

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



APRIL 2024



Life First! Campaign



Please, stop by at the table in the back of the Worship Center and pick up a baby bottle to take home. The baby bottles should be returned by **May 12th**. They have asked everyone NOT to write on the bottles but fill out the card inside instead. Please make checks payable to "Life First". Full information will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Thank you for caring, your donations help fund all their free services!

Sunday Services

Bible School for adults
9:15 A.M.
Worship Service
10:30 A.M.

Pray First!

The Sunday after Easter, we will begin a much-needed sermon series on prayer. Pray First is based on a book by Chris Hodges, a wonderful pastor whose church has 21 Days of Prayer at the beginning of every year. We realize how much more we need to depend on God to lead His church here at New Hope, and so we are going to start PRAYING FIRST for everything.



The most wonderful and challenging part of this series will be the 21 Days of Prayer we will begin on April 15th, as each of us begins following the "21 Days of Prayer and Fasting" guide we are passing out April 7-14. We want every adult and teen to follow this guide for 21 days. (If you want to pay for your copy, the booklets are just \$4 each).

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the spiritual breakthroughs we will have individually and as a congregation!

New Hope Fellowship Dinner - April 14th!

Make sure you are here on April 14th for a free Fellowship Dinner after church! EVERYONE is invited to stay, and you don't even have to bring anything! This is part of the special Prayer Emphasis we are starting on April 7th, and we want everyone to come together for this special time. Don't miss it!

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Pastor Jon's Musings

Easter Sunday is going to be a blessed day at New Hope! We are looking forward to an extra special day and a family-oriented service. The children already had their big Spring event on March 17th, so on Resurrection Day they will join us in the main auditorium. Please invite your family members and friends to come with you on Easter! Breakfast treats and gifts for the children will be included!

Then, the week after Easter we will begin **PRAY FIRST**, a five-week emphasis on prayer that is exactly what our church needs right now! We are going to be learning why prayer is so important and how to pray better. This is a perfect time for this emphasis on prayer, while we are searching for a new pastor and looking to the future God is preparing for our ministry together! As you already saw in this newsletter, we will be joining together in **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting** from April 15 to May 5, using a great daily prayer guide. We encourage every adult and teenager in the New Hope Family to participate in this, and I hope you will be as excited about this as we are!

Caleb and Monika Sannoh are thrilled that another team will be coming to Liberia May 23rd to June 3rd, including Michael Briggs, Andrew and Christina Keeney, and myself. We are asking God to challenge and encourage the Christians there to stop putting off their weddings until they can afford a big celebration and choose to get their relationships right with the Lord right now. Our team is going to spend a day or two teaching about Christian marriage and then have **MULTIPLE wedding ceremonies and one BIG celebration together!** The details are still being worked out, but we are praying that the Lord will move powerfully in the hearts of the believers in Liberia and that couples that are now living together will get right with the Lord. Please pray every day for *Grace to Liberia*, a New Hope mission God is already using in dramatic ways.

I love you all! Pastor Jon

Mission Trip to Liberia - May 23 to June 3

Pastor Jon and Michael Briggs (and Andrew and Christina Keeney) will be going to Liberia in May, and we encourage everyone to start praying for them now. They will be doing two leadership seminars and a marriage retreat culminating in several weddings at the same time! If you can help with the costs of this trip, any amount will be appreciated. This includes Pastor Jon's travel expenses, books to give to the seminar participants, and 2 heavy duty batteries, as well as a projector and portable screen for an evangelist to show the Jesus film in places it has never been seen. All told, the expenses will total about \$3,500 but the Missions Team has already covered \$1,900 of this amount. Thanks for your help.

Offering Report

Weekly giving required for 2024 budget: \$4,444.22

Thanks to everyone who gives generously.

May we all learn to give to God who gave to us first.

March's Average 4-week Worship Attendance:

87

	Budget	Feb	YTD
Total Giving	\$ 231,099.77	\$ 17,452.00	\$ 47,432.00
Missions/KK/Bene	\$ 27,731.97	\$ 2,094.24	\$ 5,691.84
Total Op Budget	\$ 203,367.80	\$ 15,357.76	\$ 41,740.16
Staff Financial Support	\$ 145,860.80	\$ 13,240.41	\$ 24,327.25
Workman's Comp	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 515.25	\$ 1,915.87
Property	\$ 9,410.00	\$ -	\$ 586.35
Building & Grounds Upkeep	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 924.00
Administrative	\$ 10,820.00	\$ 619.98	\$ 619.98
Worship/Outreach	\$ 20,727.00	\$ 397.85	\$ 576.12
Total	\$ 203,367.80	\$ 14,825.49	\$ 28,949.57
	Balance	\$ 532.27	\$ 12,790.59

The monthly numbers will be posted on the Information Bulletin Board mid-month.

PLEASE contact Theresa Scott or Roland Heflin for specific information.



Jr. & Sr. High (6th-12th)
Kingdom Seekers

Teens, come on out Wednesday night for fun and fellowship with the youth!



Please continue to pray for our teenagers as they meet each week. Also keep John Ingram & Judy McDermott and this important ministry in your prayers.

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Kid's Church/Wee Worship

Simply Loved

We are mid-way through Quarter 5. In Unit 2 we will introduce our friend Beacon the rainbow-billed toucan reminds us that Jesus cares about us!

We still need help in Kids Church, please let Jen Nanfelt know if you are interested in helping!!



Quarry Station

The first Sunday of the month, New Hope meets at Quarry Station at 1:00 p.m. After the service at Quarry Station, we provide a refreshment time so we can visit with the residents. We hope you will go with us to get to know the residents and encourage them in the Lord. If you have any questions, see Jon Ulm or Steve Morales.

Ladies Retreat-October 25th- 27th at Skycroft

Ladies of New Hope, you can register for this retreat at any time. If you would like to register now or start a payment plan, please contact Theresa Peters. If you want to speak with someone about the retreat, contact one of the team members. They are Bonnie Heisse, Cathy Smyth, Connie Maxey, Dayna Sellner, Gloria Steinbach, Judy Jenkins, Theresa Peters and Tina Perry.

Old Cell Phones Needed

We are still collecting old cell phones for our Mission in Liberia. All cell phones are accepted with or without charger. See the drop off bin placed on the table to the right of the main entrance. Thank you to those who have already donated!

Missionary Care Team

The Sannoh's mentioned our Missionary Care Team in their last visit to us. This team was set up to provide personal support for their family by acknowledging their birthdays and anniversaries and by interacting personally with them throughout the year. The team started with 7 or 8 people but 4 of these people have moved away. If you are interested in helping with this team, please contact Rowland Heflin or Kevin Sellner and they will get you involved.

Scrip Cards

Scrip orders are due by **April 7**. Becky Spray can help you set up a personal account so you can order online at any time you want them. This is a great fundraiser for the Women's Ministry. The gift cards you buy are the same as if you went to the store and picked them up. The perk for us is if you order them through us, we get a percentage back from the stores. If you have any questions about this program, please see Becky Spray. A complete list of places that participate is at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Order forms are available on the church website www.newhope316.org or at the Information Table in the entry way.

April

Birthdays

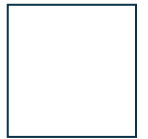
Anniversary

Kamela Elkins	April 04
Paul Bell	April 10
Lincoln Jay	April 16
Christina Morales	April 21
Caleb Sannoh	April 22
David Ingram	April 23
Russell Sims	April 23
Mairin Whalen	April 28
Fay Woolwine	April 29

Clayborn, Steve & Chantel	April 08
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