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Church Events

Announcements

We need your help with the Christmas Dinner. Please pickup a list from the foyer that includes what items are needed. Monetary donations are welcome.

Leadership Dinner - December 11 after 11 a.m. service.

The children's church will present a Christmas play on Dec 16 at 6 p.m..

New Year Eve's Celebration December 31 at 9 p.m.—12 midnight

Worship with us this Sunday
Service Times
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Join us for **Bible Study** Every Tuesday 7:00 PM

Sunday School...

10:00 a.m.

Every Sunday

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sleeping Giant in our church, families and communities. What can be done you ask? We must form support groups that will strengthen couples in marriage, a place where couples can come together to hear, learn or give a testimony that will encourage another couple. How will we do this? By inviting couples to a monthly session called "Marriage Strengthen Session". Matthew 20, states, *"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* We must cover and protect ourselves in prayer; we must surround ourselves with like-minded people who will encourage you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This session will not be a preaching session, this is a talk session led by a facilitator who will bring a topic and we as a group will give biblical and personal experiences on how to solve that situation.

"The best things in life happen as a result of our relationships. We laugh in relationships. We commiserate in relationships. And we learn in relationships."
(Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott)

If you would like to volunteer for any upcoming events or Host a Home Fellowship please see any marriage ministry member.

Members:

Deacon Carl & Deaconess Shauna Whiting
Deacon Aaron & Deaconess Linda Patten
Deacon Robert & Elder Sharon Bradford
Bro. Tyrie & Minister Solvika Thomas
Bro. Shae & Deanna Hudnall

Please mark your Calendar: Miss-Lou Marriage Walk "One Man One Woman for Life", April 21, 2012

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NEW HOPE THE VISION CENTER

Monthly Newsletter

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From the Desk of The Bishop Dr. Stanley Searcy Sr.

Greetings everyone! This holiday season let's focus more on Christ, who is the reason for the season along with spending time with family and loves one. However, we may we not forget those who are suffering. Holiday seasons are a wonderful time to express Christ love to a dying and sinful world and a good time to express God's love that's spread abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.



In Matthew 25:31-40 is where Christ tells us about the sheep and the goats. The sheep were those who took out time to help. Those who are in the Body of Christ expressing love through their earthly and material goods to fulfill the needs of others. In Matthews 25:35 Jesus says, "when I was a hungered, and ye gave Me meat..." Christ explains to us here that

when we allow the hunger of others to go on it is like we are doing it to Him.

I would like to thank God for those who took out time during Thanksgiving to make sure the needs of others were met. Five Hundred plus plates were served on that day. What wonderful people you are. My heart is encouraged. Let's continue by looking forward this holiday season to make sure everyone that we know of this Christmas season will have something to eat. As we prepare for 2012 let's purpose in our hearts to fulfill the commission of Christ. To spread the Gospel and fulfill needs. These may be difficult times, but Christ will never ask us to do something He will not make provision for.

In verse 35 it also says about Him being thirsty and a stranger and the need being fulfilled. In verse 36 it says He was naked, sick and in prison and all the needs were fulfilled. Christ expected the hearers of Matthews 25:31-40 to fulfill the needs. We to must hear and fulfill the needs of others. Even though we ourselves may have needs let's look unto this holiday season to spread the love of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Let's have goodwill to share to all men. Especially the household of faith.

May God Bless each of you,

Bishop Stanley Searcy, Sr.

From the Desk of Co-Pastor Brenda Searcy

Let's not miss the point of giving.

The season for the celebration of giving thanks has passed. Although we must realize that it's not just a season, but it should be done in all things. Now we are to focus on the season of giving, which is something that we as Christians should always do, because it is the character of Jesus. However, the season that we celebrate the birth of Christ is upon us now.



Everyone even those who don't believe in Jesus and has never given their lives to Him are in the spirit of giving. It's a cheerful time of the year! It's good to be joyful, but why do we give?

John 3 :16 says that God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. My, God gave His only begotten Son. He so loved the world of fallen man. Behold, and wonder that such a great God should love such a worthless world! What a time of love indeed.

The Jews thought that Christ was to be sent only in love to their nation, but Christ tells them that not only to the Jews, but to the Gentiles as well was He sent. In other words He came in love to the whole world. This was an instance of God's love to the whole world. It was an offer to the whole world of life and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

God so loved this world, that He sent His Son with a fair proposal that WHOSOEVER believes in Him, and that is Jesus Christ, whom God has given for us and given to us, shall not perish. Those who have received such an unselfish love, which is the intention of the Giver, have been saved from the miseries of hell, delivered from the pit. God has taken away their sins, you shall not die. A pardon is purchased; you are now entitled to the joys of heaven and shall have everlasting life.

