

"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15

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Newsletter:

January

Letter from the Pastor:

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. -Deuteronomy 31:8

There are many things of which I am afraid. Snakes. Tight spaces. Losing loved ones. Making an important phone call. And while I fear all of these things, one thing that I don't really call a fear, just a dislike, is heights. There is something so exhilarating and also a little terrifying about standing on the edge of a cliff, 30 feet off of the water and preparing to jump. We may stand looking at the water for a long time, trying to convince ourself that staying on the cliff would be better. For some of us, we would never even climb up there in the first place. But for all of us, at one time or another in our lives, we face "precipice" moments. Moments in our lives where we may be leaving the safety of something known to take the exhilarating plunge into something new and unknown. We may fear these moments as much as we are afraid of heights, but we don't need to be afraid.

As the Israelites were about to enter into the Promised Land, Moses, who had been there leader for over forty years, addressed the people to let them know that he would not be going with them. Israel was standing on the largest precipice it had ever known and was going to have to take the plunge without the leader they had known. There was so much to fear. In the midst of his address, Moses tells them something so profound: "It is the Lord who goes before you." He has already taken that plunge, he has already made the jump. For Israel, because God had gone before, they did not have to "fear or be dismayed." As a church, we stand on the precipice of something new and exciting. Let us not allow fear to keep us from taking that plunge because God has already gone before us. Let's take the plunge!

Love Generously and Support Kingdom work

For each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -1 Corinthians 9:7

In 2023, New Hope supported kingdom work, loving God and neighbor through generous giving and support of many amazing ministries. Here is a summary of how God worked through our church this year:

Love offerings:

Kriquette's Kidz- \$2,200.00

FLOK- \$1,470.00

Gideons- \$965.00

Heart & Soul Ministries- \$ 500.00, plus 260 cards

2022 Christmas Eve Offering- \$13,260.00

Other Outreach or Projects:

New Hope USFW Missions- \$1,500.00

WAGO Christian Radio- \$200.00

Annual Cake Auction- \$6,545.00

The Well - \$18,000.00

Local Aid - \$2,283.00

Other church outreach projects included visiting and giving gift cards to shut ins; providing 10 kids Christmas through FLOK; establishing the Foster Care Closet of Wayne County; sharing a monthly meal and fellowshiping with our Single Seniors; the Joy Seekers hope group sponsoring a Fire Pit Gathering for young adults; playing in a basketball league; hosting a summer softball league and completing the first phase of the ball field lighting project; Breakfast with Santa; and lastly, starting the Attic at New Hope, otherwise known as our youth group.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 10:30AM	2 Outreach 11:30AM	3 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM FLC Reserved 6PM	5	6	
7 Worship 10:30AM	8 Church Family 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	9 Precept 9AM Ministry & Counsel 7PM	10 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	11 The Well 6:30PM	12	13
14 Worship 10:30AM	15 Choir Practice 7PM	16 Precept 9AM	17 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM FLC Reserved 6PM	19	20
21 Worship 10:30AM Nursery Volunteer Lunch	22 Choir Practice 7PM	23 Precept 9AM Monthly Meeting 7PM	24 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	25 Single Seniors 12PM FLC Reserved 6PM	26	27
28 Worship 10:30AM	29 Choir Practice 7PM	30 Precept 9AM USFW 6:30PM	31 Youth Group 6PM-8PM			

2024

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:18-19

Happy New Year

Celebrating Milestones
Happy Birthday

Birthdays:

- 1st Elaine Edwards, James Maples
- 4th Ramona DeParke, Ervin Jones
- 5th Jodie Hudson
- 7th Shae Odom
- 10th Danny Southerland
- 18th Angie Boyette
- 19th Jonathan Bryan, Luke Bryan, Kathy Fields
- 21st Ashley Foye



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Anniversaries:

- 2nd Tracy and Crystal Case
- 15th Paul and Gina Bryan
- 17th Jerry and Ann Smith
- 29th Larry and Peggy Kearney



January Connect Team:
Eddie Daniels, Richard Pate, Stella Clark, Will Eberwein, Tommy Bradshaw

Budgets and Committee Appointments

Copies of the 2024 Budget and the 2024 Committee Appointments will be made available in the resource office. If you don't already have a copy, please pick one up.



2024 Flower Calendar

The new calendar is up on the hallway bulletin board. Sign up to dedicate the altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost of flowers is \$60.00.



2023 Contribution Letters

Contribution letters are available upon request. Please contact Elaine Edwards (919-920-0820). If you are already receiving the letter, you will automatically be sent one.