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MONTHLY NEWS & EVENTS AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



What Prevents You

Jeremiah Kirberg // Pastor Of Administration

After leaving Samaria, Philip met a eunuch from Ethiopia traveling home from Jerusalem and reading from the prophet Isaiah. This man wanted to understand what he was reading so he asked Philip, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else? At this point, "Phillip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:34-35). Every conversion, whether recorded in the New Testament or those that occur today, will begin with this. The story of Jesus is the heart of the gospel message (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus is the cornerstone of the foundation upon which we are built (Ephesians 2:19-21). Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). So Philip preached Jesus, just as we must do today. The text implies the inclusion of baptism in Philip's teaching about Jesus. The first thing we see after Luke recorded Philip preaching Jesus is this: "As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?'" (Acts 8:36). Failing to determine whether someone understands their profession of faith before you baptize them is recklessly irresponsible. Declaring someone "saved" when they aren't, not only gives them false assurance, it makes them that much more immune to future calls to repent and believe. We must be diligent to ensure that the person being baptized is able to articulate the gospel and explain what baptism means and why they want to do it. However, we must be cautious that in our caution we do not undermine the critical importance of baptism. Every single baptism we have on record in the New Testament, without exception, is spontaneous and immediate. John the Baptist invited his hearers to show their repentance by baptism, an invitation received most notably by Jesus himself (Matt 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11). Peter baptized 3000 on the spot in Acts 2 after one sermon (Acts 2:40-41). Philip baptized the eunuch after their first conversation, (Act 8:36-38), and Ananias baptized Paul "immediately" after meeting him (Acts 9:17-19, cf. 22:16). Paul baptized the Philippian jailor and his household "at once" (Acts 16:31-34). So, if you have repented of your sin and rebellion against God and placed your faith in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins; what prevents you from being baptized? The water will be ready on Sunday evening, August 18th for you to be baptized. Be sure to sign-up at the Information Center or online! †

FOOD
TRUCK &
WORSHIP
NIGHT

AUGUST 18TH
5:00PM-9:00PM



SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$8 PER PERSON.



NEWCOMER
NIGHT

AUGUST 16 @ 6:30 PM



Men's Shoot-Out

9/3 5:30 PM The Range 14803 Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS:

visit ncc-stl.org | lobby or information center | registration required | church app

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 // 10:00 AM

VLASIS PARK

MOM'S PARK DAY

Pack a bagged lunch and join other moms for a day in the park.

Ray Mehringer ray@ncc-stl.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 // 6:30 PM

MAYCOCK HOME

NEWCOMER NIGHT

Get to know staff, members and other attendees at this informal dinner.

Virginia Hankins virginia@ncc-stl.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 // 5:00 PM

NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

FOOD TRUCK & WORSHIP NIGHT

St. Louis food trucks and a time of worship and prayer with our entire church family.

Ray Mehringer ray@ncc-stl.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 // 5:00 PM

NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up online or at the info center.

Virginia Hankins virginia@ncc-stl.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 // 12:15 PM

NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEACHER TUNE-UP

A crucial time of discipleship with other Sunday School teachers.

Ray Mehringer ray@ncc-stl.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 // 5:30 PM

THE RANGE

MEN'S SHOOT-OUT

Men enjoy fellowship together at the shooting range.

Alex Simpson aisimpson22@gmail.com

AUGUST EVENTS

THE BULLETIN BOARD

NEED TO CONNECT AT NCC?

We send out a weekly newsletter, prayer requests and special announcements through email and the app. Stop by the Information Center or the website to sign up for our communications.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Lost items are waiting to be found at the Information Center. Items are purged once a month so be sure to stop by and see if your items are there!

LOOKING TO SERVE?

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." How are you serving the body of Christ? Stop by the Information Center to discuss service opportunities that best utilize your gifts.



to glorify God // to make disciples // to share God's love

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TEACHER TUNE-UP

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12:15 PM
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Book of the Month

Understanding Baptism

Bobby Jamieson

What's the big deal about baptism?

Jesus commands his disciples to be baptized, and it's a glorious picture of a person's union with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Still, many Christians feel unclear about the topic, having more questions than answers. This short work provides a biblical explanation of baptism. What is it? Who should be baptized? Why is it required for church membership? And how should churches practice baptism?

