

## New Song News

**1 Chronicles 29:10b–14 (ESV)** “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

**John 12:24–26 (ESV)** <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

### This Week

- ✓ Family Assistance Offering.

### 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 – Learning Community.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study at HQ.
- ✓ Friday, 1pm – Learning Community.

### Looking Ahead

- ✓ Wellness Group postponed until October
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 21 – Leadership Team Meeting.
- ✓ Sunday, Sept. 26 – Chili Cook-off and Fall Fellowship following service.
- ✓ 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
9/5/2021 2,878.48	\$ 2,845.94	9/5/2021 \$ 0.00	9/5/2021 \$ 0.25
To Date \$ 99,413.29	\$ 102,453.92	Balance \$ 5,952.46	Month Total \$ 0.25
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
9/5/2021	\$ 50.00	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
126 weeks	\$ 43,574.66	\$ 68,492.31	\$ 6,000.00

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## New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

### Chasing Donkeys or Chasing God’s Heart

September 12, 2021

1 Peter 3 cont.

#### 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)**

✦ God’s place in our lives is determined by what we fear most  
**1 Peter 3:13–18**

### *Learning to honor Christ as holy Lord from two kings*

#### 1. Saul – chasing donkeys.

Saul’s life is characterized by Earthly Realm focus

✓ Israel demands a king

✓ Saul chosen because of outward characteristics  
**1 Samuel 9:1–2** (page 231 in pew Bible)

**1 Samuel 9:15–16**

✓ Saul anointed by Samuel to be king,  
**1 Samuel 10:1**

**1 Samuel 10:9–10**

**1 Samuel 10:14–16**

✓ Saul hides *after* Spirit gives a different heart  
**1 Samuel 10:20–24**

➔ Ensuing trajectory

## 2. David – chasing God’s heart.

David’s life is characterized by Heavenly Realm focus – chasing God’s heart while tending sheep (God’s assignment)

- ✓ David chosen because of inward characteristics  
1 Samuel 16:6–10
- ✓ David anointed by Samuel to be king  
1 Samuel 16:11–13
- ✓ David put into royal service after Spirit comes upon  
1 Samuel 16:14–21
- ✓ David offended and affronted for God by Goliath  
1 Samuel 17:26

➔ Ensuing trajectory

## 3. Us...

† We follow what we fear most

† Fear doesn’t always look like fear...

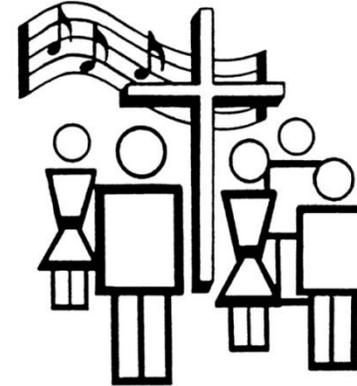
Matthew 10:28–33 (page 815 in pew Bible)

Hebrews 13:5–6 (ESV) <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

➔ *tools to chase God’s heart*

***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?



*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