



**Newbegun United Methodist Church**  
**Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People**  
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February 2023



## Thinking of the Journey

As I prepare to return to Texas to serve my new church in Beaumont in the area of Port Neches, I found myself being a bit reflective about my time here in North Carolina. I have been a professional pastor now for about 5 years, serving to placements, the first being at 3 point charge in Gates County, and then serving Newbegun UMC here in Weeksville. There was a lot to learn in my relatively short period of time. There were tragedies, sicknesses, political tension, and dealing with COVID – 19, the lock downs, and the aftermath of it all. It has been a whirlwind learning and experiencing so much. It can be easy for someone to focus on the hard part of these last five years, however, I instead see just how amazing these years have been.

In both the North Gates Charge and in Newbegun, not matter how difficult things were, there was always this strength and dedication that came from both of these communities. If I felt overwhelmed, members in these two communities would step in without question and lend a hand. As if that was not enough, I was blessed to see the passion for God and community that never stopped even in the hardest of times. If I was alone in my pastoral journey here in NC, I would never have lasted long as a pastor.

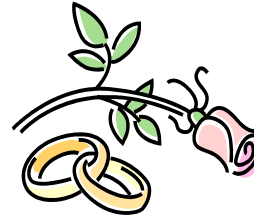
Being in North Carolina has been the best experience I have had in my life so far. I have learned so much being with you all and most of all I have been so blessed to experience such strong and dedicated communities and witness people who are so tenacious and passionate. You all have given me a lot of support for my decision to go back to Texas, but I hope you all know, though I do think that this is the best decision, I will never forget the lessons each of you have given me. I will not forget you all and will thank God every day for giving me the chance to serve all of you.



## February Birthdays ...

1 Dan Garrenton	13 Donna Caras	22 Nicholas Overman
6 Lee Forsblom	15 Amanda Garrenton	
7 Sue Kruse	17 Mark Small	

## And Anniversaries...



Stewardship  
Report



## Financial Update – January 2023

2023 Budget	\$113,413	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,181	1.9%
1/22/23 needed (4 Weeks)	\$8,724	8%
1/22/23 Collected	\$6,930	6%
Behind Budget	\$1,794	2%

### Serving Sundays in February 2023:

#### Readers

February 5 – Bill Kruse  
 February 12  
 February 19  
 February 26

#### Flowers

February 5 – Bill and Sue Kruse  
 February 12 –  
 February 19 – Carolyn Anderson  
 February 26 –

**Sound System Ministry:** Eric Slutz  
**Trustee for January:** Lee Forsblom

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Members at home:

Beverly Trotman  
Mary Evelyn Markham  
Phillis Harris  
Ann Halbert  
Lisa Yaffi  
Sue Meckert

### Family and friends at home:

John Spencer

### Members and friends in nursing homes:

Bobby Markham



- 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



<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4956493.52093>

As of November 20 ,2020 we have an online account with RADA Cutlery for ordering. Did you know that RADA sells more than cutlery? They also have gift sets, recipe books, baking pans and other assorted kitchen items. Just click on the website above to see the full line of products and to order.

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### AND THE SIGN SAID:

I hate to think what would happen  
if God were to take a vacation!

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# 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.**

**February 2023**

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalms 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalms 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalms 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalms 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalms 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalms 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalms 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalms 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalms 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalms 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18

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.

## **February 2023 CALENDAR**

February 5 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

February 9 – 9:30 am –Food Bank Ministry

February 12 – 11:00 – Sunday Service

February 19 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

February 26 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

### “The Changing of the Guard”

When Pastor Casey recently announced that he would be leaving Newbegun UMC and return to Texas, our emotions were numerous and varied. We respect his decision and thank him for his service to our church and community. We wish him well at his new church in Beaumont, Texas and know that his family will be glad to have him closer to them.

As I thought about changes for him, I thought about the changes for us. As our local spiritual leader will now change comparisons with the above title came to mind. Most of us are familiar with the changing of the guard at various locations. Primarily they occur at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia and at Buckingham Palace in London, England. These are the serious military obligations for those on duty and are observed by thousands of visitors every year.

Changing of the guard is observed worldwide in countries such as Canada, England, Greece, Monaco, Peru, Sweden, the United States, and many others. It is primarily a symbol of protection of residences for kings and queens, government, buildings, military garrisons or symbols, and sacred grounds and locations.

It can also be referred to changes in positions of administration and leadership. This can refer to kings and queens, presidents, governors, mayors, and a variety of government to ordinary people like us. This can include generational changes as someone 110 years old to that newborn baby. There is even a song by Bob Dylan titled “Changing of the Guard.”

As our family has attended Newbegun for about 35 years, we have had our own changing of the guard with 7-8 different pastors to lead us. As we go through these next changes in the coming weeks, let us move forward. We can celebrate our past yet remain optimistic about our future. However, with our God, Lord, and Savior, We do not want any changing of the guard.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,  
Roy Daniels

# Inspirational Quotes

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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