

Neshaminy Valley Baptist Church

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Aug 9th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

God is our Refuge and Strength

- Aug 9, Sun** **Rejoice, sing, dance, lift up your hands – Christ has freed you!**
Prov 5: 1-2 “ ... be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion ... ”
- Aug 10, Mon** **Praise and thank God that the Griffins arrived safely!**
Joshua 21: 1-19 The Levites did not receive tribal inheritance but lived in cities with surrounding pasturelands. Their dispersion probably exerted a spiritual influence across the entire nation
- Aug 11, Tues** **Pray and thank God for Chris Ann – who manages the finances**
Joshua 21: 20-45 As the narrative of land distribution closes, what’s most important is vs 43-45. That speaks to God’s promise, God’s ability to accomplish, and the benefit to God’s people
- Aug 12, Wed** **Pray for the Special People Dance for tomorrow evening!**
Joshua 22: 1-20 The Reubenites, Gadites, and the ½ tribe of Manasseh are given their allotments. As the eastern tribes return, they build an altar near Jordan – others hear about it and are furious because it reminds them about their past pagan altars and God’s fury upon them. They prepare for war, but wisdom dawns and they send a delegation to enquire
- Aug 13, Thur** **Birthday: Alexcia Griffin**
Joshua 22: 21-34 The delegation discovers they had guessed wrong; this was an altar for a testimony of what God had done. How often we conclude or judge based on gossip or hearsay. A warning!
- Aug 14, Fri** **Thank God for Russ Linton – who cleans the facility faithfully**
Joshua 23: 1-8 Joshua is about 80 years and realizes that it was his responsibility to prepare the people for his transition. As a good and loved leader, he diverts their attention to God and what God has done; he encourages them to commit to God
- Aug 15, Sat** **Birthday: Brett Fender**
Joshua 23: 9-16 Now he reminds them to be holy – the pagans will be a “snare and a trap” (vs 13), don’t marry them, etc. When you read the chapter, you’ll see as in other parts of Scripture, there is 2 foci approach to our Christian living – love God and despise evil
- Aug 16, Sun**
Prov 5: 7-14

Joshua 20

Running Away!

Intro: *God’s laws reveal His character.*

1. Facts - 6 ‘cities of refuge’ were set up, 3 east and 3 west of the Jordan. Interestingly these were in _____ cities! Anyone who had committed murder accidentally, could run into the city, and find protection till a proper trial determined the facts
2. Truth
 - a) Entry into the city established neither _____ or _____
 - b) It provided *space* and *time* to determine truth before _____ (Deut 19: 15, Num 35: 24, Exod. 23:7)

Our culture: _____ i.e. judgement, are made on the news / social media based on _____ or a person’s _____ desire. People pile on ... families suffer, reputation destroyed, and careers end; most people are often not interested in the truth.
3. Victim, Justice & Mercy
 - a) There are “victims”:
 - i. The one who _____, and
 - ii. The accused who _____
 - b) It is the responsibility of _____ and it’s _____ to determine the truth. While in the process, we _____
 - c) Justice – discerning _____ and making _____
 - d) Mercy – _____ to the one who deserves _____ (vs 6)
4. The Gospel
 - a) We run to _____ (Heb 6:18)
 - b) Though “ _____ ” we enjoy _____ (Rom 3:26)

Conclusion: *Do you display God’s protective character or society’s quickness to malign and condemn?*



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!

GRIFFINS – We welcome the Griffins to our Fellowship! A special welcome to Arianna, Aleya and Skylar-Rose!

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

BAPTISM: On Sunday, Sept 20th, we will be Baptizing those who have not had that experience! If you are curious, contact Pastor Joe

'Ladies Afternoon Out' – August 23rd at 2 pm. Calling all Ladies! Join us for an end of summer afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. See Sharon or Chris Ann for questions
Meeting at the Edwards – 1159 Newport Mews Dr., Bensalem

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
Thursday	6:00 pm	Special People's Dance

Dates To Remember

Aug 23 rd (Sun)	2:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Out [Edwards' Home]
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
	4:30 pm	Installation Service for Shamoir Griffin
Nov 14 th (Sat)	11:00 am	Gratitude Celebration of the Thomas'

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