

THE WEEKLY

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Looking for a Starting Point here at Newsong? The 'Weekly' has most current happenings and opportunities to get you connected. There are, however, other ministries and events you can be a part of as well. For additional information please visit our communication center located in the main hallway near the Common Ground (coffee area). If you still don't find what you are looking for, please email us at: office@newsong-fellowship.com.



Calendar of Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
September 11 th 6am-10am	Granite City Breakfast	Granite City, IL
September 11 th 9am - 11am	Next Step Class	Newsong Fellowship Common Ground
September 11 th 7pm	Love Our Savior	Auditorium
September 19 th 12:30pm - 3:30pm	Love Our City Celebration	Newsong Fellowship
September 22 nd 7pm to 8pm	The Well... A LifeGroup Study	Common Grounds



Announcements

Love Our City / Sep. 19th

This year we're celebrating our 5th anniversary, and once again, we want to throw a HUGE party! Our celebration is entitled "Love Our City". So on Sep. 19th we're having a community-wide block party! But this year, we want to take it a step further and "love our city" in a tangible way. This year we want a "party with a purpose"! So, we're partnering with the Dirty Roots Revolution and are asking those who come to the party to bring a package of new socks, which will be collected and given to the homeless in St. Louis. The heart of this annual celebration has always been about focusing our love on the community outside our doors, and we believe that this year will be our greatest celebration yet! So, watch and listen for more details as we ramp up for an amazing block party and shine our Light into our community with fun, food, celebration and purpose!

The Well... A LifeGroup Study

Not in a LifeGroup? LifeGroups are a great place to experience authentic community, share life together, and build relationships. Wednesday, September 22nd at 7PM we will be starting a LifeGroup study entitled: **"Paul Speaks into the 21st Century"**. In today's world with today's problems, how do letters written 2,000 years ago have any relevance for us as believers? We will meet each Wednesday evening for 7 weeks where we will discuss Paul's answers to today's questions about what it means to be a follower of Christ. Our first session will be **"Suffering & Hardship: If God is a loving God, why does he allow pain, suffering, violence, injustice to happen?"** If you are interested in checking out a LifeGroup without making a long term commitment, or would just like to be a part of this discussion, please see Pastor Tim or contact him at 659-2333 / tim.giltner@newsong-fellowship.com.



Welcome to Newsong

Next Week... FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

Have you ever felt like you were "at the end of your rope", as they say? Or maybe the better question might be, how often do you feel like life is either mundane and bland at best, or overwhelming and out of control? What does "faith" look like to you? Not the *religious* aspect of faith...the REAL sense of experiencing a conviction, an internal strength that just affirms from deep within your spirit that God's presence and power are within your grasp? What about "hope"? Or even "love"? Are they merely words or are they gifts that God graciously pours into the lives of those who truly long to know Him? Join us as we explore these three graces - faith, hope, and love. Discover what it looks like to live life on a whole new plain with, a wholly different perspective.

Newsong's "Next Step" Class



Are you trying to find the way to get connected at Newsong? Have questions about Newsong? Our story? Our beliefs? Our strategy and structure? "Next Step" is our newly revised monthly information class, alternating between Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings. If you are interested in attending our next class on September 11th from 9am to 11am, you can write that on your Communication Card, signup on-line: www.newsong-fellowship.com, e-mail us: office@newsong-fellowship.com, or just call the office at 659-2333. Watch for additional details here in the Weekly and online. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Out of town, missed a Sunday and want to “catch up” on the current series? Check out our podcast. Visit our website at: www.newsong-fellowship.com and click on the “Podcast” link

Your Presence Matters!

Whether you're a first time guest or a long time member here at Newsong, we'd like to invite you to take a few minutes to fill out the Communication Card that's part of your program this morning. We want to make sure that we have the opportunity to be aware of those of you who have chosen to take your time today to visit us here in our “living room”, as well as making sure that we're maintaining accurate and up-to-date information for those of you who are here on a regular basis. Beyond that, we're also very interested in providing an avenue for your feedback, comments, or prayer concerns. We want to make sure that you know your presence and your voice is valued. So, thanks for participating with us in this! You can drop the completed card into one of the Joyboxes at the exits when the service is over.



