

As a Christ-birtherd faith community,
NewSong's spiritual **HEART** is to ...



... invite all who would like to join us on a *spiritual journey North* together with Jesus! Multiple references in scripture to "*North*" imply our traveling / walking / living toward the direction of the one true God, our loving Creator God! "*Journeying North*" means that as God's people, we are to be journeying together with one another up the holy Mountain of God—growing in our faith / trust in the Lord and drawing ever closer to Him & one another with each new day! We gladly welcome YOU to join us on this blessed *journey North*!

First Time Guests to our *Encounter Worship Services*:

We invite you to worship with us as the Praise Team leads us in praise & the Holy Spirit speaks to us through a timely, Biblical message. Please fill out the Connect Card located in your worship folder and bring it to the back table (closest to the fire extinguisher) after the service for a gift as a "Thank You!" for being our honored guest!

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Please eMail us (Newsonglenoir@gmail.com) or text Diane Reid at 828-514-4072 for additional information and/or prayer needs.

We pray you have a blessed week journeying North with Jesus!



Welcome to



*"He has given me a **New Song** to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."* Psalm 40:3 ^{NLT}



Let us each prepare our hearts to enter into this sacred time of corporate worship together with great expectancy and in full obedience to His Spirit's leading!

Sunday Morning Encounter Worship
December 24TH, 2023

- ◆ **Worship:** Our weekly **Sunday Morning Worship begins @ 10am**. Our 'renown' **Hebrews Café opens @ 9:15am & begins closing @ 9:55am**. A pre-worship countdown & video begins around ~9:50am. **Worship Team meets @ 9:25am for our Devotion & Prayer Time!**
- ◆ **Children's Ministry:** Children's ministry available **TODAY during** the message time!
- ◆ **Student Ministry [Grades 6-12]:** *Continue praying* for the ELT approved & posted **Part-time Student & Children's position** for NewSong Church! 
- ◆ **Praise Team (P/T):** Meets **Tuesdays @ 5:30pm & Sundays @ 8:30am**. Please see our P/T Leader, Brad Cook for more information on how **YOU** can serve too!
- ◆ **LIFE Groups:** Our **S.W.I.M. Life Group** (LG) meets @ **6:30pm** each Thursday. For more details, please see Mrs. Donna Hartley. Our 2nd LIFE Group Bible Study - "**Book of John – Verse By Verse Study**" meets on Wednesdays @ 5:30pm-7pm. Please see  Brad Cook for any questions on this Life Group Bible Study. Thank you all for our expanding Life Groups & for each of the participants to grow deeper in Christ Jesus! Let's aim to be a "**Second Mile Church**" for Christ ...G³! ☺
- ◆ **Cleaning Team:** Thanks to all of our **FY 2023 Cleaning Team** for doing a great job! Let's all help out by keeping our church campus clean each week & cleaning up following our worship services & meetings! (**Colossians 3:23-24**) 
- ◆ **ELT's Quarterly Meeting:** Our next qtrly **ELT ZOOM mtg will be in Jan. 2024**.
- ◆ **Room at the Table [R@TT]:** This is such a wonderful multi-church outreach ministry to local families facing great needs in their life journey. See Brad Cook if you feel the Lord leading you to help serve each 5th Saturday—our last date: **Saturday, DECEMBER 30th!**
- ◆ **VENMO:** NewSong uses the **VENMO** app for our platform for **electronic giving** to support the missions & ministries. Simply download the app from **Venmo.com**, set up your account, make your settings **private** & then choose "**NewSong-Lenoir**" to give! Thanks to all who so faithfully share & invest in the Kingdom work of NewSong Church! 

Upcoming Ministry Events & Intercessory Prayer Targets

- ◆ **Outreach Ministry**—Our **next Outreach Team planning meeting** will be on **Tuesday evening, Jan. 9th @ 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Welcome Team Ministry (WTM)** — There will be a **meeting on Dec. 31**, after the worship service. If you'd like to serve with WTM, please see Team Leader **LeAnne Cook!** Thank everyone who serves & shares friendly smiles!
- ◆ **Radiant Women's Ministry** — Our next meeting is **Jan. 16th at 6:30pm**. Come join us in this growing, vibrant ministry. Invite a friend, bring a friend & let's grow together in Him! Please be praying for our ministry leaders— Carol Shore & Traci Haltom! ☺ 
- ◆ **Warriors for Christ Men's Ministry** — Our next **Breakfast / Bible Study** for our Kingdom Warriors will be on **Sat. Jan. 20 at 8:30am**. We will begin a new Bible Study on "**Elders & His Church**" in January 2024. 
- ◆ **Children's Ministry Meeting** — Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 @ 6:30p.m.** Hope to see everyone there!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Welcome to **NewSong Church's Encounter Worship** and the **fourth / final Sunday of Advent** for 2023! We are so thankful that you have chosen to join us today and we pray that God blesses you in a most personal, life-changing way as together we lift our praises to Him, receive a timely message from the Lord which is solidly anchored deep in His Holy Word and planted into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit! ... G3!



Today we conclude our mini-message series with Pt 3 of "**HOPING for a CHRISTmas Miracle.**" In Pt 2 last Sunday, we continued examining the Biblical elements of **HOPE** demonstrated through a senior man named Simeon whose life witness testified to his **anchor-like faith** (Hebrews 6:19), reflecting a faithfulness to "**watching and praying**" in a spirit of true **HOPE** for the first Advent (first coming) of the Messiah – Jesus. Simeon saw that promise of God be fulfilled as stood there in the temple, holding baby Jesus in his arms ... G3! Today we will continue our Biblical study of the elements of true **HOPE** by closely examining the second person in this scripture text, Anna, a faithful prophetess who, like Simeon, held firmly to that same **HOPE** which was grounded in the divine promises of God given to His people through His Word and His prophets. It is that same Biblical **HOPE** which Simeon and Anna so wonderfully demonstrated which anchors our faith & trust in God today!

So let's open our hearts today to listen to His Holy Spirit speak to us through the ministry of the lyrics of our praise songs, through our prayers together, through Christ-centered media, through a Biblically-based message and in every moment shared together during today's Encounter Worship! ...Selah!

Thank you so very much for journeying North together! I pray that our worship experience together will be spiritually transformative and life-changing with true **CHRISTmas HOPE** filling each of our hearts and lives! Praying you each have a most blessed **CHRISTmas** tomorrow with His blessings that overflow into your every tomorrow! ... Coram Deo to each of us!

~ Pastor David & Traci Haltom, Aaron [Jeremiah 29:11-13]

**Merry Christmas with
fervent prayers for a blessed,
healthy journey North
through the 2024 New Year!**

**In Much Gratitude and
Christian Love,
Pastor David & Traci Haltom, Aaron
Jeremiah 3:15, 29:11-13**

**"Thanks be to God for His
incredible GIFT!" 2 Corinthians 9:15**



*faith and
finances*

Sunday: Dec 17th 2023 Offering: \$1,442.00 First Fruits Giving!
[\$2,550.00—Weekly Goal] **Last Sunday's Attendance: 59**
Faith Building Fund Offering (new): \$100 Balance: \$19,024.00

Please make **GIVING** a **Special Prayer Target** each week for NewSong Church with **EVERYTHING** you own; give Him the **FIRST** the **BEST**!"