

The Weekly Church Bulletin  
**NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Our 2025 THEME...  
**WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE,  
 WE CAN THRIVE IN!**

Philippians 3:13,14

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## IS MAN BORN IN SIN?

Sounded from the pulpits of our land, taught to children by parents, propounded in Sunday Schools is the anti biblical, unscriptural doctrine that man is born in sin. Contrary to popular belief, this doctrine cannot be substantiated in the Bible. One of the glorious truths of the Bible is that babies are born into the world in a state of absolute purity and innocence, free from any stain of sinful guilt. It is to little children that Jesus turns for an example of purity and righteousness as he teaches his disciples; **"Verily I say unto you, except ye turn and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of Heaven."** (Matt. 18:3) Thus, infants do not need to be baptized in order to be saved; they are **SAFE!**

**BUT SOMEONE SAYS THAT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT MAN IS BORN IN SIN.** The man does not live who can put his finger on the book, chapter and verse that teach such. Well, wasn't David born in sin? Certainly NOT! Listen to the sweet singer of Israel in Psalm 51:5, **"BEHOLD, I WAS SHAPEN IN INIQUITY: AND IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME."** Observe that David didn't say that he was born in sin, but rather his mother **CONCEIVED** him in sin. I direct your undivided attention to Hebrews 12:9 which informs us that God is the Father of our spirits. Since that is true, one would have to conclude that God is a sinner in order for an infant to be born in sin. I think that no one would like to make such a drastic conclusion. It is only as one reaches an age at which he can exercise his God-given power of decision and chooses to transgress God's law by doing evil that he becomes guilty of sin. Ezekiel 18:20 teaches us explicitly that sins are not inherited.

**INFANTS THUS HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE BAPTIZED.** Infants have not committed sin and thus have no need of the forgiveness of sin. **BAPTISM IS FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.** (Acts 2:38) Infants are incapable of understanding the gospel of Jesus Christ, repenting, confessing Christ before men and therefore do not need to be baptized.

—The Late Dr. Eugene Lawton

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### Church Calendar

Sunday Bible School

10:00 am

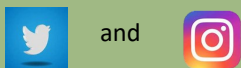
### Worship Service

11:00 am

### Thursday Bible Classes

6:00 pm

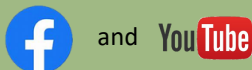
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### DR. JERRY G. HOUSTON'S MINISTERIAL INSTALLATION SERVICE

The date is **Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** Norman Nuton Jr. of New Haven CT will teach the Adult Bible School hour at 10am. **Dr. David Lane** of Dallas TX will preach during morning worship at 11am. Dinner will be served afterwards and **Dr. OJ Shabazz**, of Harlem NY will facilitate the ministerial installation service starting at 3:00pm. **Chris Turner** of Burlington NJ will be our song leader for the afternoon service.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND TRAINING BREAKFAST

The date is **Saturday, February 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church dining hall.** The men of this congregation are asked to make a donation of **\$5.00 per person.** There will be great fellowship and encouragement. You may **give your donation to Andre hart, Kevin Williams or Luis Arias.** Brother Terrance Wood is in charge.

### Support SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Attend the 56th Annual **NATIONAL DINNER DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025—2pm**

Keynote Speaker **Minister Branden Mims**  
 Greater Metropolitan Church of Christ  
 Kansas City, MO

NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Gia Bethea, NDD Coordinator

**BRANDEN MIMS, Minister of Greater Metropolitan Church of Christ, Kansas MO** will be the guest speaker. **Our goal is to raise \$35,000.00** and the **tickets are \$40.00 per person.** Church, we must **WORK HARDER** and **GIVE MORE** in order to reach this goal. Plan to attend this great event.



**THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF GREEN BEANS FOR THIS MONTH.**



**SICK LIST AT HOME** Curlie Hooper, Sharon Carter, Romni Ellis, Erma Sanders, Rayfield Sanders, Corinthians Williams  
**HOSPITALS** Fitzgerald Lawton—Ashbrook Care & Rehab. Center, 1610 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains NJ; **Fannie Broughton**—White House Nursing Home, 560 Berkeley Ave., Orange NJ; **Hattie Burney**—Overlook Medical Center, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit NJ; **Paul Richardson**; **Aniyah Walker**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

<b>Service Administrator</b>	<b>Terrance Wood Sr.</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Gregory Hunt</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Cornelius Clark</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>William Davis</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Anthony Bygrave</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Dr. David Lane</b>
<b>Administer/Prayer Requests</b>	<b>Michael Graves</b>
<b>Response Assistant</b>	<b>Christopher Lacey</b>
<b>Lord's Supper/Offering</b>	<b>Edward Mitchell</b>
1—B. Cannon, 2—R. Love, 3—I. Pernell, 4—D. Chisolm	
<b>Leadership Announcements</b>	<b>Terrance Wood Sr.</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Anthony Bygrave</b>
<b>Attendance Manager</b>	<b>Veronica Branch</b>
<b>USHERS IN MAIN LOBBY</b> —K. Williams, C. Barclay, R. Bendolph	
<b>USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD.</b> —A. Hart Jr., J. Laurent, P. Saint Pierre	
<b>USHERS IN ELEVATOR ENTRANCE</b> —C. Holley	
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<b>Camera</b>	<b>Jade Nicolas</b>
<b>Computer Assistant</b>	<b>Joshua Saint Pierre</b> <b>Stina Ross</b>

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING** is **TODAY** after the morning service. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**LADIES' BIBLE CLASS WORKSHOP** The date is **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025** here at **NCOC** so clear your calendar and save the date. Stay tuned for more information. **Sister Mikki Taylor is in charge.**

**THE LADIES' VIRTUAL BIBLE CLASS/ PRAYER MEETING** will meet **next Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 10:00 am via Zoom** and **sister Felicia Mensah** is the teacher. Every sister is urged to attend this informative class. **Meeting ID: 702 372 9447** or dial in by phone **at 301 715-8592.**

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY** is **this Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This study will be **conducted via Zoom:**  
**Meeting ID: 704 392 5072 / Passcode: 904204**

**IN-PERSON BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING** The date is **next Sunday, January 26, 2025, after the morning service.** Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. All Bible school teachers are encouraged to be present for this informative meeting. **See brothers Terrance Wood, Sr. or Andre Hart, Sr.** with any questions.

**THE NEXT YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** will be **this Friday, January 24, 2025, 6:00—9:00 p.m.** Our speaker will be **Brother Tomas Henderson of Newark COC.** He will be addressing our youth about **"A Day in the life of a Special Agent for the Department of the Air Force, and the Office of Special Investigations"**. All youth and members are encouraged to come out and support this event. We will have activities and games for all. Light refreshments will be provided. **Brother Terrance Wood is in charge.**

**MONTCLAIR CofC LADIES UNITY PRAYER** will be held on **January 25, 2025, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at **EUREKA LODGE #52, 173 Glenridge Ave, Montclair NJ.** The theme is **YOU BELONG TO SOMETHING BIGGER!** Continental breakfast will be served. **RSVP by January 10, 2025.** See flyer in front foyer for information.

**SAVE THE DATE for BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM** The date is **Saturday, February 15, 2025. 12:00 pm—2:00 p.m.** Sisters Terry Davis and Patricia Price are in charge.

**RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY** C. Lacey, P. Mills, R. Arbuckle and T. Grant **were restored.** G. Graham, F. Clark, J. Laurent, D. Carter, T. Dixon, G. Jones and R. Johnson **requested prayer.** **ONLINE REQUESTS**— C. Barnes, L. Butler, H. Smalls, J. Arias, H. Davis, C. Barclay and Y. Enos

**RESPONSES FOR 2025** 43 Restorations/Prayer Requests

**RESPONSES FOR 2024** 23 Baptisms, 997 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 13 Placed Memberships

**WELCOME VISITORS, WE ARE SUPER DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY, COME AGAIN SOON.**



**CALENDAR OF SERVICES**



Bible School  
Worship  
Bible Class  
Website

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.  
newarkchurchofchrist.net

Cable Television in Jersey City  
Sunday, 7—7:30pm & Tuesday, 9—9:30pm, Channel 190

**We had 168 in attendance in the 11 am service on last Sunday, January 12, 2025.**