



September 1, 2017

## NEW

## BEGINNINGS

September is a time of new beginnings; fall is coming, school is starting again, football season has begun! For us at NSBC, September is definitely a time of new beginnings. For instance ...

\* **O**ur next **Church Potluck** is Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the conclusion of our morning service featuring a meal we have never offered at NSBC: Fried Chicken! We have several people who will be making chicken with their best recipe. Come and enjoy!

\* **I**gnite Youth begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. Efren and Whitney are excited about a new year of building relationships with the teens in our area.

\* **F**renzy begins on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Chris and her staff are very excited about the new crew of kids we have coming to NSBC. Each meeting has a lesson, a craft, a game and a treat to eat!

\* **T**NT (**Thursday Night Together**) resumes on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:35 pm. If you know of someone who is currently not going to church and looking for a new experience, send them our way on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll be ready!

\* **I** will be starting a new teaching series this month entitled **RESTART**. Each week we will be looking at getting back to healthy priorities that lead to healthy living. We will be looking at topics such as:

- **Restarting your joy**
- **Restarting your worship**
- **Restarting your focus**
- **Restarting your schedule**
- **Restarting your finances**
- **Restarting your Bible reading**

- **R**estarting your relationships; and
- **R**estarting your contentment

**G**od wants us to live in a healthy and God-honoring way. Restarting our lives in these ways will help us do that. So join me each week starting Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The important thing we need to remember is:

**God is a God of New Beginnings!**

**N**o matter how we have blown it or how many mistakes we make, God offers us hope, help and healing. He offers us a new beginning as long as we are willing to surrender our lives to Christ. The apostle Paul writes in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5 (NLT):

**What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!**

**G**od wants us to experience a new life through the power of His Spirit. So let's make this a *September to remember* by asking Jesus to give us a new heart, a new beginning and a new future that is focused on Him. May this month be a time of new beginnings for you.

**G**o Cougs!

**S**incerely in Christ,

***Pastor Craig***