

As a Christ-birther faith community,

NewSong's spiritual HEART is to ...



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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!

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




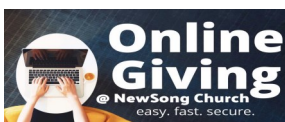
*"He has given me a **NewSong** to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."* Psalm 40:3 ^{NLT}



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!

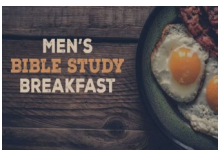
Sunday Morning Encounter Worship
April 30th, 2023

- ♦ **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) will meet @ **6:30pm** on Thursday, **MAY 11th**. For more details, please see Mrs. Donna Hartley. Our 2nd LIFE Group—a **12-week study** on "**Killing Kryptonite**" continues @ the Cook's home [Wednesdays @ 5:30pm - 7pm]. POC for this LG Study is Brad Cook. Thank you all for praying for this important area of ministry that will help us all to spiritually grow even deeper in our spiritual journey North with Christ! ...G³! ☺ 
- ♦ **Cleaning Team:** Our **Cleaning Team** for the **2023 ministry season** has asked for some extra help with Stu's limitation post his surgery. Let's all help out by keeping our church campus clean each week! ... G³! (Colossians 3:23-24) 
- ♦ **ELT's Quarterly Meeting:** Our next quarterly **ELT ZOOM mtg is in May**.
- ♦ **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, JULY 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!

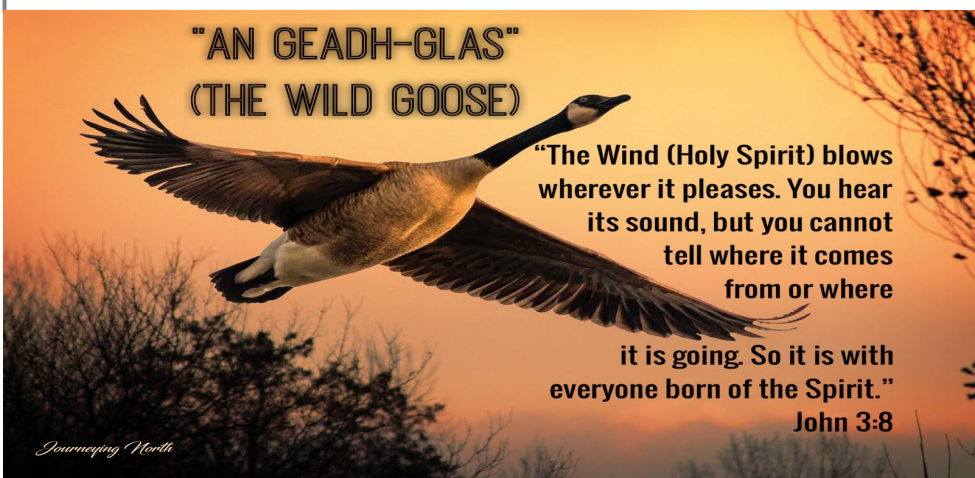
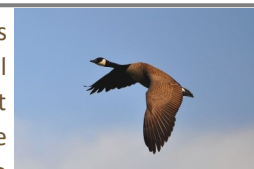


Upcoming Ministry Events & Intercessory Prayer Targets

- ♦ **Outreach Ministry—Our next Outreach meeting will be on Wed. evening, May 9th @ 6:15pm! [Date Change]**
- ♦ **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, May 16th @ 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, May 20th @ 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 Points** — 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!



"Embracing the true Wild Goose Chase!" (John 3:8) Today marks a very special beginning of a new sermon series that will entail studying the Holy Spirit and His invitation for us to be on a great adventure of faith together with Him! As I will be sharing in the message today, the early Celtic Christians used symbols to identify various elements of the Christian faith. For the Holy Spirit, they chose the symbol of the **"Wild Goose"** because the Holy Spirit, like a *Wild Goose*, could not be tamed, domesticated and/or controlled. A *Wild Goose* has a clear *air of mystery and unpredictability* about Himself. The holy scriptures affirm this in the writings of the Apostle John. *"The Wind (Holy Spirit) blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* (John 3:8) There is a divine realm of **FREEDOM** that the Holy Spirit operates in that, as this scripture declares, genuine believers are to operate in as well. For many Christians, this realm can be frightening because we like to be in control. Following His Spirit, the Wild Goose, is about **OUR** being **OUT** of **OUR CONTROL** and being fully **UNDER HIS CONTROL**! That's where we begin to experience true freedom. However, many are often bound / imprisoned in one (or more) of six common cages that hold us back and inhibit us from *tasting the true freedom of the Holy Spirit (John 8:31-32)* that only comes when we are following the Holy Spirit (i.e. Chasing the Wild Goose as the Celtic Christians would say). These six life-restricting cages which we will be studying in depth during this sermon series will include: the **Cage of Responsibility**, the **Cage of Routine**, the **Cage of Assumptions**, the **Cage of Guilt**, the **Cage of Failure** and the **Cage of Fear**! So get ready to journey in a new adventure that will assuredly challenge you, convict you and invite you to experience a *more deeper, more adventurous life journey* with the Holy Spirit than before ... that is His prayer and mine as well. Love you and appreciate you—thanks for your continued prayers! ...Selah! - *Pastor David, Jeremiah 3:15*



faith and finances

Sunday: Apr 23rd, 2023 Offering: \$2,277.00 \o/ FirstFruits Giving!
[\$2,550.00—Weekly Goal] Last Sunday's Attendance: 56
Faith Building Fund Offering (new): \$130.00 Balance: \$16,224.00
 Please make **GIVING** a **special prayer target** each week for NewSong Church!