Get Plugged In

Imago Dei (*College / Young Adult*)

Come and connect, develop lasting friendships, ask questions, dig deeper, and discover eternal truths about what it means to be shaped in the image of God. **Please join us this Tuesday @ 7pm in the Common Ground.** For more information please contact Lindsey Freeman at: 670-6918. To receive weekly updates text “imago” to 41-411.

EPIC / Student Ministry (*High School and Middle School*)

You were created with the potential for an EPIC life—one that would be significant, that could accomplish great things in the Kingdom and great changes in your culture. What will you do with your life...your story? Epic is a chance for students to explore what it means to live that life—to rise above the norm and make a difference; to make our lives count. Join us from 6 to 7:30pm every Sunday night in the fellowship hall.

LifeGroups

God created men and women to live in community with one another. LifeGroups are a great place to experience authentic community, share life together, and build long lasting relationships. Experience a safe place to learn and grow in your relationship with Christ while you connect and build a meaningful relationship with people. If you are interested in joining one of our many regional groups, please contact Pastor Tim at the church office: 659-2333 or by e-mail: tim.giltner@newsong-fellowship.com. You can check out a full listing of our LifeGroups by checking out our website or picking up a LifeGroup brochure at the communication center.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, are you “in the know” about Newsong Women's Ministry? Our Newsong Women's Ministry's main source of communication is via email. If you are not currently on our email distribution list, and would like to be added, please email your information to our Women's Ministry at nfwomensministry@att.net. Let's make sure you don't miss out on updates about exciting projects and upcoming events! We also have our own website located at: newsongwomen.com – make sure to visit it for daily devotions, calendar of events, prayer requests and pictures of previous events! If you do not have e-mail or internet access, please contact Corie Devall at 304-5399

Men's Ministry

Men of Newsong; here's a ministry opportunity designed just for you. Our purpose is based on God's Word and a desire to care for widows, single mothers, and others in need within our Newsong family. Please join us Saturday, September 18th at 8am for fellowship, a study in God's word followed by assisting those in need. For more detailed information please contact Bob Steinbraker at: mensministry@newsong-fellowship.com

For a complete list of ministries, check out the Communication Center located in the hallway next to Common Ground



Get Involved

Love Our City

Volunteers Needed

Our annual community event is quickly approaching and we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering at Love Our City September 19th, 2010 for a 1.5 hour shift between 12:30pm and 3:30pm, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved. We have a variety of needs that your talents can fill from inflatable's supervisor, food service and prep, set up and tear down, hospitality, hosting an activity booth and much more! Please stop by one of the tables in the back of the auditorium today after service and sign up to volunteer! You don't want to miss this exciting celebration as we take the time to “Love Our City”.

CHILE COOK-OFF: Chili Connoisseurs Wanted

Do you make a mean batch of chili? Let's see if yours is the best in town. As a part of our Love Our City celebration, we are hosting our 2nd Chili Cook-Off. Bring your Chili the 19th sometime before the end of second service, to the main entrance to the Chapel on 2nd street and enter your chili into the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners.

Socks Wanted

We need packages of new socks. We are rounding up new socks for the "Dirty Roots Revolution" to give to the homeless in St. Louis. Help us give back to the community at the Love Our City event. Bring a package of new socks with you to our celebration. There will be a collection bin located at the hospitality tent.

"Love Our Savior"

An Evening of Worship & Prayer! Saturday, Sep. 11th, at 7:00 pm at Newsong. As we prepare to celebrate "Love Our City", we want to emphasize that this celebration is, fundamentally, an expression of worship and gratitude for God's many blessings over these past 5 years. We're going to be inviting our friends and neighbors to join us for this exciting weekend, so we want to prepare our hearts and ask God to pour out His blessings on that event - that it would truly be an expression of His love for our city and our friends! So, join us as we gather to worship and pray in preparation for the great celebration! Before we express our love to our city, we want to express our love to our Lord! See you there!!

