



Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter - JUNE 2025

LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
MAKE DISCIPLES



Newcastle
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

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

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Sunday, June 15, 9:30 am

Breakfast will be served to the dads and men of the church. (Sunday School is canceled). Bring your dads, granddads, sons, grandsons...you get the idea, and come enjoy a hearty breakfast, cooked and served by the ladies of NCC. There will be a drawing for a door prize, and a free gift for each guy in attendance. You are appreciated!

(Ladies, please sign up to help cook, serve, and clean up. Thanks!)

FAMILY SUNDAY



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



We will not have an "official" NCC presence, but we encourage you to go enjoy the festival and fireworks with your family and our Newcastle neighbors.

MENS MINISTRY

*Men and Boys
Striper Fishing*



June 27th and 28th

Sign-up closed, but those still interested can talk with Billy about getting on the waiting list. The fish that are caught will be cooked up for our Freedom Celebration & Fish Fry on June 29th!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

**FREEDOM CELEBRATION
AND FISH FRY**



Sun. June 29

5:30 pm

We'll fry up the fish that the guys catch on their fishing trip! Sign up in the Alcove to bring side dishes and desserts. Home made ice cream is always welcome!! In addition to the fish to fry, the church will provide drinks and table ware. Bring lawn chairs and yard games, and we'll have a great time together celebrating our country's birthday!

DINNER OUT— JUNE 10TH

VICTORIA'S @ 5:30 PM

Let's Go

Out to Eat!



How long, Lord?

Psalm 13:1 - How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

In college, I was in a traveling drama ministry. We were doing a play based on the missionaries that would eventually make the movie, *The End of the Spear*. We traveled two weekends a month for the year. It was a great experience.

We were in New London, Iowa and staying with someone that would later be a close friend. After playing pool until midnight, we went to our cars. Because we had to lock up the house, we had to turn off the porch light. When we did, I experienced the darkest dark. It was so dark, you could feel it. A darkness that feels like it wraps you up so tight you struggle to take a breath.

Has your soul ever been there? That place where you read the Bible, but see nothing. When your prayers don't seem to penetrate the ceiling. Even the moon and stars don't show. You pray and pray but see and hear nothing. Worse yet, the louder you scream, the less you hear from God. Everything inside you tightens as you look to the sky and beg, "Show yourself God!"

Nothing.

Is He gone? Taking a break? Has He "gone fishing?" That's what it seems. You give your life to Him and then He bails. Why? What did you do? Maybe your baptism didn't work. "Where are You, God? How long will You stay hidden? What happened to 'never forsaken'?"

Back to Iowa. Within less than 3 seconds, my friend found the porchlight switch. Light immediately flooded the darkness with light. We could see everything. The truck, the yard, even the basketball goal. To be honest, if it wasn't so intensely dark, we (as men) would've tried to scoot through the darkness. Really, we would've. But the dark was so immediate and intense, the first thing we did was find the light.

Maybe that's the point. The light was always there, but we didn't think we needed it. We had to see and feel a darkness that made us reach for it. The light. Light that was always there.

The darkness does not mean God is gone. In fact, He is never closer than when you are in the darkness. So why the darkness? To always point us to the Light. To look and search for it. So stop stumbling, trying to make it on your own. The Light is right there. Find it. Find Him.

From My Heart,

Billy



June 2025

Camp Sooner
2025

God is in the



When:

June 1st-6th
(High School)
June 15th-19th
(Middle School)

Themes:

Sunday: Color Wars (churches choose their own color to wear)
Monday: Patriotic
Tuesday: Twin Day
Wednesday: Barbecue Dad vs Soccer mom
Thursday: Garden Party Banquet

High School Camp:

June 1st-6th

Jr. High Camp:

June 15th-19th

Cost: \$250

Registration Open!!



Register Here

What are we Studying?

Sunday School: OT Stories
Wednesday Night: Canceled until August

Fathers day... A day where fathers are honored by their families. I think it would be neat to understand what a father is as it pertains to the scriptures. In Deuteronomy 6: 4-9,

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

I think there are three points to be understood in this text that are pivotal for fathers to live out if they want to see their children come to love the Lord.

Number 1) Love God. I know this sounds simple and easy but it is not. Saying the words, "I love God" doesn't mean anything if your actions are not proving it. Majority of people will claim to love God but how they speak, react and interact with people prove otherwise. Not only were the Israelites commanded to love God, they were commanded to love God with every aspect of their life. Do you love God with your heart, soul and strength? This command encompasses everything about you and your daily life, which leads us to the next point.

Number 2) Talk about God with your kids. There was a post recently on a social media site that makes sense of this point, it said, "If we don't teach our children who Jesus is, someone else will teach them everything he isn't." God is commanding the Israelite parents to be vocal about who God/Jesus is and be willing to speak about Him and what He's done while they are with you. I've had great talks with my children about God and relevant subjects while fishing, hunting, walking, driving and just sitting in the backyard eating a popsicle. These discussions didn't happen because I forced them, they happened because I fostered them. Fathers, you have a major role in this with your children. Whether you realize it or not your children will share the interest of their parents.

