

## New Song News

**Psalm 36:5–9 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord. <sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. <sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

### This Week

- ✓ **SHAPE Class continues in Learning Communities.**
- ✓ Daily Readings: *Mon. 1 Cor. 15:1-11, Tues 1 Cor. 15:12-34, Wed 1 Cor. 15:35-49, Thurs 1 Cor. 15:50-58, Fri 1 Cor. 16:1-24, Sat/Sun Prov. 10:1-16*
- ✓ Wednesday, 10am, Ladies' Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ✓ Thursday, Learning Community 7pm, in person or via Zoom, SHAPE training
- ✓ Friday, 10am, Women's Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ✓ Friday, Learning Community, 1pm, in person or via Zoom, SHAPE training
- ✓ Sunday, NO 9am Experiencing God study.

### Looking Ahead

- ✓ Baptism T-shirts available... indicate on the blue card or on sign-up sheet if you were previously baptized and would like one. Suggested donation \$10 for those who have been previously baptized at New Song
- ✓ June 3, 10-1, Ladies Tea. Sign up sheet in entryway. See Nancy Seman for info.
- ✓ June 11, Honoring graduates. Indicate on the blue communication card if you are graduating high school or any post high school training.
- ✓ June 11, Meeting with all interested in Baptism after worship.
- ✓ June 15, WPA Pastors' Gathering at New Song.
- ✓ June 25, Baptism and All-Church Picnic.
- ✓ July 9-16, Week of Prayer and Fasting.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ Sunday sermons & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access media



	Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
5/14/2023	\$ 1,509.00	\$ 3,114.71	5/14/2023 \$ 25.00	5/14/2023 \$ 6.20	5/14/2023 \$ 225.00
To Date	\$ 61,000.92	\$ 62,294.23	Balance: \$ 4,075.77	Month Total \$ 8.81	To Date \$ 2,155.00

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## Home Where We Belong

*Walking through Philippians, part 13*

May 21, 2023

**Galatians 5:13–14** <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Galatians 5:13–14 (ESV)**

### Items of Note

- ✓ S.H.A.P.E. Training... enjoyable to discover together  
hard, intense, struggling work  
a fight because of the enemy

**Matthew 24:12–13 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Philippians 3:7–14, 20 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 981)

*The focused, persevering, life-long journey to "home"*

### 1. Laser-like focus on Christ

**Philippians 3:12–14 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 981)

**Hebrews 12:1–4 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 1008)

### 2. Recognize it is obstacle course with enemies

**2 Timothy 4:7–8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Hebrews 10:35–39 (ESV) (pew Bible page 1007)

**3. Listen, Apply, Persevere God’s instructions**

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 (ESV) (pew Bible page 865)

**4. Face difficulties as preparation for next steps**

Hebrews 12:5–7 (ESV) (pew Bible page 1009)

**Romans 5:3–5 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*What do we do with 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 Our Utmost for His Highest

*“with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”* Philippians 1:20a (ESV)

### † Pay Attention

around us and what God says about it

### † Be Ready

developing God’s skill-set and mind-set

### † Soldiering Together

rejoicing, weeping and sharpening TOGETHER