Serving Opportunities

Looking for a place to serve? We would love to help you connect with a service ministry now! If you are interested in finding a place to serve using your gifts and abilities, please contact Pastor Tim at 659-2333 or by e-mail at tim.giltner@newsong-fellowship.com. We have immediate needs in the following areas:

- iZone (Children's Ministry)
- Coffee Team (either set-up or clean-up)
- Cleaning Crew
- Greeters



Compassion Ministries

Newsong Fellowship Compassion Ministry

Our Compassion Ministry is a combination of opportunities to minister to those to whom Jesus showed great compassion and care. God is reaching out through the hearts and lives of many at Newsong who are eager to be His "hands and feet"! If you are looking for a great place to get involved in one of the following Compassion Ministries, please contact the office.

Angel Food Ministries	Elmwood Nursing Home Ministry
Granite City Breakfast Ministry	Hoyleton Children's Home Foundation
Reynosa, Mexico Mission Trip	New Orleans Mission Trip

Local Missions

Angel Food Distribution Day - Angel Food is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities throughout the United States and Newsong Fellowship is a host site for the Glen / Ed area. Angel Food units are available for \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen food items. Visit: www.angelfoodministries.com. You can also volunteer on the distribution days! There are two volunteer opportunities within this ministry; food picking up and the food distribution, each area only requires about an hour and a half of commitment. For more information, please contact Teresa Dickerson at ntandgarrett@sbcglobal.net.

Distribution Dates: Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18

Regional Missions

Granite City Breakfast - The GC breakfast is held on Saturdays at the St. Peters church in GC starting at 6am to 10am. We serve a hot breakfast consisting of eggs (made to order) pancakes, sausage, toast, oatmeal, juice, milk and coffee. The GC breakfast ministry offers a unique environment of encouragement, mercy without judgment, love and respect. We strive to build meaningful relationships with the individuals we serve. For more information please see Gina Gillig or e-mail her at: thnx2hm@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Dates: Sept 11, Oct 23, Dec 4

On Going Donation needs for the Granite City Breakfast - We are collecting items for the children and families that are served at the breakfast; Male and Female hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste) and snack food items (crackers and cheese, raisins, individual containers of apple sauce, etc.) Donations can be dropped off in the bin under the communication center.

Elmwood Nursing Home Ministry - Create Memories to Treasure - When you volunteer at Elmwood, you will become an integral part of the care team to help create and preserve memories that will provide comfort for the resident. Hours are from 9:00-11:00am. If you are planning to attend, please contact Chandler Gregory at 791-0057 prior to the attending date.

Visit Dates: Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 18



Financial Up-Date

Total Tithes and Offerings for the year through September 3rd, 2010:

Giving	Week Ending Sept. 3 rd		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Operating Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Operating Budget</u>
Operating Fund:	6,379	9,808	235,737	264,811
We Will Remember:	795	1,622	19,430	56,770

"We Will Remember" is an opportunity for those who call Newsong home to express our gratitude for God's blessings by contributing to our building fund.

Debt Retirement	August, 2010		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligation</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligation</u>
	12,800	23,241	76,600	185,929

Debt retirement reflects payments made towards our mortgage through August, 2010

Joy Boxes

At Newsong, we believe that worship is an opportunity to express our commitment and love to God. Each week, at the close of the service, we offer our family and guests an opportunity to express their joy in giving, which is also an act of worship. We have "joy boxes" at the doors and online and when we announce it, we have this "cheerful response" that reminds us that giving is a joyful experience and that God loves it when we give cheerfully. So, if you're new to Newsong, when we invite people to worship with their giving, please don't feel pressured to give and don't let our enthusiasm catch you off guard!



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