

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

Philippians 3:13,14

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**Church
 Calendar**

Sunday
 Bible School
 10:00 am

**Worship
 Service**

11:00 am

**Thursday
 Bible Classes**

6:00 pm

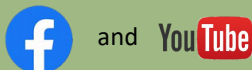
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BAAL OR GOD?

"How long are you going to limp along on both sides? If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal, follow him." With these graphic words from I Kings 18:21, Elijah asked the children of Israel how long they intended to hesitate between worshipping the true God and worshipping the pagan god, Baal. He thus warned them that an **EITHER OR DECISION** had to be made. On the mountaintop of Mt. Carmel, there was a great contest between polytheism and monotheism. This beautiful mountain stood 1600 feet above sea level. From the picturesque mountain top, one could see the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the wheat field of Esdraelon, the sluggish waters of the Kishon River, the city of Jezreel, with King Ahab's palace and Jezebel's temple. My God, what a place to meet. The fire from Heaven dramatically authenticated that Elijah's God was the true God and condemnation was flashed on his opponents.

The 20th Century man faces the same choice. He must decide between God and Baal. Everyday man faces this **EITHER OR DECISION**. Young people are facing this decision, pre-marital sex or moral purity; dope or God, crack or God. Adults face this **EITHER OR DECISION** just as graphically: money or God, materialism or God, liberalism or God. Modern man needs to understand that **TRUTH IS MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE**. My Lord said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) The temptation to relativity is great where nothing is absolute.

It is the Baal or God Confrontation when it comes to the use of instrumental music in the church. Most people when visiting the church of Christ for the first time are quite puzzled and amazed to find that no instrumental music is used. The question of the origination and the scripturalness has never entered their mind. However, there is not a solitary instance of the use of instrumental music. Singing is authorized in the worship service of the New Testament church. (Eph. 5:19, Heb. 1:12) God's music is singing. How long halt ye between two opinions.

— The Late Dr. Eugene Lawton

**YOU CAN CONNECT TO OUR WIFI
 ANYWHERE IN OUR BUILDING** at any of the **NCOCGWIFI** user names.
 The password is **Acts2:38**

**Support
 SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

Attend the 56th Annual
NATIONAL DINNER DAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2025—2pm

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

NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Gia Bethea, NDD Coordinator
 Donation — \$40.00

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.

**55th ANNUAL
 NORTHEASTERN
 YOUTH CONFERENCE**
April 11-13, 2025

Theme:
**CREATED WITH A
 PURPOSE!**
 Ephesians 2:10

**Get ready young people for a great
 time in the Lord.**

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS WORKSHOP is **this Sunday, February 9th, 2025** in the dining hall immediately following service. **Sister Vivian Francis of this congregation will be the keynote speaker** on the theme: **COVERED** (Ps. 5:12), **CARRIED** (Is. 46:3,4) & **COURAGEOUS** (Eph. 6:20): **A WORKSHOP FOR CONQUERORS!** Plan to be present for a spiritual uplift. **There will be a special presentation by Personal and Group Fitness Coach Ernnisa Williams.** Sister Mikki Taylor is in charge. Get ready ladies for a great time in the Lord.



THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF MEAT 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—Livingston Post-Acute, 348 E. Cedar St., Livingston NJ; Verdie Williamson, UMDNJ, Newark, NJ

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

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| Service Administrator | Kevin Williams |
| Announcements | Luis Arias |
| Invocation | Michael Canady |
| Song Leader | Donald Chisolm |
| Scripture | Gregory Hunt |
| Prayer | R.C. Jackson |
| Sermon | Dr. Jerry Houston |
| Administer/Prayer Requests | Terrance Wood |
| Response Assistant | Christopher Lacey |
| Lord's Supper/Offering | Michael Graves |
| 1—C. Hamilton, 2—S. Whitaker, 3—D. Carter, 4—B. Cannon | |
| Leadership Announcements | Weston Paton |
| Benediction | Reginald Bendolph |
| Attendance Manager | Veronica Branch |
| USHERS IN MAIN LOBBY | —K. Williams, P. Saint Pierre, R. Love |
| USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD. | — C. Barclay, I. Pernell, R. Bendolph |
| ENTRANCE | —C. Holley |
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| Camera | Jade Nicolson |
| Computer Assistant | Joshua Saint Pierre Stina Ross |

THE BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM The date is **Saturday, February 15, 2025, 4—6pm** here at **Newark CofC**. This year's theme is **Reimagining Martin Luther King's Blueprint for Your Life**. Let's honor the past, embrace the present, and shape the future. There will be an art exhibit and **the art gallery opens at 4pm**. Sisters **Patricia Price and Terry Davis** are in charge.

SUNDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS The next Sunday Ladies' Bible Class will meet on **Sunday, February 16th, 2025**, downstairs in the dining hall **immediately following the morning service**. All sisters are invited to attend. **Sister Mikki Taylor is the teacher**.

THE NEXT YOUTH DEVOTIONAL The date is **Friday, February 28, 2025, 6:00pm—9:00pm**, in the **church fellowship hall**. Every youth is encouraged to be present. **Brother Terrance Wood, Sr. is in charge**.

THE NEWARK MARRIAGE CLASS IS HOSTING A MARRIAGE CLASS SOCIAL The date is **Saturday, February 22, 2025, 2:00—5:00pm**. There will be food, games and fellowship for the couples and it is suggested that everyone wears comfortable clothes and shoes. **The cost is \$10.00 per person**. **RSVP with brother or sister Andre or Andrea Hart by February 12th**. Flyers are available in the front foyer.

CONDOLENCES We extend our deepest condolence to **sister Janet Wilfong & family for the loss of her beloved mother**, sister Ella Lewis, and to **sister Tammy Lawrence-Scott & family for the loss of her loved one**, sister Margie Lockhart who was a former member of this congregation. Let us keep these bereaved families in prayer.

THE NEXT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY is **Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.** This Bible study will be conducted via Zoom: **Meeting ID: 704 392 5072 Passcode: 904204**.

NEW DISCIPLES' DINNER The date is **Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm, downstairs in the fellowship hall**. This is designed for the **24 persons who were baptized or placed membership with this congregation in 2024—2025**. You must register for this dinner with sister Tonya Jones or call the church office and leave a message. **This luncheon is complimentary for disciples** who are new to this congregation and \$20.00 per person for all others. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 16, 2025.

RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY T. Lawrence-Scott, R. Richardson, T. Arias, C. Samuel and V. Weeks **were restored**. Adrian Compres, T. Dixon, A. Hamilton, G. Jones, D. Tisdale, A. Shields, K. Smiley III, D. Blanding and T. Jones **requested prayer**.
ONLINE REQUESTS M. Robinson Sr., J. Arias, H. Smalls, Y. Enos, J. Nowell, T. Sockeye, S. Parker, S. Davenport, L. Arias and L. Chamba

RESPONSES FOR 2025 120 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 1 Placed Membership

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

We had 387 in attendance in the 11 am service on last Sunday, February 2, 2025.