

New Song News

Philippians 4:6–9 (ESV) ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the **peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, **and the God of peace will be with you.**

Romans 8:1-2, 5-6 ¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Today

- ✓ 9:00am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, adult Learning Community.
- ✓ Gifting the Resource Center begins - opportunity make a difference "beyond the walls." Take a tag, purchase the item, return to New Song unwrapped by Dec. 29th. There's something for every budget.
- ✓ Advent Sunday #2, Candle of Peace.
- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift.

This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, 7:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 1:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Sunday, Children's Advent Presentation in worship & POTLUCK Dinner. Please bring a **main dish and a side dish.**

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Dec. 21, 8-9:30am, Men's Study
- ✓ Dec. 22, Christ Birthday Offering – give an amount equal to the most expensive person on your list to point people to Jesus throughout the world.
- ✓ Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candles and Carols, 6:00-7:30pm.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



New Song Notes,

Pastor Herb Shaffer

Change the Heart; Change the Life

Living Lives of True Love, part 9

December 8, 2024

Matthew 26:38–39 ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” **Matt 26:38–39 (ESV)**

We need to do some fruit inspection – selves and one another

- ➔ to live lives of supernatural love, **1 Corinthians 13**
- ➔ to be transformed, not to criticize or shame, **Romans 8:1**
- ➔ to reap what we want to sow, **Galatians 6:7**
- ➔ to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, **Philippians 2:12b**
- ➔ to no longer be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of our minds, **Romans 12:2**

Inspecting and changing our fruit in step with the Holy Spirit is:

1. Notice the fruit with brutal honesty
2. Ask God what He sees - Listen
3. Repent and Surrender – 180 degree turn to follow
4. Obey – live it 24/7

What the Christ-following life is all about

1. It's all about LOVE.

Galatians 5:6, 9 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

Galatians 5:13–15 (ESV)

2. It's all about CHOICES (over long periods of time).

- ➔ Only two options with the same choice every time. That choice determines the kind of fruit we produce

Galatians 5:16–26 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

	Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
12/1/2024	\$ 4,102.00	\$ 3,560.25	12/1/2024 \$ 0.00	12/1/2024 \$ 12.00	12/1/2024 \$ 20.00
To Date	\$ 192,722.91	\$ 170,892.00	Balance: \$ 3,855.97	Month Total \$ 12.00	To Date \$ 3,330.00

So you can receive credit for your giving, please print your name & amount on the offering envelope.

- Selfish, against Jesus and others option, vs. 19-21
 - pleasure
 - false religion/ supernatural
 - relationship
 - excesses



- Loving, Spirit powered for Jesus and others option, vs. 22-23



3. It's all about ABIDING.

Galatians 5:25–26 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

- It's not about trying harder but surrendering more to ABIDE

ABIDE: intimate, close relationship, “attached” so that the Spirit lives in and through us as we Surrender, Listen and Obey



John 15:1–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 901)

New Song
Community Church

Living Our Utmost for His Highest

“with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.” Philippians 1:20a (ESV)

† Pay Attention

around us and what God says about it

† Be Ready

developing God's skill-set and mind-set

† Soldiering Together

rejoicing, weeping and sharpening TOGETHER

What do we do with this?



- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?