

As a Christ-birthed 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 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



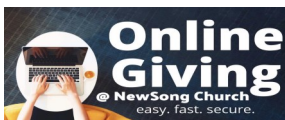
*"He has given me a **NewSong** to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."* Psalm 40:3 ^{NLT}



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
February 19th, 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 will be meeting twice a month in FY 2023—the first Thursday for a meal fellowship & the last Thursday for Bible Study. For more details, please see Mrs. Donna Hartley. Planning for a second LIFE Group is underway and will be hosted at the Cook's home. Details coming next week! Thank you for praying for this vital area of ministry that will help us all to grow even deeper in our spiritual journey North with Christ Jesus! ... Selah! ☺ 
- ♦ **Cleaning Team:** Thankful for all who serve on our **Cleaning Team** for the **2023 ministry season**. Let us all help them by each of us doing our part in helping to keep our church campus extra clean each week! ... **G³!** (Colossians 3:23-24) 
- ♦ **ELT's Quarterly Meeting:** Our next **ELT ZOOM meeting will be announced**.
- ♦ **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 next date to serve: **Saturday, April 29th**
- ♦ **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!



Upcoming Ministry Events & Intercessory Prayer Targets

- ♦ **Outreach Ministry—Our next Outreach meeting will be on Tuesday evening, March 14th @ 6:15pm! C u there!**
- ♦ **Welcome Team Ministry (WTM)** — If you would like to serve with WTM, please see Team Leader **LeAnne Cook**! Thank everyone who serves & shares free, friendly smiles!
- ♦ **Radiant Women's Ministry** — Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 21st @ 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 co-leaders for Radiant - Traci Haltom & Carol Shore! ☺ 
- ♦ **Warriors for Christ Men's Ministry** — Join us @ our next **Breakfast / Bible Study** for our Kingdom Warriors on **Saturday, March 18th @ our NewSong Campus from 8:30am to ~10am**. Invite a friend & share in this timely Bible Study fellowship for helping grow men into godly, valiant Warriors for their families, for our church and for the community where we live & serve ...Coram Deo! 
- ♦ **Prayer request** — Please be praying for NewSong as we continue to ascend higher up the Mountain of God on our journey North! Pray for growing opportunities & ministry needs on our journey together such as our Student Ministry Leader search, our new mission base/home search and His anointing upon each ministry we undertake!☺... **G³!**



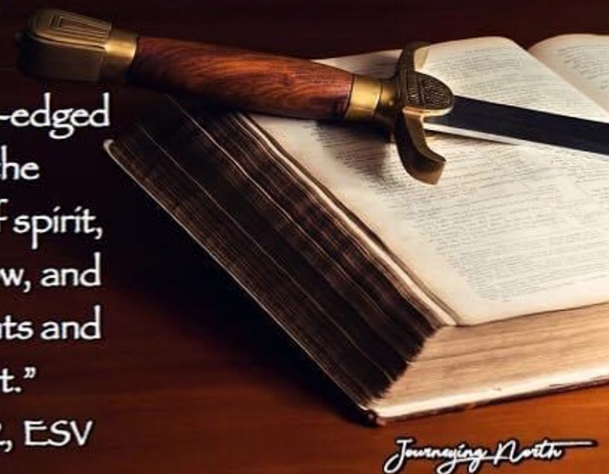
"... Got your Sword of the Spirit unsheathed?"

Today marks the fifteenth installment in this Spirit-led message series on *Spiritual Warfare* entitled, "**Are You Truly Battle Ready?**" This morning we conclude our study on the sixth piece of God's armor—the **Sword of the Spirit** (i.e. the **Word of God**). The psalmist penned in **Psalms 119:11^{Amplified}**, "**Your Word I have treasured and stored in my heart, that I may not sin against You.**" It would seem with all the 'storage wars' occurring across our nation these days because of Americans love of collecting and storing more & more stuff, that we should have a hunger for storing up God's Word in our hearts too, right? Wrong! A recent 2021 survey found that although 85% of Americans own a Bible with the average household having 4.3 Bibles, only ~11% ever read their Bible on a daily basis. Sadly, not a lot of "*storing up of the treasured words from God*" seen in that statistic. With the lack of Bible reading and storing up of God's Word in many folks' hearts today, is it any wonder that sin is abounding to all-time levels in today's culture? This affirms that many today are walking (living) out their lives on life's battlefields without putting on God's full armor, and a growing number have no Sword of the Spirit in their spiritual sheath (i.e. weaponless)! Today, let's allow God to sharpen each of our swords on the spiritual Rock of Christ by digging ever-deeper into His divine Words of Truth so that we might learn to more effectively engage and achieve victory over Satan and his demonic henchmen in the intense warfare being waged around us, across our nation and throughout the world today! Though the prophetic days in which we are living seem to be ever-darkening, we can rest assured that the light of Christ's dawning draws ever closer! \o/ ...**G³!** *Pastor David*



"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged SWORD, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12, ESV



faith and finances

Sunday: Feb 12th, 2023 Offering: \$ 2,809.00 \o/ FirstFruit Giving!
[\$2,550.00—Weekly Goal] **Last Sunday's Attendance: 42**
Faith Building Fund Offering (new): n/a Balance: \$15,094.00
Please make **GIVING** a **special prayer target** each week for NewSong Church!
"HONOR God with EVERYTHING you own; give Him the FIRST the BEST"