



Newbegun United Methodist Church
Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People
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August 2020



As we get into the month of August I cannot help but be reminded of the man, Augustine. Though this month was not named after him, it is important to be reminded about the wisdom that came from men and women like him. Saint Augustine was a citizen of the Roman Empire from 354 - 430 AD and today is well regarded as one of the most influential theologians in Christian history. Augustine had helped explain the importance of baptism, reaffirm the concept of the Trinitarian God and argued against many who would try to delegitimize the Christian faith or introduce concepts that were against orthodox doctrine.

However, though we know him to be a great theologian and a great champion of divine wisdom, he did not start out that way. In fact in his youth while he was studying in Carthage, he actually led a hedonistic life, seeking the approval of his fellow students. During this time, Augustine was not concerned with wisdom or even concerned about understanding any kind of divine truth. It was the world that mattered then, it was seeking pleasure and earthly acceptance that consumed his mind.

It wasn't until he read Hortensius (a lost manuscript written by a colleague of his) that caused him to rethink his life and instead seek out wisdom and truth. Eventually, it was this thirst of truth and wisdom that led Augustine to Christ. Truth and Wisdom are an integral part of the Christian faith. God himself does not call us to faith simply by trusting, but also by accepting the word, truth, and wisdom of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As it is said in Proverbs 2:3-5: "If you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." Augustine finally found truth and wisdom when he fervently sought out truth. When he looked for the source of wisdom, he ultimately found his way to Christ.

For the month of August, take time to learn from Saint Augustine, seek truth and wisdom, seek to change your life and make you quest for God your priority in life. For when you do, not only will you find truth and wisdom, but you will also find God.



As we keep our 6 feet social distancing, we won't be able to gather in places that squeeze us together. As you know, worship services are on hold until further notice. We therefore have to find ways to keep our financial capabilities going. There are many ways to make contributions in this modern age of email, e-finance, credit, and debit cards. For our little congregation we will keep it nice and simple. Please send your offerings through the mail.

You June use any one of the following addresses:

Newbegun United Methodist Church, 2119 Nixonton Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909

or

Roy Daniels, 1257 Toxey Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909

August Birthdays ...

2 Susan Meckert	11 Mike Donohue	25 Delia Houtz
4 Grey Cornwell	14 Louise Wilson	26 William Wane Wilson
Glenn White	17 Ann Halbert	31 Lina Bateman
7 Patricia Markham	Chris Ballo	Carol Donohue
8 John R. Wilson III	18 Brenda Markham	
Casey Estler	24 Misty Williams	

And Anniversaries...

1 David & Kathy Parks
8 Clinton & Janet Saunders
11 Lina & Duane Bateman
18 Mark and Stacy Small



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update - 2020

2020 Budget	\$97,765	100%
Needed Weekly	\$1,880	1.9%
5/24/20 needed (30 Sundays)	\$56,400	58%
7/26/20 Collected	\$42,583	40%
Behind Budget	\$13,817	14%

NOISY COIN HAS COLLECTED \$434.00 THROUGH May 24, 2020

Serving Sundays in August:

Acolytes

August 2	TBS
August 9	TBS
August 16	TBS
August 23	TBS
August 30	TBS

Greeters and Ushers

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Readers

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Flowers

August 2
August 9
August 16
August 23
August 30

Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood
Trustee for August: Bill and Sue Kruse

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Fannie Cowell

Family and friends at home:

Cheyenne Darling

Members and friends in nursing homes:

Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City

Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina

Faye Moore – Elizabeth City Rehab



- Newbegun church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship



Thank you letters from Ruth Jennings, Mary T. Markham, and Ruth Wells.

It is in sad and heartbreaking moments that the church is needed most of all. Ruth Jennings, Mary Markham, and Ruth Wells have all lost a family member and were and still are in need of support and love. Our church has stepped up and called each of them and gave them flowers to show our support. Each of them have sent thank you cards expressing their appreciation for our love and support. What makes us a church is not just a building

and a service, but also the actions and attention we give to our brothers and sisters.

God bless you, and thank you all for your continued love and support for Ruth Jennings, Mary T. Markham, and Ruth Wells.

Our sincerest condolences to MARY T. MARKHAM AND RUTH JENNINGS on the death of their loved ones.

Mary T. Markham lost her son, Tomas Markham, who passed away June 29th 2020, age 66, at Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton NC.

Ruth Jennings lost her sister, Vera Louise Harrell, who passed on June 29th 2020, age 71.

Let us be sure that we as a church continue to pray for Mary T. Markham and Ruth Jennings as they go through this difficult time.

AND THE SIGN SAID:

Never let success get to your head,
Never let failure get to your heart.

YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

Three verses a day keeps the blues away.

August 2020

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	1 Cor. 16	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3
2	2 Cor. 1:1-2:4	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1
3	2 Cor. 2:5-3:18	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15
4	2 Cor. 4:1-5:10	2 Kings 17	Micah 6
5	2 Cor. 5:11-6:13	2 Kings 18	Micah 7
6	2 Cor. 6:14-7:16	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1
7	2 Cor. 8	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2
8	2 Cor. 9	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3
9	2 Cor. 10	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1
10	2 Cor. 11	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2
11	2 Cor. 12	1 Chron. 1-2	Habakkuk 3
12	2 Cor. 13	1 Chron. 3-4	Zephaniah 1
13	John 1:1-18	1 Chron. 5-6	Zephaniah 2
14	John 1:19-34	1 Chron. 7-8	Zephaniah 3
15	John 1:35-51	1 Chron. 9	Haggai 1-2
16	John 2	1 Chron. 10-11	Zechariah 1
17	John 3:1-21	1 Chron. 12	Zechariah 2
18	John 3:22-36	1 Chron. 13-14	Zechariah 3
19	John 4:1-26	1 Chron. 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4
20	John 4:27-42	1 Chron. 16:7-43	Zechariah 5
21	John 4:43-54	1 Chron. 17	Zechariah 6
22	John 5:1-18	1 Chron. 18-19	Zechariah 7
23	John 5:19-47	1 Chron. 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8
24	John 6:1-21	1 Chron. 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9
25	John 6:22-59	1 Chron. 24	Zechariah 10
26	John 6:60-71	1 Chron. 25-26	Zechariah 11
27	John 7:1-24	1 Chron. 27-28	Zechariah 12
28	John 7:25-52	1 Chron. 29	Zechariah 13
29	John 8:1-20	2 Chron. 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14
30	John 8:21-47	2 Chron. 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9
31	John 8:48-59	2 Chron. 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16

THE COLLECTION BOX in the foyer will be for TOILETRIES for the food pantry clients. We will collect soaps, shampoos, conditioners, paper products and any other related products. The Mission Committee thanks you.

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service (?)

August 9 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service (?)

August 11 – 7:00 pm – Call Meeting at the Church

August 16 – 11:00 am – Worship Service (?)

August 20 – Food Pantry

August 23 – 11:00 am – Worship Service (?)

August 30 – 11:00 am – Worship Service (?)

“Whole lotta Love”

In recent years Ginger, Roger, and myself talked and shared music. Discussions were about artists, music, songs, and lyrics – they varied in types of music, styles, instruments, and their impact on others.

A rock group came out of England in 1968 by the name of the Led Zeppelin – “Whole Lotta Love” was their first hit song and was released in 1969 – I was not a big fan of this group, but they did okay without me. An example of their impact recently came to my attention. In 2017, this aging group agreed to do their first concert in several years at a stadium in England – the stadium capacity was 20,000. It was decided to sell 20,000 tickets through a worldwide lottery system. Over 20 million people applied for those 20,000 tickets – to say that is a whole lotta love is a vast understatement. That’s a pretty good fan base for some old guys 50 years later.

Regardless of that group or early hit songs, the title of that song has universal appeal and importance. God’s love for us and His son, as well as Jesus’ love for his disciples, followers, and us has and has had, for centuries, that same type of universal impact and reach.

As we look at our church, Newbegun UMC generates a whole lotta love. We share this with each other and those beyond our congregation through our food pantry and numerous missions – we assist those in need in our community and beyond. Since the beginning of time a whole lotta love has been a corner stone of humanity. It is engrained in most of us and for many it is part of our DNA. In hind sight, our love offering presented to Pastor Roger contained a “whole lotta love.” (Better late than never, Roger, enjoy and thanks.)

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,
Roy Daniels

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET

As a church we were grateful that Roger retired 1½ years ago and were still able to retain him at part-time salary. For a small church we enjoyed the finance benefits of those months. With Casey here as a full-time pastor, his salary package was approved 2 months ago at a call charge conference led by DS Gill Wise. At our recent administrative council meeting on July 14th we adjusted and approved our budget for the second half of 2020. Our operation budget for July – December is \$60,557. (This is one half of what an annual budget with a full-time pastor would be).

I have taken this amount and one-half of the last year's budget (for the first half of 2020) for the full year amount of \$97,765. This immediately changes our needed weekly amount and puts us now behind budget. I know this sound confusing, but this is our situation when changing pastors mid-year with such a gap in their salaries. Although we are now behind budget, our assets in our working funds remain solid.

Thanks to all,
Roy Daniels, Finance Chair

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