That which we have received from God through Jesus Christ and that is His unselfish, unconditional love that reaches out and draws others in; we to should be willing to give up our comforts and security so that others might join us in receiving God's love.

So why do we give and what is the point of giving? So that others may experience the love of God that was so freely offered to us. **FREELY**

YOU HAVE RECEIVED; FREELY GIVE!!

May God bless each of You.

Love, Co-Pastor Brenda Searcy

Editor's Comments

It is truly a blessing to give thanks to Almighty God for giving us His son, Jesus; the greatest gift that anyone should ever desire. As we enter into this holiday season, please do not forget that December 25 has been set aside to celebrate the birth of JESUS. It is not a time that we should get caught up in all the commercialization of Christmas. As believers in Almighty God and His son, JESUS we must continue to focus on the WORD. We must also, continue to be examples to others, believers and nonbelievers.

2 Peter 1:3 states "*His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness*". Therefore as believers there are certain qualities that we should portray daily: *Virtue* – fulfilling God's design for a life with moral excellence; *Knowledge* – studying God's Word to gain wisdom to combat falsehood; *Self-control* – revering God so much that we choose godly be-

havior; *Perseverance* – having a hopeful attitude even in difficulties because we're confident in God's character; *Godliness* – honoring the Lord in every relationship in life; *Brotherly kindness* – displaying a warmhearted affection for fellow believers and nonbelievers; and *Love* – sacrificing for the good of others (taken from: *Anne Cetas of Our Daily Word*). These qualities we should have and make them an integrate part of our every day life.

Slendora Alexander-Muhammad, Editor



Nursing Home Ministry

The New Hope Nursing Home Ministry team would like to invite any member that has not found a place to wok to come out to any of the nursing homes to help us lift up Jesus. We encourage the tenants to hold on that God has not forsaken them. Also, we are preparing our holiday donation to the nursing homes and would welcome anyone to come out and be with us.

Elder Katie Beamer, Elder Julia Griffin, and Minister Shirley Berry

"God Did It"

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank God. Next, I would like to say thank you to my New Hope Family. Thank

you for your donation for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks for the monetary donations, can goods, turkeys, hams, plates, and other supplies. Thanks for the time you donated. Thanks to all the cooks, assistant cooks, servers, and those drivers who delivered plates. More than 500 plates were given to the needed.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving I was concern because we only had a few turkeys and 4 gallons of vegetables. Bishop Searcy preached in the 8:30 a.m. service about giving thanks for what you do have. We changed what we had been saying about the shortage and started giving God praise for what we did have. From that moment the donations and turkeys started coming in.

I want to tell you about two wonderful ladies. One came to me and said here is \$5.00. That is all I can give. I hope it will help buy a can of vegetables. I took that \$5.00 and went to the dollar store and they had can goods on sale for \$.40 a can. I made the purchase. The next one came had some macaroni. She asked me could I use it? I said yes, and got some extra macaroni and cheese to go with it and served a hundred. I guess you are saying why is she telling us this? These ladies remind me of the widow in Mark 12:42. They gave out of their needs. They made a sacrifice to help feed others. They were willing to help. Can you see that all it takes is us working together? You and I putting our little bit together to help feed somebody else.

Elder Cynthia Barfield

Walking In Unity Marriage Ministry

by
Deacon Carl & Deaconess Shauna
Whiting

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a blessed year it has been. We have had such a blessed time with the couples of New Hope and throughout the community. We look forward to next year's events. We closed this year with a DVD showing entitled, *iMarriage*. An awesome message of how God has outlined for us to give unconditional love by removing expectations that keep us from experiencing unconditional love, and allowing God to be that third person in your marriage. So many of us leave the altar with expectations of: how many children we will have, what kind of house we will live in, what my wife will not wear to bed, how we will spend family holidays, who will do chores like the dishes or laundry, and we will have this amount of money and lifestyle. Even though these are God given desires, it is when they become expectations, that we rob our marriage of intimacy, unconditional love and trust. In the common saying "Let Go and Let God", empty your box of those expectations that you have laid on your spouse so heavy and begin to experience a love for your spouse that you have never experienced before. If you would like to get a copy of this DVD for yourself you may purchase at northpointministries.org.

Our Goal for next year is to strengthen marriages throughout our community. Divorce is no longer the