

Neshaminy Valley Baptist Church

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Aug 30th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Living in the World but Loving God

Aug 30, Sun B'day: Emmitt Gilbertson; Anniv.: Kathleen & Alan Zimmerman
Prov 5: 23 "[a man] dies for lack of discipline"

Aug 31, Mon **Give thanks to God - the Griffins have settled in well**
I John 3: 24-4:5 What is the litmus test for knowing whether you are in Christ?
Ans: you 'keep and live God's Word' (3:24). Secondly, in a pluralistic society, with all kinds of claims to deity, how do you what's true? Ans: do they confess Jesus as God (4:2-3)

Sept 1, Tues **On this first day of Pastor Shamoir - let us pray for him**
I John 4: 6-12 Interesting - how do you know if someone else knows God or the truth? Ans: 'they listen to us ... agree with us' (vs 6). One of the truest indicators of whether you know and love God is your ability to love others - plain and simple! The criteria for loving someone else is not about likeability or agreeing ...

Sept 2, Wed **Pray for Alexcia - she find joy and freedom etc. in this change**
I John 4: 13-19 How do we know we abide in God and God in us? Ans: we have God's Spirit (vs 13). Because of this abiding, and the love of God in us, we do not live in "fear" - fear has to do with punishment.

Sept 3, Thur **Pray for Arianna, Aleya and Skylar-Rose - they make friends**
I John 4: 20-5:2 Loving others is not a feeling, it is a commandment. If you do not have love people who can see, you really can't claim to love a God that you cannot - you are a "liar" (4: 20). Now all of this is tied together: if you say you love God then it is evident in (a) love God's commandments and (b) love God's children - others

Sept 4, Fri **Pray that God teaches us, i.e. NVBC, how to transition well**
I John 5: 3-9 "[God's] commandments are not burdensome" - is that your experience? Because Christ and God is in us, we are 'overcomers' - we can overcome the challenges of this world!

Sept 5, Sat **Birthday: Caleb Konzelman; Anniv.: Jesse & Emily Schulz**
I John 5: 10-15 When you don't believe in God (i.e. Father) concerning Jesus, make God a liar. What's the lie? That the Father's testimony of purpose and mission of His Son, Jesus, is not what He says it is

Sept 6, Sun
Prov 6: 1-5

I John 1-3

The Christian & the World

Intro: *Doctrine dictates living dictates devotion*

1. Walking in the Light (1: 1-2:14)

- a) _____ is real (vs 1-4)
- b) _____ is light (vs 5-10)
- c) _____ is our advocate (2: 1-2)

Therefore, the *evidence* of claims of knowing God and loving Christ is reflected in _____ to God's _____, and _____ of _____ (2: 3-14)

2. Not Loving the World (2: 15-27)

Three things that lure us away from loving God ...

- a) Desire of the _____
 - The craving for _____, _____ and _____
- b) Desire of the _____
 - Wanting - _____ - _____ - _____
(Gen 3:6, Joshua 7:21, 2 Samuel 11)
- c) Pride of _____ (Luke 12: 16-21)
 - 'What I have is what _____ me'

Therefore, John's conclusion is - pleasure _____, possessions _____, status _____; doing, living God's will is _____

3. Living as Children of God (2:28-3:24)

- a) Live ready for _____ (2: 28-3:3)
- b) Don't get _____ with _____ (3: 4-10)
- c) Love is proven in _____ (3: 11-18)
- d) Live with _____ (3: 19-24)

Concl.: Christian love is monogamous



If you are visiting with us for the first time, we want to warmly welcome you! Please fill out the visitor's card and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

BIBLE READINGS - we are in the Epistle of John. Written at the end of his life, John sends these 3 letters calling believers to know the truth about Christ, walk faithfully in it, and demonstrate it through love, obedience, and Christian relationships. He also warns the believer against false teaching and ungodly leadership

Nursery Volunteers Needed: We have been blessed with enough children to have a Pre K class in Little Learners and a nursery for the fall, but we need more help! If you are interested in serving in either room, please contact Julia Browne or Toni Aquilone

This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	WORSHIP
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Small Group (Corbetts)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	AA Women's Mtg
		Deacon Meeting

Dates To Remember

Sept 11 th (Fri)	6:30 pm	Start of AWANA
Sept 13 th (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship on the Mound
Sept 20 th (Sun)	9:00 am	Breakfast – ABF & Intergenerational SS
	10:00 am	Worship & Baptism Service
	4:30 pm	Installation Service for Shamoir Griffin
Nov 14 th (Sat)	11:00 am	Gratitude Celebration of the Thomas'

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