

New Song News

Psalm 40:1–5a (ESV) ¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

1 Peter 2:9–12 (ESV) ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

This Week

- ✓ **SHAPE Class continues in Learning Communities.**
- ✓ Daily Readings: *Mon. 2 Cor. 1:1-11, Tues. 2 Cor. 1:12-2:4, Wed. 2 Cor. 2:5-17, Thurs. 2 Cor. 3:1-18, Fri. 2 Cor. 4:1-18, Sat/Sun Prov. 10:17-32*
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Saturday, 10-1, Ladies Tea. Sign up sheet in entryway. See Nancy Seman.

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 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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New Song Notes,

Pastor Herb Shaffer

True Home

Walking through Philippians, part 14

May 28, 2023

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

Philippians 3:12–4:1 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

LAST WEEK: Enduring all the way Home; that to travel from here to Jesus in Heaven is a focused, persevering, life-long journey that is more a life-threatening obstacle course than a marathon. It requires we

- ➔ live with a laser-like focus on Christ
- ➔ recognize it is obstacle course with enemies
- ➔ listen, apply, persevere God's instructions
- ➔ face difficulties as preparation for next steps

REALITY CHECKS:

- ✓ Life is short and then we die

Job 8:9 (ESV)

Job 14:1–2 (ESV)

Psalm 39:4–7 (ESV) (pew Bible page 468)

Ecclesiastes 6:12a (ESV)

James 4:13–15 (ESV) ¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—¹⁴yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

1 John 2:17 (ESV)

Psalm 144:3–4 (ESV) ³O Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? ⁴Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

Psalm 103:13–18 (ESV) (pew Bible page 502)

- ✓ Death is the doorway to destruction or Heaven

Philippians 3:18–20 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

✓ Heaven is beyond description better, but living for it is hard

Philippians 3:21 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

The shifts we must make to follow Jesus all the way Home

1. From doing what feels good to doing what God says.

this is about our motivation...

Philippians 3:19b (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

Philippians 3:8, 12 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

2. From living for ourselves to living for Christ

this is about our values, purpose, priorities ...

Philippians 3:19c (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

Philippians 3:14-15 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

Galatians 6:14–16 (ESV) ¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

3. From focusing on earthly to focusing on Heavenly.

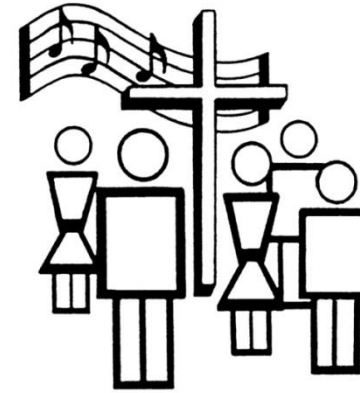
this is about our attention ...

Philippians 3:19d (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

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