

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

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*Newsletter:*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026, Wow!

I love January and New Year's Day because I love new beginnings. It's great to reflect on the past year and rejoice in the successes and to learn from the failures we have had during the year. As Christians, we know that the Lord is the God of second, third, fourth chances. He continues to love us even as we have failed Him or have sinned against Him. Our God is the God of new beginnings.

The Koreans have a curious New Year's custom. Desiring to forget unpleasant things and make a fresh start, each person determines what bad habits he would like to eliminate and what past deeds he wants forgiven. Then he writes the names of these evils on kite and flies it high into the air. When it is almost out of sight, he cuts the string. As the "paper bird" takes a nosedive and disappears from sight, he thinks that all his faults and previous transgressions are forever removed.

Our God is a God of new beginnings. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" Now is the time for us individually and as a church to set new directions, to plot new courses, to repent of wrong choices and actions. God forgives and forgets and directs us in the way we should go. Will you walk with Him more closely in 2026? Will you trust Him and obey the leading of His Spirit? Will you be a bold witness for Christ in 2026? "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

God bless you and may we all have a Happy and Godly New Year!

With New Beginnings,  
Pastor Randy

### **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 2025, 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** - \$2,475.00

**FLOK** - \$2,195.00

**Denny Sutton Memorial Sing** - \$3,000

**Gideons** - \$2,049.00

**Heart & Soul** - \$500

#### **Other Outreach or Projects:**

**New Hope USFW Missions**- \$2,500.00

**WAGO Christian Radio**- \$200.00

**Annual Cake Auction**- \$6,290.00

**Church Family Yard Sale** - \$2,099.05

Other church outreach projects included visiting and giving gift cards to shut ins; providing appreciation cards to Eastern Wayne Teachers; providing 11 kids Christmas through FLOK, as well as, meals weekly; hosting Annual Breakfast with Santa; working with Wayne County Pregnancy Center and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; donating pantry and snack items to Kitty Askins; Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins and local nursing homes; hosting Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Men's Fellowship; hosting a summer softball league; helping families by means of the Foster Care Closet; and lastly donating gifts to our Meals on Wheels recipients as well as residents of Sutton's Rest Home.

January						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Worship 10:45AM	5 Church Family Meeting 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	6 Outreach 11:30AM - LaPaz FLC Reserved 5:30PM	7 Youth Group 6:30PM-8PM Branches 6:30PM	8 FLC Reserved 5:30PM Finance Meeting 6PM Bible Study 6:30PM	9	10
11 Worship 10:45AM	12 Choir Practice 7PM	13 Precept 9AM FLC Reserved 5:30PM Ministry & Counsel 7PM	14 Youth Group 6:30PM-8PM Branches 6:30PM	15 FLC Reserved 5:30PM Hope Sisters 6:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM	16	17
18 Worship 10:45AM	19 Choir Practice 7PM	20 Precept 9AM FLC Reserved 5:30PM Monthly Meeting 7PM	21 Youth Group 6:30PM-8PM Branches 6:30PM	22 Singles Seniors 12PM FLC Reserved 5:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM	23	24
25 Worship 10:45AM	26 Choir Practice 7PM	27 Precept 9AM FLC Reserved 5:30PM USFW 6:30AM	28 Youth Group 6:30PM-8PM Branches 6:30PM	29 FLC Reserved 5:30PM Bible Study 6:30PM	30	31 FLC Reserved 1:30PM

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 Yarbrough
- 10th Danny Southerland
- 18th Angie Weeks
- 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



## Announcements

### Budgets and Committee Appointments

Copies of the 2026 Budget will be made available in the resource office. If you don't already have a copy, please pick one up.



### 2026 Flower Calendar

The new calendar is on its way and will be placed 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.



### 2025 Contribution Letters

Contribution letters are available upon request. Please contact Noelle Hicks (919-920-6730). If you are already receiving the letter, you will automatically be sent one.

*A copy of the new bylaws were handed out at Monthly Meeting on December 16th. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the bylaws, please send them to the church email at newhopefriends@nc.rr.com prior to the next Ministry & Counsel Meeting on January 13th.*