

## New Song News

**Psalm 47 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! <sup>2</sup>For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. <sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. <sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

**Matthew 7:7–11 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

### Today

- ✓ No All-Church Potluck or Wellness Group meeting.
- ✓ Week of Prayer and Fasting final day.

### This Week

- ✓ Whitehall Family Camp begins, July 17-25. See wpamin.org for information.
- ✓ Wednesday, Ladies’ Bible Study, 10am – 12pm at HQ. See Nancy Seman.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – Learning Community in person and via Zoom
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study at HQ.
- ✓ Friday, 1pm – Learning Community in person and via Zoom

### Looking Ahead

- ✓ Sunday, August 22 – All Church Picnic immediately after worship on the church property. More details to follow.
- ✓ NO Wellness Group meetings in July or August.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb’s daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>

Regular Offering	Projected Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise
7/11/2021 1,574.00	\$ 2,845.94	7/11/2021 \$ 18.00	7/11/2021 \$ 12.25
To Date \$ 79,612.86	\$ 79,686.38	Balance \$ 5,757.46	Month Total \$ 12.50
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
7/11/2021	\$ 105.00	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
118 weeks	\$ 41,659.66	\$ 64,143.59	\$ 3,000.00

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## Amazed With God

July 18, 2021

### Memory Scripture

**1 Peter 3:15–17** <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. **1 Peter 3:15–17 (ESV)**

**Matthew 6:16–18 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### *Living amazed with God*

#### 1. Fasting is not the point – God’s Presence is the point.

#### 2. God rewards fasting – AND all obedience.

**IMPORTANT:** *what might we miss by not fasting? what might not happen in our lives and others’ lives if we don’t fast? What might happen that shouldn’t if we don’t fast?*

- ✓ the reward of God’s Presence
- ✓ the reward of God’s actions on our behalf

Your chance to share an insight, experience, “moment”, etc.

### 3. After fasting comes assignments, mission.

→ After Jesus fasted... on to the work!

**Matthew 4:11 (ESV)** Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Luke 4:14 (ESV)** And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

**Matthew 4:17–19**

**Matthew 4:23–25**

→ After leaders of the church in Acts 13 fasted... on to the work!

**Acts 13:1–3 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

→ After we fast... on to the work!

Week of Fasting with Prayer has been about... **KNEES and NUDGES**

† Going forward, let’s continue to be about... **KNEES and NUDGES**

1. Start each day on your knees...
2. Live each day listening for and following God’s nudges

† Going forward, let’s continue with the fasting prayer in all things...

***“Lord, I love you more than \_\_\_\_\_. Do whatever You want”***

***What do we do this?***

- ☒ What stuck out to you?
- ☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☒ What do you need to do in response?



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Community Church

## **Living Right-Side Up**

- † S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together  
Surrender ➡ Listen ➡ Obey ...***together***
- † Soldier-like Friendships  
“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Proverbs. 27:17
- † Salty Presence “Beyond the Walls”  
Making people thirsty for Jesus