



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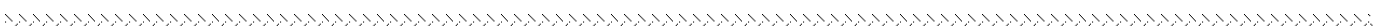


The Freedom in Truth

We all know the quote, “You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” But we can forget that there was a condition to this freedom. Jesus said this only is available to those who “continue in My Word,” to those who are “truly disciples of Mine” (John 8:31-32). The Old Testament stresses this same principle. We read how the Psalmist could walk in freedom because he had “devoted myself to your commandments,” basing his life on God’s Word.

We all seek freedom from our troubles and anything that would oppress us. Many times that tends to translate to moments seeking wealth and fame, or comfort and escapism. These things seem to give us freedom in the moment only because of the more immediate feeling or surface level benefit or success. But When Jesus said that the truth will set you free, he was not saying that we will simply be able to go our won way and do what we want independent of God. Instead, Jesus is pointing out that true freedom is not in the search of a anarchic life seeking personal desires, but instead one that seeks out the love, guidance, and wisdom of God. To seek your own wisdom and guidance is an act of enslaving yourself to not only your desires but also to a world that inevitably leads to destruction.

For many, devoting yourself to God may seem like a paradox when it comes to seeking freedom. However, we are already slaves due to our nature and decisions. Though we may not entirely understand where our sins will take us, Jesus lets us know that our current slavery will only lead to destruction. By changing our ways and seeking a different path away from sin is the only way we can be free. Jesus is the only way we can be made free. By embracing the truth of Jesus, we are finally released of our punishment, but also free to be who we really are.

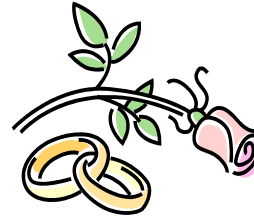


May Birthdays ...

1 Clinton Saunders	11 Cora Lee Barefield	22 Deb Willadson
11 Jennifer Parks	16 Jessica Ward	28 Bill Trueblood

And Anniversaries...

May 28 – Wendy and Elvin Small



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update – May 2022

2022 Budget	\$113,381	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,180	1.9%
4/27/22 needed (17 Weeks)	\$37,060	33%
4/27/22 Collected	\$26,697	24%
Behind Budget	\$10,363	9%

Serving Sundays in May 2022:

Readers

May 1 –
May 8 –
May 15 –
May 22 –
May 29 –

Flowers

May 1 – Stacey Small
May 8 – Garrenton Family
May 15 – Carolyn Anderson
May 22 –
May 29 –

Sound System Ministry: Eric Slutz

Trustee for March: Bill and Sue Kruse

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Beverly Trotman
Lynn Hagius
Phillis Harris
Lisa Yaffey

Family and friends at home:

John Spencer



- 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:

Up to the third grade you are learning to read,
After the third grade you are reading to learn.

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.

May 2022

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31
2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalms 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalms 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalms 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalms 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalms 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalms 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalms 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalms 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalms 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalms 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalms 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalms 53
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalms 54
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalms 55
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalms 56
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalms 57
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalms 58
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalms 59
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalms 60

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.

MAY CALENDAR

Mau 1 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 1 – After Service – Meeting for BBQ Chicken Dinner

May 3 – 6:00 pm – Trustees Meeting (we will meet at Union Church property)

May 3 – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting

May 5 – Volunteers needed to prep for Chicken BBQ

May 6 – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm – BBQ Chicken Dinner

May 8 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 10 – 7:00 pm – Admin Board Meeting

May 15 – 11:00 am Sunday Service

May 22 – 11:00 am Sunday Service

May 29 – 11:00 am Sunday Service

“One of One with Alise Irvin”

Spring is a time for regrowth and renewal. Green and many other colors return as grass grows, leaves return to trees, and flowers show their blooms. Animals pair, nests are built, and the sounds of newborns are heard. The wonders of Mother Nature shine and smile upon us.

Farms and gardens are plowed, planted, and cultivated. Wheat matures as potatoes, cabbage, corn, and soybeans are planted in the fields. Gardens begin to enjoy asparagus and strawberries. Vegetables such as cucumbers, sweet corn, peppers, melons, squash, and tomatoes are now being planted. It is always a wonder to watch a small seed to push a young plant through the fertile soil as it reaches for sunlight. Anticipation of the harvest motivates each farmer and gardener.

The sounds of tractors, crop dusters, and lawnmowers are now heard on a regular basis. Rituals of spring cleaning return along with painting and pruning. Outdoor barbecues, cookouts, and picnics become more common. Everyone enjoys the sights, sounds, and smells of spring. From beautiful flowers, to baby birds in their nests, to freshly tilled soil they all enlighten our senses. Enjoy as many as you can during this spring season.

We have just celebrated Easter and all that it represents to us as Christians, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of life eternal. His birth , his life, his death, and his resurrection is the greatest wonder of this world (and the next) in each season that we live through. Life eternal is for each of us and this world that we live on and this world that sustains us while we are here. Let us each do our part to keep spring in the air.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,
Roy Daniels

Inspirational Quotes

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

—C.S. Lewis



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