

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



**TRUE  
NORTH**

... 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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*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 <sup>NLT</sup>



*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  
March 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

- ◆ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ... **G<sup>3</sup>!** ☺
- ◆ **Cleaning Team:** Thanks to those serving on our **FY 2024 Cleaning Team!** 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 is TBD (will re-schedule)**
- ◆ **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 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday—our next date: **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**
- ◆ **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 **April 9 @ 6:15 pm**
- ◆ **Welcome Team Ministry (WTM)** - WTM is looking for a new Team Leader, please see Pastor David if so led. Thank everyone who serves & shares friendly smiles!
- ◆ **Radiant Women's Ministry** — Our next meeting is **Mar.19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Come join us in this growing, vibrant ministry. Invite a friend, bring a friend & let's grow together in Him. 
- ◆ **Warriors for Christ Men's Ministry** — Our next **Breakfast / Bible Study** for our Kingdom Warriors will be on **Sat. Apr.20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. Our Bible Study will be on (Pt 2B of) "**Elders & His Church**"

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & Bible Study**

- ◆ **"Adventure Kids" Children's Meeting** — Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30p.m.** Hope to see everyone there at this vital meeting!

**Prayer Target: Cook family**  
Please enjoin hearts together as we pray & support their missionary calling to Belize!  
(Acts 1:8, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:19-20)



Welcome to **NewSong Church's Encounter Worship** and our faith journey through 2024! We are so very 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 and receive a timely message from the Lord which is anchored deep in His Holy Word and available to be planted into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit! ... **G<sup>3</sup>!**



Today we are continuing our powerful message series, "**Burning the Ships**," with the second installment on the fourth and final ship of this message series - the "**Ship of DISTRACTION!**" **"DISTRACTION** is based / anchored deeply in **DECEPTION!** **DECEPTION** is fed by the many lies of our spiritual archenemy, Satan [**John 8:44<sup>NLT</sup>**] who has "**no truth in him ... for he is a liar and the father of lies.**" One of the enemy's most effective weapons in his tactical warfare with us today is fiery darts (arrows; **Ephesians 6:16**) with many today having a sharpened tip of **DISTRACTION** which is aimed directly at diverting our focus / attention **AWAY** from God (i.e. our **MOST** important priority) and **TOWARD** anything or anyone else (i.e. that which is of **LESSER** importance than God)! Our **DISTRACTION** thus clearly reveals what we genuinely **LOVE** and what we truly **VALUE** most in our lives (**1 John 3:18**) ... that fact / truth can never be hidden from God! **Galatians 6:7<sup>Living</sup>** reminds us that we "**can't [ever] ignore God and get away with it ... we reap consequences for what we sow (i.e. for our choices / decisions)!**" The lie of **DISTRACTION** slyly whispers to us that everything is fine ... that God understands our "**busyness**" and "**good intentions**" when we say that we want to spend more time with Him while our actions / choices clearly show that our priorities lie upon many things except **HIM** and **HIS KINGDOM!** Every moment we allow ourselves to be **DISTRACTED** is a moment forever lost when we could be getting to know God more and being transformed more into His likeness! In earnestness, we must ask where our life focus truly is at today? We need to **RENEW** our **FOCUS** upon **JESUS** and the things that matter **MOST** [**Hebrews 12:1-2**!] Only then can we effectively set ablaze this powerful and most dangerous last ship that we will be studying – the **Ship of DISTRACTION!** May we at NewSong – as His people / His Church – obediently seek to become the Kingdom people who **BELIEVE** His **PROMISES** and **freely choose daily to sail** with **Christ** at the **helm of our hearts** upon the **SEA of FAITH!**

~ Pastor David & Traci Haltom, Aaron [**Jeremiah 29:11-13; Isaiah 43:18-19**]

Divine Wisdom to guard against  
the power of **DISTRACTION**...



"Keep vigilant watch over your heart;  
that's where life starts ...

Keep your eyes straight ahead;  
ignore all sideshow **distractions**."

Proverbs 4:25, 27 <sup>TM</sup>

faith and  
finances

Sunday: MAR 10<sup>TH</sup> 2024 Offering: **\$2,276.00** First Fruits Giving! **G<sup>3</sup>!**  
[\$2,550.00—Weekly Goal] Last Sunday's Attendance: **53** (with #2 online)  
Faith Building Fund Offering (new): **\$300** Balance: **\$19,924.00**

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