day. So take it. Use it. Live stronger because of it. Let your soul be nourished and your heart be happy. God has renewed His compassion to you this morning and He will do it again tomorrow morning. And the next day. And the next. My prayer is that you receive with joy His gift to you each day.

But don’t save it up. His compassion should feed our compassion. To whom? All those who need it. Anyone that doesn’t yet know that God has given them the same gift each day. Maybe by receiving some of the gift God gave you, they will look heavenward and find His gift to them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Remember, compassion saved and not used will only decay the soul. Your soul. Do you struggle showing others compassion? Do people continue to find ways to “get in your way?” The more you are around people, the more you like your dog or cat? Perhaps it’s because of the decay that has taken place in your soul. Your heart. Stop trying to hold in what God has so richly lavished on you. Use it up! All the time; every day. Why?

Because tomorrow will bring a new gift of compassion from the Father. His gift to you. His nourishment which only He can bring. His present for you to pass lavishly on others.

From My Heart,

Billy



January 2025

What are we Studying?

Sunday School: 2 Samuel

Wednesday Night: "Moral compass"

Happy New Year!! I can't believe we are in 2025. It seems like life is flying by, almost as if I'm seated on a moving train looking out the windows. 2024 was such a blur, now I remember a lot of it, but some of it is a little blurry.

I know we started last year with students sports seasons, then we flew through spring and all the activities the students keep us busy with. We had summer activities and family vacation and then back to school and fast forward through fall and Christmas. The interesting part of going through a year is that in the midst of the year there are seasons that take place in your life. Solomon makes it clear through his wisdom that seasons are a part of our lives. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 he writes,

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

I see this as a very encouraging scripture. Sometimes we can be going through some difficult things in life, but it's only a season. Yes, some seasons are long, some may be short, but understand all season end.

Enter this year understanding that the season you are in is limited, and it may even be expected, but it will pass and a new season will arrive.

In this together,
David

CASTLE KIDS

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
2024

It's the start of a New Year. Each year I say I'll do better. I won't get lazy on prayers, I'll make sure the kids have a nightly devotion. I'll pray before they leave for school and I'll be at church regularly. You know how it goes right? We have the best intentions, but the days pass and next thing we know a whole year has gone by and we are left feeling like we missed the mark. One of my goals as director of Castle Kids is that I can not only teach kids about Jesus, but equip parents to disciple their children. WHOA! Disciple? Discipline maybe, but disciple? Isn't that your job MaLinda?

While yes, it is, it's also yours.

I can encourage your kids when they are here, but there are 7 days a week and at most I get to see them 3 hours during the week. In case you were wondering, there's 165 other hours each week the world will be trying to sneak it's way into your child's heart.

I'm not big into resolutions for the New Year, but a few years back I started adopting a word for the year. I try to incorporate that word into my relationships, activities and faith for the year. Typically that word is intentional. I want to be intentional with my time and actions.

That includes my ministry.

I'm a mom. I get it. I know how hard it is to reflect Jesus AND get the house clean. I know how rushed the mornings are and how easy it is to skip devotions. But I also know the power of the Gospel and the reality of Hell. That's why I want to be intentional not only in my time with your students, but in equipping you to know the Gospel and be able to lead your children as well. It sounds scary. I get that. However, I trust fully that if you put in the effort, God will bless you and lead you.

So to start our new year, I wanted to share some books, websites and ideas that have been helpful to me and I hope will be to you also. PLEASE reach out to me at 402-340-5879 if you need specific resources or a bit of encouragement. Most importantly, know that I'm praying for you and your student. It's a new year, lets take full advantage of this moment to reset, refocus and redefine our priorities.

Much Love
MaLinda

Want to gain knowledge of the Bible together with your child? Do Bible Trivia nights. You can find questions online or books on amazon.



Read the Bible. Trust me, even a few verses a day! Doing so 4 times a week can improve mental health, help you understand God's character, reduce stress and you'll be less likely to smoke, get drunk or have risky behaviors.



Tons of info on parenting, faith and life!

focusonthefamily.com



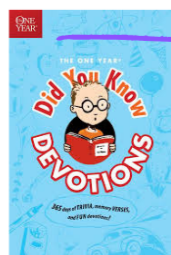
By far my favorite child's Bible. Even good devo for parents. Every story reflects back to Jesus



Pray together. In the morning, for meals and at night. Don't skip. Watch your child's heart be transformed.



YouVersion Bible app. Has devotions for you and your kids!



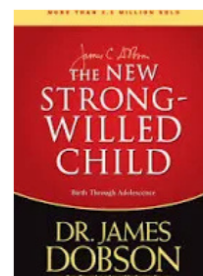
Great to read on the car ride to school. It provides your child with an interesting fact they can share with friends and all relates back to scripture!

plugged in
BY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Bark is a monthly subscription but allows your to monitor online activities and keep kids safer.

bark

Allows you to preview info about books and movies Even tells you good & bad, relates it to Bible





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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.**

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 Years Day -Office closed
- 8—Dinner 5:30 Bible Studies 6:30
- 10—Food pantry open 9-10:30 am
- 12—Ministry Leaders meeting 4 pm
- 14—Senior Singles Dinner
- 15—Dinner 5:30 Bible Studies 6:30
- 22—Dinner 5:30 Bible Studies 6:30
- 24—Chamber Chili Cookoff 11-2
- 24-25—"Burly" Men's Conf.
- 25—Ladies Craft Day 10-2
- 26—Family Sunday
- 29—Dinner 5:30 Bible Studies 6:30



- 1/5—Billy & Michelle
- 1/12—Ellen
- 1/19—Cody & Jill
- 1/26—Alan & Sharron

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER
COMMUNITY-WIDE CHILI COOK-OFF
SPONSORED BY WALMART

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 24, 2025**

GET YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION SIGNED UP
FOR THIS FUN COMMUNITY EVENT FOR A GOOD CAUSE!
\$25.00 PER CHILI ENTRY
TO REGISTER~EMAIL CHAMBER@NEWCASTLEOK.ORG
\$10 FOR TASTER SAMPLES & A SERVING
OF YOUR FAVORITE CHILI WITH ALL THE FIXINS',
DRINKS, & DESSERTS

PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS GOES TO OUR
FIRST RESPONDERS



Hosted by
Newcastle Christian Church
2200 N Main ~ 11-2 PM

JAN 2025 - Communion Thought

1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26	N/A
Rick DeWeese	Neil Newcomb	Gary Pitzer	David Martinez	

David Rodgers will be
representing NCC
with his Deer Chili.
Come join the fun and
vote for David (or ...
ok, your favorite chili),
and enjoy a great
lunch for \$10!!

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 on any of your devices. If you need help, just call the church office.

The Extra
Mile

Last Sunday of the month—watch for info

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Tues. 12/31-Wed. 1/1

Church Office opens Thursday, Jan. 2 in
the new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

