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Church Events

Prayer Shut-In (EVERYONE)
Saturday, January 7, 2012
New Hope The Vision Center

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
Deacon Brad Norman, Superintendent
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Invite Mr. Joy Bear to your next PARTY or EVENT!
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Audio/Video Ministry

Please be reminded that the audio/video ministry is open to anyone looking to serve in the church. We are in need of people who want to help take the gospel to another level through audio and video. Please contact Deacon Aaron Patten Jr. if you are called to spread the gospel in this manner.

New Hope Bookstore

Open before, in between and after each service on Sunday.

Available to you are teachings from Bishop & Co-pastor Searcy as well as others on CD or DVD.

If you have a special request for a particular service or message, you may fill out an order form and make your donation in advance. We will promptly get your CD or DVD to you.

Thank you,
Sis. DeAnna Hudnal
Bookstore Manager

January 2012 Issue

NEW HOPE THE VISION CENTER

Monthly Newsletter



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

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where **"The Restraints Has Been Removed!"** As we look into the book of Luke in chapter 10; Jesus after He had appointed twelve, He also appointed another seventy and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, where He Himself would come. We see that Christ often sends us into areas where



great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest. As we think about 2012 we think of a shifting of end times and the coming together of all things. Prophets has prophesied throughout the ages that there will be a shift December 21, 2012. I would like to say that before the great harvest whether it's 2012, 2013, 2014 or beyond. God has sent forth workers into the fields.

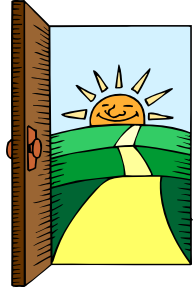
We have been sitting at the table long enough eating the

bread that comes from the harvest of the field, but no one is reaping the harvest. I want you to turn your hearts, your minds and your souls and ask God to give you the ability this year to use the strength, talents and resources He has given each of us to be able to have a great ingathering of the harvest.

Jesus told them to go your way. I send you forth. That's not going to be an easy thing to do this year, because harvesting is never an easy thing. The restraints has been removed. The things that have kept us back, the seasons we have been through, the trials and the tests and things that seem to have been holding us back

From the Desk of Co-Pastor Brenda Searcy

“OPEN THE DOOR TO A NEW BEGINNING”



you just can't seem to forgive yourself. Maybe, somehow, somehow you wronged someone and can't seem to find it in your heart to ask for forgiveness or somehow repay although you

Isn't it so easy to hold on to things than to just **LET IT GO**? Of course it is! It could be, you can't seem to forgive someone for what they have done to you even though, it may have been today, yesterday, t w e n t y years ago or more; you just can't seem to forgive yourself for what you have done, whatever it is or whenever it happened. It may be something that you have needed to ask God's forgiveness. You may have asked Him and you know that He has forgiven you, but



continually struggle with the thought of it or you maybe one of those who have those constant thoughts of shoulda, coulda, woulda, and what mighta been if I had.

Now is your time to open the door to a new beginning. There's a path waiting for you that you have not given a chance to prove "**WHAT CAN BE.**" God has a plan for your life. Yes, it's still there. Whatever you have suffered, whatever you have lost, whatever you feel you have missed out on, whatever you may have done wrong close the door on it and open up your heart to your Heavenly Father. It may not be easy and it may even hurt a lot, but you can do it!

You may ask, well how do I

let go? By asking God to forgive you and you forgiving yourself for anything you may have done. Asking whoever you have wronged to forgive you and if you can repay, do it. Whatever it takes to start you on this new beginning, **JUST DO IT!**.

Be like Paul in Philippians 3:13-14 where he said, "brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Who had more reason to feel sorrowful about his past than Paul, who stoned Stephen to death and other Christians for their faith, but once he allowed Jesus to come into his heart, he refuse to let his past stop him from what God had for him. We all have done things that we are ashamed of and we all can live with the thoughts of shoulda, coulda, woulda, and what mighta

Nursing Home Ministry

by
Elder Katie Beamer

Luke 10: 2—Therefore said He unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: Pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send fourth labourers into his harvest.

