

New Song News

Psalm 50:1–2, 14-15 (ESV) ¹The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth... ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

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Today

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Celebration of Communion.
- ✓ If you're interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Herb
- ✓ We're looking for a photographer and a videographer for the Baptism. Please see Randy if you're interested.

This Week

No Learning Communities this week. Will resume Sept. 4-7

- ✓ Wednesday, 9:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Saturday, 7am Men's Fire Ring gathering. See Dave Sabo for more info
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, Learning Community
- ✓ Sunday, **Baptism** during worship, **Chili Cook-off** after.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Sept. 20, 8-9:30am, "God and Guys" Men's Monthly Study
- ✓ Sept. 30, 9:30am-2:30pm, WPA Ignite Pastors Gathering at New Song
- ✓ **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 newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ 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	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
8/24/2025 \$ 4,530.00	\$ 4,006.23	8/24/2025 \$ 8.00	8/24/2025 \$ 0.00	8/24/2025 \$ 30.00
To Date \$ 137,617.79	\$ 136,211.85	Balance: \$ 3,249.97	Month Total \$ 63.00	To Date \$ 1985.00
Please print name and amount on offering envelope to receive credit.				

New Song Notes

Pastor Herb Shaffer

Waiting and Working in Step with God

August 31, 2025

The Life and Lessons of Joseph, part 11

Romans 12:19–21 ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Partnering with God for others' highest good (cont.)

1. Testing and Training.

Tension and Pressure are always part of testing and training

Genesis 42 (ESV) (pew Bible page 34)

- ➔ Famine
- ➔ 10 brothers go to Egypt, appear before concealed Joseph
- ➔ Joseph accuses brothers of being spies, imprisons, keeps Simeon
- ➔ Brothers tell truth, admit wrongdoing, recognize sin against God
- ➔ Joseph sends them home, can only return with Benjamin
- ➔ Brothers recognize God's hand thru money back in sacks
- ➔ Brothers report to Jacob, states “never Ben”, Reuben offers 2 sons

Genesis 43 (ESV)

- ➔ Joseph waits in trust and obedience

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- ➔ Brothers wait in angst - stay home until starving as Jacob resists

➔ Brothers return to Egypt with Ben, are honest about money

➔ Joseph takes them home, steward credits God, lines them up, feasts

Genesis 44 (ESV)

➔ Big, final test - Joseph sends home, plants money in bags & cup in Ben's, decrees Ben to be slave & others sent to face father

➔ Brothers show sacrificial concern for father instead of saving selves.

2. Reconciliation and Reward.

➔ Character is revealed through the tension and pressure of testing

➔ Humility is THE key to most facets of Christian life

➔ The brothers' transformation – HUMILITY
Accepted responsibility, Acted honestly, Expressed sacrificial concern for others, Empathized with father's pain, Cooperated with God through Joseph

➔ Reconciliation and reward ONLY because of repentance.

➔ Joseph reveals himself, points to God,

Genesis 45:1-15 (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?



2025

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

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."

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)