

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

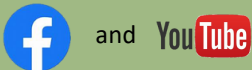
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THE CHALLENGE OF CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH

God wants His church--this church--to grow! This is obvious from the Great Commission which makes it mandatory to make disciples of all nations. (Matt. 28:19) The early church, the model church, was a growing church. Some 3,000 obeyed the gospel on Pentecost. We read of the addition of about 5,000 in Acts 4:4, then in Acts 5:14 we are told that multitudes both men and women became believers and were added to the Lord. Acts 6:7

Living organisms grow. It is grow or die. And the Lord's church is a living organism. (Eph. 1:22,23) You can put a wood fence post in the ground and it will immediately rot. You can plant a tree in the ground and it will immediately grow. The key to the growth of this congregation and all others is found in Eph. 4:15,16. Moffatt Translates: "We are to hold by the truth and by our love to grow up wholly into Him. For He, Christ, is the head, and under Him, as the entire body is welded together and compacted by every joint with which it is supplied, the due activity of each part enables the Body to grow and build itself up in love." That body is to be together, joined together, fitly joined together. That body is to be compacted by that which every joint supplies. The key to the growth of the local church is in **EVERY MEMBER, IN EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTING his effectual part!**

What makes a rope strong? It is each and every tiny string there of pulling together. We cannot spell Sunday without U. We cannot spell church without U. We cannot spell Success without U. We are **COUNTING ON YOU! WHAT DO I OWE THE LOCAL CHURCH?** (1) Every member should give his undivided interest, and steadfast attachments. Weekend trips will bring the church to a weak end. Floating church members make a sinking church. Some members are always visiting because they do not want to accept any responsibility. One of our greatest needs is a sense of congregational responsibility. **WE MUST LOVE THE LOCAL. WE MUST BE LOYAL TO OUR HOME CONGREGATION. (2) EACH MEMBER OUGHT TO GIVE HIS COOPERATION. WE ARE TO BE FELLOW LABORERS.**

— 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.

THE WILLING WORKERS will meet **next Sunday, February 23rd immediately following the morning service** and again on **Saturday, March 1st at 10am** to prepare for the National Dinner Day Event on Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 2pm. Sister **Gia Bethea is in charge.**



GET READY FOR OUR FAMILY ENRICHMENT SEMINAR with **DR. HOWARD WRIGHT,** Atlanta Ga. The dates are **Sunday — Wednesday, March 23rd—26th, 2025.**

The Theme is: **REESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION IN FAMILIES,** Gen. 2:20-25. Keep your calendar open for this great event and plan to bring a visitor.

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.



THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF MEAT FOR THIS MONTH.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

Service Administrator	Luis Arias
Announcements	Reginald Bendolph
Invocation	Clarence Holley
Song Leader	Cornelius Clark
Scripture	Bryce Cannon
Prayer	Pascal Saint Pierre
Sermon	Dr. Jerry Houston
Administer/Prayer Requests	Michael Graves
Response Assistant	Andre Hart Jr.
Lord's Supper/Offering	Edward Mitchell
1—I. Pernell, 2—R. Love, 3—Ryan Johnson, 4—J. Laurent	
Leadership Announcements	Weston Paton
Benediction	Bryce Cannon
Attendance Manager	Tia Grant
USHERS IN MAIN LOBBY—K. Williams, V. Williamson, A. Bygrave	USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD.— C. Barclay, A. Hart Jr., J. Nicolas
USHERS IN ELEVATOR ENTRANCE—C. Holley	

Camera	David Kahiga III
Computer	Joshua Saint Pierre
Assistant	Luis Arias

The COLLEGIATE HEARTS PROGRAM is sponsored by the Newark Church of Christ –Youth Committee. The purpose of this program is to **provide on-going spiritual encouragement to our college students (both home and away).** This program provides **boxes which contain school supplies, toiletries, non-perishable food items, church bulletin, etc.** We want to continue to encourage our college students to continue their academic journey. Our belief is that God is able to continue to guide and protect each of us. Therefore, we will be **sending the "care packages" in March.** Please let the committee know if you would like to make a **monetary donation or provide cards of encouragement for our students.** The **deadline is Sunday-March 16th.** Please send the name of your college student or donations to **Sister Nakia Wood** (973-392-1400 or nlewood@comcast.net).



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; Verdine Williamson, UMDNJ, Newark, NJ

NEW DISCIPLES' DINNER The date is **next Sunday, February 23rd 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 RSVP 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. Today is the deadline to register.

THE NEWARK MARRIAGE CLASS IS HOSTING A MARRIAGE CLASS SOCIAL on **this Saturday, February 22nd, 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 Ondrea Hart by February 12th. Flyers are available in the front foyer.

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 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY is **this Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Minister Paul Ballantyne of Kings Church of Christ, Brooklyn NY will speak on the theme: **GOD'S PLAN VS. MY PLAN—How to Trust God When Your Plans Don't Go According to Plan.** Zoom Meeting ID: 704 392 5072 Passcode: 904204.

SUNDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS today **immediately following the morning service,** downstairs in the dining hall. All sisters are invited to attend. **Sister Mikki Taylor is the teacher.**

PLACED MEMBERSHIP Welcome to brother Samuel Amanku, 784 Clinton Ave., Irvington NJ, 973 204-2925 who placed membership with us on last Sunday from Ghana Church of Christ, Ghana Africa. **RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY** T. Whitley, V. Williams, J. Kahiga, V. Hardaway and A. Williams were restored. L. Jenkins, C. Cole, T. Jones and V. Weeks requested prayer. **ONLINE REQUESTS** T. Grant, C. Samuel, J. Arias, T. Davis, B. Richardson, R. Arbuckle, LJ Hill, H. Smalls and L. Butler

RESPONSES FOR 2025 138 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 2 Placed Memberships

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



CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Bible School Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
 Bible Class Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
 Website newarkchurchofchrist.net

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

We had 124 in attendance in the 11 am service on last Sunday, February 9, 2025.