If you're called to spread the gospel, or you're looking for some place to work in the church, then come join us in the Nursing Home Ministry, and watch God work, as the word goes fourth. Help us to be a blessing to others. God Bless.

Elder Katie Beamer
Elder Julia Griffin
Minister Shirley Berry



From the Desk of the Bishop Cont....

for a maturing period. We have reached that area of maturity and now Jesus is telling us to GO! He is sending us forth as lambs. Lambs are very humble creatures. You can grab them and the first few seconds after you have grabbed them they will stand still. You can shearer and even kill and butcher them and they will not move. This is what the Lord is telling us. He is not sending us in a militant, violent way, but in a way of peace and love to be able to tell everyone the good news of Christ and His coming. We need to get as many people saved and born again.

There are times during harvest that certain parts of the field brings forth more than other parts. It is because of the soil that the seeds were planted in. We need to know at this particular time that we have been sent to get all of the harvest in. There is another portion of scripture that says that as they were getting the harvest in that the tares were gathered together as well. We must gather together both bad and good, along with those who are struggling and

those who are coming out of the struggle; as well as those who have victory in their lives and those who are steady trying to gain the victory. We need to know that we have been sent into the harvest, that there will be opposition, but the restraints from the opposition, the wolves has been removed.

He lets the seventy in verse four know that He will provide for them. As long as we as a church and as believers do as God has sent us to do. That is, to walk in the realm of the harvest this year knowing that no matter what comes up against us, the restraints has been removed. We don't have to worry about provision. When we know that we have been sent we must trust that God will provide all that we need. My prayer for each of you this year is to operate in the harvest. Putting your hands to the plough and not looking back. Expect supernatural manifestations of God's miracle power on our lives.

May God Bless You & Happy New Year!

Bishop Stanley Searcy, Sr.

“JUST BECAUSE”

by
Minister Mario J. Radford



During the week of Thanksgiving, I was afforded the opportunity to be on a vacation away from the office. As with many of us, we love what we do and it's difficult at times to wind down from our usually compact schedules. What was more gratifying during this time off beyond the obvious rest time, was spending time with my family. Interestingly enough, I noticed during some of those rest moments when the house was supposed to be empty; I was always accompanied by a little 4 year old unmovable rock named, Myles, my son.

Somewhat curious about his daily routine, I asked the obvious question, “Myles, why

do you want to stay with me everyday instead of going with your brother and sister?” Without missing a beat his response was, “Because, you're my Da!” Maybe many of you think that I made a mistake and forgot to complete that word with a “D” to spell, “Dad!” In actuality, that is what he calls me, and every parent or grandparents knows what it's like for your loved one to call you by their own special name. So, if that's what he wants to call me, I wouldn't have it any other way. ☺

His response made me ponder on our relationship with God. The many time that we kneel in prayer, sings songs about Him, serve in His name; well, the list can be quite extensive if we think about it. However, the question must be asked as we go about our God inspired routines. If God were to ask you, “Why do you want to be in my presence?” Would we give a list of needs that we have? Would we say we worship or pray because we need a breakthrough? Or will our heart respond in a

resonating tone, “Yes, I have needs! No, things are not always as I'd like for them to be. But the reason that I'm here in your presence is just because, you're my father! And everything I could ever need or hope for is only in You.” **Psalm 16:11 says, “You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.”**

“DOUBLE THANK YOU”

First, I would like to thank the cooks and servers that helped with the Leadership Dinner. You did a wonderful job.

Second, I would like to thank all the givers, cooks, servers and drivers that helped with the *Christmas Dinner Giveaway*. Thanks for making this annual event a success. Five hundred plates were given out. Yes, *God did it again.*

Elder Cynthia Barfield

Editor's Comments

“Reflection”

As we enter into 2012, a new year, each of us should reflect. During our **reflection** it is very important to focus on all things. This includes our accomplishments and failures. **Reflection** is a thought, idea, or opinion formed or a remark made as a result of **meditation**. Therefore, as we reflect (meditate), let's acquire new knowledge on how we can improve in the coming days, month and for this year.

