

New Song News

Psalm 8:1–4, 9 (ESV) ¹O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁹O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

James 1:22–26 (ESV) ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.

Today

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Saturday, 8:30a-2:30p, Men’s **No Regrets Conference** at New Song. Volunteers to help provide or serve lunch see Nancy Seman
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, **Learning Community**.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Feb 6/7/9 “Presence-Centered Discipleship” in Learning Communities.
- ✓ Feb. 23, All-Church Annual Meeting and Winter dinner after worship.
- ✓ **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



Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
1/19/2025 \$ 14,134.00	\$ 4,006.23*	1/19/2025 \$ 0.00	1/19/2025 \$ 21.00	1/19/2025 \$ 210.00
To Date \$ 18,370.50	\$12,018.69*	Balance: \$ 2,469.97	Month Total \$ 47.00	To Date \$ 250.00

*Pending budget ratification. Please print name & amount on offering envelope to receive credit.

What Kind of Dirt Are You?

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James 1:19–20 ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **James 1:19–20 (ESV)**

Joining God to leverage His work in us

1. God Spoke Convicting Truth.

2. God is pushing us to See Ourselves.

Luke 8:4–8 (ESV) (pew Bible page 865)

Luke 8:11–15 (ESV) (pew Bible page 865)

- ➔ Hard soil - too hard to root
 - ➔ Rocky soil – too shallow to endure testings
 - ➔ Thorny soil – too attached to cares, riches, pleasures
 - ➔ Good soil – hold tightly, high moral excellence, persevering
- Luke 8:15 (NIV84)** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

noble & good = selflessly devoted to Jesus’ Heavenly Realm

hold it fast = live God’s truth

patience = perseverance

bear fruit = character and behavior like Jesus

3. God is challenging us to be Good Soil.

† Don't assume you are good soil. Evaluate in Throne Room.

† W.I.T. attitude

Ephesians 3:14–21 (ESV) (pew Bible page 977)

→ Adequate time with God

→ Asking questions in conversation with God

→ Lifestyle of repentance/ Y's in road

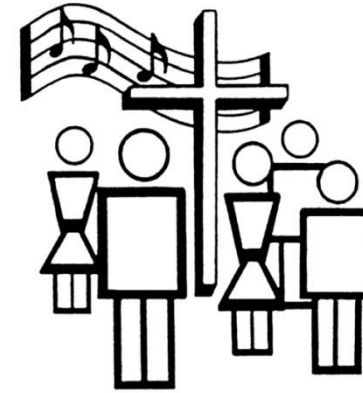
→ Accountable for and to one another

→ Others...

What do we do with this?

"Presence-Centered Discipleship" Course - practical teaching and tools to live lives of repentance – GOOD SOIL!

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



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