



from ... Keith Reeser, with Cindy Johnson

“To be known...”

Within each of us is a wealth of experience and knowledge, whether or not we can recognize our own personal value. God chooses to know each of us. He knows our imperfections, yet he chooses to love and pursue us anyway (*1 Corinthians 8:3* and *Galatians 4:9*). Do you see the beauty in this truth? God wants relationship with us!

From the earliest moments of creation God was already displaying his love toward mankind. We are simply vessels put on display for all to see how God cares for us. He wants us to remember we are all in this together, in fellowship as a community.

At NFC we look for reminders of God's love for each person. Cindy remembers when her husband, John, became critically ill with an e-coli infection. The doctor saw little hope for recovery, but Cindy told him a lot of people were praying for John—people from NFC, his GFU colleagues, family from all over, neighbors, people who didn't know them but heard about their situation. Through those next difficult months as John's health slowly improved, faithful warriors continued to pray. This happened quite a few years ago, and we are all glad to see that John has completely recovered. He is a constant reminder of answered prayer and God's work in his life.

Through this example may we be reminded that praying has no age

requirement. We *all* need to be praying for each other and sharing our requests with the church prayer teams.

Here is a task, better yet a *challenge*, that each of us would take on the ministry of praying for those the Lord puts on our heart throughout the week. Consider writing a card with the simple acknowledgment you are praying for them, that God brought them to your mind and you wanted to lift them up to the God who hears and cares for his children. Picture this—people sharing cards of affirmation and prayers after the service. How would it be for God’s people to hear prayer requests and then respond to the congregation of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord? Well, friends, we are already seeing glimpses of this, so let me encourage you to continue growing this spiritual muscle!



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, July 21

Read ahead for Sunday: Colossians 1:24–2:5

Sunday, July 22

Gathered Prayer • 8am • Room 236

Sunday School • 9am • for classroom locations, click [HERE](#)

Coffee and Conversation in the Library • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:30am

Young families picnic gathering at Memorial Park following worship

Sunday–Thursday • Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions • click [HERE](#) for info • click [HERE](#) for printable registration form

NEXT WEEK

Monday, July 23

Intercessory prayer • 9am • Barclay C

Strong for Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Wednesday, July 25

Strong for Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Friday, July 27

Strong for Life canceled due to Old Fashioned Festival (parking)

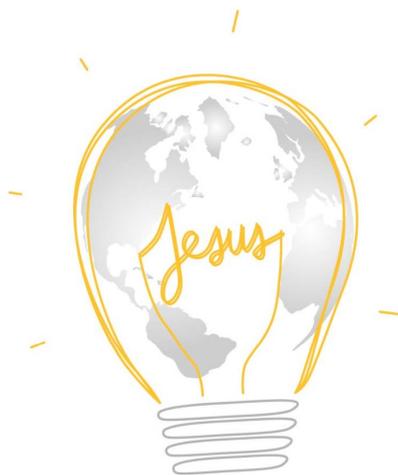
AFTER THAT

Thursday-Sunday, July 26-29 • Newberg Old Fashioned Festival comes to our neighborhood!

[Click HERE to see the calendar online.](#)

July is "NAME TAG MONTH" at NFC!

Thank you for remembering to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings—or making one as you come in to worship. (supplies in the library and at the parking-lot entrance)



LIGHT of the **WORLD**

Annual Sessions

July 22-26, 2018

George Fox University

Click [HERE](#) to request full brochure.

Find print copies of the registration form at the welcome center and in the church office.

Please join Mauri Macy and others in the
YEARLY MEETING CHOIR,
leading worship singing on Wednesday evening (July 25).

Two brief rehearsals in the Ross Band Room
Monday and Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday call time – 6:15 p.m. on the Bauman stage

Come. Sing...in the YEARLY MEETING CHOIR!



from ... Chuck Scott, stewards clerk

As the stewards of Newberg Friends Church, we are very grateful for your faithfulness in contributing to the ongoing ministries of NFC. For those who attended the business meeting recently you heard we ended the last fiscal year well. You also heard the very good budget report from our treasurer, Dave Hampton. We presented a balanced budget that covers everything requested and gave us a little wiggle room for some new or unexpected things we anticipate will come up during this new fiscal year. I think we are all encouraged by the way our church is moving and in the wonderful blessings we receive. Thank you again for your ongoing support. Remember, stewardship is much more than just the finances. The gifts of your time and talents are also very much needed and appreciated.



P.S.

>> A memorial service for **Irene Cathers** will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 6pm, at Northside Community Church.



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Keith Reeser, pastor

Sunday Schedule:

Gathered Prayer – 8am

Sunday School – 9am

Coffee and Conversation in the Library – 10am

Gathered Worship 10:30am

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