Number 3) Make sure your home is conducive for spiritual growth and discussion. It may seem kinda "weird" but God tells the Israelites to put the commands everywhere. Put them on your body or on the walls and doorways of the house or on the gates leading up to the house. Growing up in my house we had about 10 bibles verses taped to the wall. We had one by the front door, in the kitchen, the hallway light switch and other places, but the one that stuck out to me the most was the one by my dad's office phone. Honestly my mom was the spiritual teacher in the house, so seeing my dad put any effort at all into scripture made a significant impact. By His phone he had written "Proverbs 16:3, Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." The more visible scripture is, the more likely your children will respect and memorize.

Many people sit and wonder why their children or grandchildren struggle with God, Jesus, Church and things related. According to this text most people don't follow these steps. Most kids don't understand how to Love God because their parents never taught them. Most kids don't know how to communicate about God Because parents didn't do it and most of the time those parents had parents who didn't do it either.

The next generation of believers needs parents and mostly fathers who will lead and teach with Holy Spirit inspiration.

Lets do it together, David

CASTLE KIDS

June 2025

Huge thank you for your donations for Bibles 4 New Believers with our Extra Mile last month.

GOD IS SO GOOD!!

So far we have raised \$987 Enough to buy 141 Bibles for new believers around the world!!

MaLinda's Thoughts:

Summer is hard ministry wise. We have camps, trips and lose track of the days because we are enjoying the break. I get it, but I also know that every second we aren't teaching our kids about Jesus, the world is distracting them away from Him. So here is my challenge, keep Jesus the forefront of your summer. Here's some fun ideas and books to help you do so!

***Make a prayer board: Write prayer requests on cards and pray over them daily. Make a big deal when God answers a prayer!**

(We have a jar we are filling up with answered prayers. Everyone who comes to our house gets to see how faithful God has been!)

Read your kids the Bible every day. Start in John so they can know Jesus personally!

Pack some snacks or popsicles and sit under a tree and enjoy Jesus together!

Come to church.....Just come gather together and enjoy worship

Memorize Bible verses together. Make it a challenge and celebrate with a sticker chart or prize when verses are learned!



In This House We Will Giggle by Courtney DeFeo is a great way to work through scripture with fun activities and ideas!

The Disciple-Making Parent by Chap Bettis is a great read for parents to show the importance of raising kids to love Jesus



It's summer.....Lets take advantage of this time!!

Camp Sooner

**PRETEEN CAMP 3RD - 5TH GRADE
JUNE 8-11TH**

**ELEMENTARY CAMP 1ST - 3RD
GRADE
JUNE 12-13TH**

These are for the grades your child is going into!

Talk to MaLinda today to sign up

Upcoming Events

- Church camps at Camp Sooner
- Church Fish Fry & Freedom Party Sunday June 29th time TBS

You should know

In Sunday School we are learning about different animals God created and memorizing verses to go with them. Prizes will be awarded as students memorize verses! Come join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings, and pray for our kiddos as they put God's word on their hearts!



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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 JUNE

- 1-6—High School camp week
- 4—Bible Study 6:30pm
- 8-11—Preteen camp week
- 10—Dinner out at Victoria's 5:30pm
- 11—Bible Study 6:30pm
- 12-13—Elementary camp week
- 13—Food pantry 9-10:30 am
- 15—Father's Day breakfast 9:30 am
- 15-19—Middle School camp week
- 18—Bible Study 6:30pm
- 19—Red Hats
- 22—Family Sunday
- 25—Bible Study 6:30pm
- 27-28—Men's Fishing trip
- 29—Freedom Celebration & Fish Fry 5:30 pm



- 6/1—Billy & Michelle C
- 6/8—Ellen S
- 6/15—Cody & Jill L
- 6/22—Ron & Jan Y
- 6/29—Billy & Michelle C

BABY SHOWER

oh BOY

Please join us for a baby shower honoring
parents-to-be
Madison and Greg Parham
SATURDAY JUNE 21 1PM
205 NE 10th St, Blanchard, OK 73010
Registered on Babylist
RSVP to Makayla: 405.226.8135

JUNE 2025 - Communion Thought

6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Ed Harris	Neil Newcomb	Mike Aston	David Martinez	Ed Harris

2025 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

CAMP	DATES	CAMPER	SPONSOR
Elementary Camp (1st-3rd Gr)	June 12-13	\$ 100*	\$ 50
PreTeen (4th-5th Grade)	June 8-11	\$ 200*	\$ 100
Junior High (6th-8th Grade)	June 15-19	\$ 250*	\$ 125
High School Camp (9th-12th Gr)	June 1-6	\$ 250*	\$ 125

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

Register at campsooner.com
*Church pays 1/3 of members' fees.

