New Song News

Psalm 34:1–4 (ESV) ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Matthew 11:27–30 (ESV) ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Today

- \checkmark Week of Prayer and Fasting begins. See insert for details.
- \checkmark First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift

This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, 9:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Wednesday, 7:00pm, All-Church Prayer Gathering.
- ✓ Thursday, **NO** Learning Communities
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, NO Learning Communities
- \checkmark Saturday, 7am Men's Fire Ring gathering. See Dave Sabo for more info
- \checkmark Saturday, 9:30-11 am backyard cleanup and prep for picnic
- \checkmark Sunday, All-Church Picnic after worship. Bring a main and a side dish.
- \checkmark Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, Learning Community

Looking Ahead

- \checkmark July 19, 8-9:30am, Monthly Men's Study
- Recycle your aluminum cans Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text <u>newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com</u>
- \checkmark New Song FB Live: https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



Gen. Offering		<u>Budget</u>	Family Assistance		Children of Promise		Building Fund
6/29/2025	5 \$ 4,862.00	\$ 4,006.23	6/29/2025	\$ 0.00	6/29/2025	\$ 0.00	6/29/2025 \$ 0.00
To Date	\$ 107,514.65	\$104,162.77	Balance:	\$ 3,194.97	Month Total	\$ 27.00	To Date \$1475.00
Please print name and amount on offering envelope to receive credit.							

What They Meant for Evil, God Meant for Good

July 6, 2025 The Life and Lessons of Joseph, part 4

Romans 12:15–18 (ESV) ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **Romans 12:15-18 (ESV)**

> We are attracted to comfort and repulsed by hardship

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Matthew 16:24-25 (ESV)²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

1. We don't know what's good for us. Genesis 37:3-4, 11 (ESV)

- > Joseph (and his father Jacob) thought that they understood the plan.
- > The enemy deceives us, often with comfort and false purpose.

Numbers 14:2-4, 6-10 (ESV)

2. We don't get to decide what evil is.

Our world is not a tug of war between good and evil

➢ Reject Dualism

In theology, the concept of dualism assumes that there are two separate entities—good and evil—which are equally powerful. In "Christian" dualism, God represents the good entity, and Satan represents the evil entity. But he Bible is clear, God has no equal.

Isaiah 45:7 (ESV) I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

God is Righteous AND Wrathful AND Gracious AND Loving

God will strike at evil, but not necessarily in the way we want.

Jonah 4:1-2, 4 (ESV)

What do we do with this?

Will you commit to doing as God directs
[⊕] one hard thing every day?
[⊕] one hard act of love every day?

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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Walking in step with Jesus with His Presence, Love and Power

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