

Newport Baptist Church exists to bring Glory to God and bring others to Jesus Christ until He comes!

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From the Deacons

Did someone say it's the Christmas season? There are more smiles and happy greetings with each passing day. I guess it truly is "that time of year."

Although the cold weather has set in, it still feels good. We seem to accept the cold as we prepare for the season's many activities. Even though the day of the Christmas parade was rather cold, we had a great time—and, by the way, we thought our float was the best one in the parade!

But let's not forget what "this time of year" is really all about. We get to enjoy the Christmas season for a few short weeks, but we get to enjoy Jesus all year long. What better gift could we enjoy? He did all this for us, and He is still preparing for us. So what do you say we give Him all the credit and glory that is due Him?

Merry Christmas from the Deacons of Newport Baptist Church!

In His Service,
Billy McCabe

P.S. Don't forget those New Year's resolutions—you know you're going to keep them!





At the end of every year, I am prone to say: Where has the year gone? But when I stop and think about all of the events that have transpired, I know exactly where time went. God graciously blessed me with a wonderful Mother, church family and great friends. He showed compassion to all of us by sending His only Son to earth to show us the way. With the New Year approaching, we need to continue to work for the Lord in what ever way we can. He has blessed us with a wonderful couple; Pastor Joe and Debbie Seese, as we make a transition to mend and move forward. He preaches God's

Word and is there to pray for us and help us in whatever way we will let him.

We need to continue to pray for Newport Baptist Church and for continued guidance to help us reach others and love on the new ones that have started coming to our church. May the Lord help us each every day and to pray for one another and stay in contact whenever possible.

Homecoming will be here before we know it so any suggestions you may have for me, please let me know. It takes many hands to accomplish this. We always want to improve every year. It is always the 3rd Sunday in May.

Please contact me. I would like to hear from you.

Jo McCabe (252) 725-0485
Homecoming Chairman

NEWPORT CHRISTMAS PARADE

The church was thrilled to have a float in the Newport Christmas Parade this year. With the help of many people, it was a wonderful success.

We are grateful to everyone who built the props, decorated the float, furnished the trailer, donated all the candy and stuffed animals, rode or walked the entire route, and drove the vehicle to get it there and back. We also appreciate those who came out later in the week to help take everything apart.

The weather held out very well—cold, but with no rain—and everyone made it through without any issues.

We give God all the glory and honor for it all and look forward to doing this again in 2026.





JANUARY

3-Gail Scarborough
 5-Christina Jester
 5-Julianna Sclafani
 7-David Davis
 13-Alexis Fredricks
 18-Lynn Gilmette
 27-Julia Gray
 27-LeeAnn Rafferty

FEBRUARY

11-Perry Smith
 14-Daniel Hardin
 20-Jill Davis
 23-Joyce Ferrell
 28-Ruth Chevalier
 28-Beverly Sable

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey, a jazz musician from Atlanta, made a bold decision in 1926 to leave behind secular music and devote his talent to writing songs for the Lord. But following that call wasn't easy. During the Great Depression, many church leaders criticized his soulful gospel style, calling it "the devil's music." Dorsey later joked, "I got kicked out of some of the best churches in the land."

Then, in 1932, tragedy struck. While in St. Louis for a revival, he received a telegram that his wife had died suddenly during childbirth. His faith was shaken to the core, and grief nearly silenced him. Yet in his deepest sorrow, Dorsey turned back to what he knew best — music. Out of that heartbreak came one of the most beloved hymns of all time:

*"Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, let me stand.
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn..."*

Dorsey's song reminds us that even in our valleys, God is near — guiding us, strengthening us, and using our pain to comfort others who walk the same road.



The Love God Desires

God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself:
 Does the world recognize you
 as his disciple by the way you love?

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31 No Service	1	2	3
4 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	5	6	7 5:45pm Dinner and Speaker	8		
11 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	12	13	14 6:30pm Missions Night 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	15		
18 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	19	20	21 5:45pm Dinner and Speaker 7:30pm Deacon's Meeting	22	23	24
25 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	26	27	28 6:00pm Business Meeting	29	30	31



Honoring MLK

FEBRUARY

2026



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1 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	2  Groundhog DAY	3	4 5:45pm Dinner and Speaker	5	6	7
8 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	9	10	11 6:30pm Missions Night 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	12	13 	14
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	16  PRESIDENTS DAY	17	18 5:45pm Dinner and Speaker 7:30pm Deacon's Meeting	19	20 God demonstrates his own love for us... ROMANS 5:8	21
22 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	23	24	25 6:00pm Business Meeting	26 	27	28

NEWPORT BAPTIST CHURCH

Join Us For Worship

Sunday

9:45 am-Sunday School

11:00 am-Worship Service

Wednesday

Please see calendars for
Wednesday schedule

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