

New Song News

Psalm 42:1–4 (ESV) ¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ³My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” ⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Psalm 42:8–11 (ESV) ⁸By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?” ¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” ¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

This Week

- ✓ **Prayer Emphasis:** focus on “interceding” for others as God nudges.
- ✓ Wednesday, Ladies’ Bible Study, 10am – 12pm at HQ. See Nancy Seman.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – NO Learning Community THIS WEEK ONLY.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study at HQ.
- ✓ Friday, 1pm – NO Learning Community THIS WEEK ONLY.

Next Sunday

- ✓ Family Assistance Offering.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ All-Church Prayer Gathering, August 11, 7pm, in person and livestream.
- ✓ Governance Board Meeting, August 21, 9:30am.
- ✓ Sunday, August 22 – All Church Picnic immediately after worship on the church property. More details to follow.
- ✓ NO Wellness Group meeting in August.
- ✓ Saturday, Oct. 2 - Rotary Spaghetti Dinner.
- ✓ 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
7/25/2021 3,216.00	\$ 2,845.94	7/25/2021 \$ 0.00	7/25/2021 \$ 0.25
To Date \$ 87,341.59	\$ 85,378.27	Balance \$ 5,757.46	Month Total \$ 13.00
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
7/25/2021	\$ 250.00	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
120 weeks	\$ 42,434.66	\$ 65,230.77	\$ 6,000.00

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New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

Next Step: Interceding for Others

August 1, 2021

Memory Scripture

1 Peter 3:15–17 ¹⁵but 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, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For 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)**

God is nudging New Song army to “intercede”.

- † *Knees and Nudges IS the Christ-following life!!*
- † *God is now pushing us toward “mission”*
- † *Next step is following God’s nudges to intercede for people.*

Interceding as next step to joining God

1. What does it mean to “intercede?”

Intercede: to petition God on behalf of another

➔ **Jesus was God but He prayed and interceded**

John 17

Luke 22:32 (ESV) but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Matthew 26:44 (ESV) So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

➔ **Apostles prayed for God to work in others’ lives**

Colossians 1:9 (ESV) And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (ESV) To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

➔ **Apostles depended on others’ prayers**

1 Thessalonians 5:25 (ESV) Brothers, pray for us.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 (ESV) Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,

2. God responds when we intercede.

The paradox: God is Sovereign but acts in response to prayer...

Romans 8:34

Romans 8:26–27

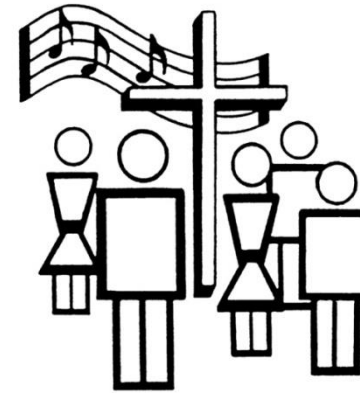
✓ *God commands us to pray and intercede.*

Luke 18:1–8

✓ *God promises to work when we pray and intercede.*

James 5:16–18

✓ *God acts in response when we intercede.*



3. How to make interceding a way of life.

What if angst is a cue to pray?

Matt 6:25a, 33 (ESV) “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life ...
³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

What if emotion with others is a cue to pray for them?

Matthew 5:44 (ESV) But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Luke 6:28 (ESV) bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

1 Timothy 2:1–4 ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

ACTION: Turn every irritation, frustration, worry, joy, hurt, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____, into intercession.

What do we do this?

IMPORTANT: Expect spiritual resistance!! It comes with interceding

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

New Song
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