

FAITH NEWS

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THIS ISSUE!**

From the Pastor's Desk

A Season of Turning Back to God

Lent is a time of repentance, turning away from sin and turning toward God's grace. In Joel 2:12-13, God calls His people, saying, "Even now, this is the Lord's declaration, turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning. Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the Lord your God. For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and he relents from sending disaster." This is an invitation not to perform outward religious acts but to experience a true transformation of the heart.

At Newark Faith Church, we will be walking through Lent together, engaging in times of worship, study, and service. As we reflect on the cross and the victory of Christ's resurrection, let us embrace this season as a sacred opportunity to renew our faith and be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus in our community.

Observing the Passover Seder Meal & Good Friday Combined Service. On Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 PM, we will gather for a special service that combines the observance of the Passover Seder Meal and a Good Friday reflection. Paul Gaulke will lead us through the Good Friday reflection for the evening.

The Seder Meal is a Jewish tradition that commemorates God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt, as recorded in Exodus 12. During this meal, we will experience the symbolic elements that Jesus Himself observed with His disciples at the Last Supper. The unleavened bread and the cup of wine, which Jesus shared with His disciples, took on new meaning as He instituted the New Covenant through His sacrifice (Luke 22:19-20). Each element of the Seder points us to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Following the meal, Paul will lead us into a time of reflection on Good Friday, guiding us through the Passion of Christ, His suffering, and the sacrifice He made for our redemption. As we partake in this sacred evening, we will connect the story of Israel's deliverance with the greater story of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, whose death and resurrection bring us eternal freedom.

We invite you to join us for this deeply meaningful time of worship, remembrance, and anticipation of Easter Sunday.

Join us on the Journey

- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services: We will observe both Holy Days on Thursday, April 17th during a Seder Meal Service at 6:00 PM.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19th at 11:30 AM. If you would like to volunteer to help hide the eggs and set up for the luncheon, we will start at 10:00 AM.
- Easter Sunday Celebration: Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 AM.

May this Lent be a time where we say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Let us walk this journey with open hearts, expecting God to move in us and through us in powerful ways. Look what love does!



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Champions Update...

Luke 24:31 - Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

The transportation team gets an Emmaus opportunity every time we take some to an appointment, a recovery center, recovery meeting or to church and Champions meetings. By supplying transportation we have the opportunity to share the goodness of Jesus, and it's done at a high level.

In February the Transport Team known as LIFT (Leading In Faithful Transportation) transported 334 individuals to their place of employment, church meeting, Champions meetings, Workforce Development and many more. They covered a total of 2051 miles in doing so.

We want to thank the Champions Network and Newark Faith Church for providing this very important ministry!

The Champions Network
"We love because He first loved us"

Youth Note...

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This has become the theme for the recently formed Youth Ministry at (NFC) Newark Faith Church.

First and foremost we would like to thank NFC for giving us the opportunity to hold Sunday morning services for the ages of 10 to 18. We have recently embarked on a name for the youth Ministry. They would like to be known as "3:16 Youth". We have been singing a praise song called "God So Loved" and it became our theme so that's where the name comes from. Our Sunday morning studies have been focused on the Fruits of the Spirit.

Coming in April we are going to embark on having child like faith from the Chosen episode: Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Thank you from your leaders,
Chris Gargus and Candice Keener