2 Timothy 3:16 states that “*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness*”. In applying this scripture, we must reflect on our accomplishments and failures in order to make corrections and/or improvements in our lives. **Reflections** should be a means of teaching us about what has occurred in our past and how we can improve for the future. Future meaning today and tomorrow.

Let's look at the key words in 2Timothy 3:16 and use them as a guide when reflecting. **Reproof** -criticism for a fault;

correction - the action or an instance of correcting (to make right); **training** - the skill, knowledge, or experience acquired by one that trains (to form by instruction, discipline, or drill). In our reflections let's apply these things in our daily walk with Christ. Yes! we can make great accomplishments in pleasing Almighty God and becoming more Christ-like.

Reflections are good not only at the beginning of each year, but daily. Remember when we reflect we should use it as a teaching tool, reproof, correction and for training in righteousness.

It is my desire that each of us grow closer to Almighty God and Christ in our daily walk; showing others how great it is to be a servant of His. By reflecting we can acquire knowledge and understanding on how to improve our walk with Almighty God.

Let's reflect..... To improve....

Peace and Love,

Glendora Alexander-Muhammad
Editor



From the Desk of Co-Pastor Cont....

been if I had. We all can focus on what we have been and what we want to be; however, can you be like Paul and forget it all? Just leave it behind and reach forth unto those things which are before and to allow God to make you and mold you into what He would have you to be.

You are the only one who is standing in the way of a joyful life. Do you know that joy is more than just being happy? It surpasses happiness. It's a state of being. It's the state of heart and mind in knowing that you have done and is doing all that you know that God would have you to do. Why are you holding yourself back from such a wonderful life?

Open the door to your new beginning right NOW!! I expect to see you with joy this year.

God Bless,

Co-pastor Searcy

Your Health is..... Your Wealth

By Elder S. Muhammad

The Health of Body and of Mind, is the wealth of spirit you will find; For all Gods laws are Heaven sent, long life and health they represent.

Vegetables, fruits, and grains are Heaven's way—so eat to live just for today (*Don Carlos*).

The History of Almighty God's people through the ages is a lesson book of great importance; especially to us who live in this time (*R. F. Crary*). The History is "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" 1Cor. 10:11.

Peace and Love

The Worship Quiz Answers

In the October & November issue of the newsletter we ask if you could identify the person described in the following statements about worship. **Sis. Ida Deal** submitted the correct answers.

Congratulations

Sis. Deal!

The solution is as follows:

- Who said "Stay here...: the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you"? **Abraham (Genesis 22:5).**
- Who "tore His robe and shaved His head, and fell to the ground and worship. And said:...the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away"? **Job (Job 1:20-21).**
- Who said,"... let it be know to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up"? **Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego (Daniel 3:16-18).**
- Who said, "All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me"? **The devil (Matthew 4:8-9).**
- Who was Jesus talking about when he said "And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"? **The Pharisees (Matthew 15:9-12).**
- Who "when they saw Jesusworship Him, but some doubted"? **The eleven disciples (Matthew 28:17).**
- What woman "did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day"? **Anna, a prophetess (Luke 2:37).**
- To whom did Jesus say, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"? **A woman of Samaria (John 4:24).**
- Who said, "...the one whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you"? **Paul (Acts 17:23).**
- Who "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever". **The Gentiles (Romans 1:25).**

By Elder Cynthia Barfield

January Bible Readings

Date	Morning	Evening
	Matthew	Genesis
1	1	1, 2, 3
2	2	4, 5, 6
3	3	7, 8, 9
4	4	10, 11, 12
5	5:1-26	13, 14, 15
6	5:27-48	16, 17
7	6:1-18	18, 19
8	6:19-34	20, 21, 22
9	7	23, 24
10	8:1-17	25, 26
11	8:18-34	27, 28
12	9:1-17	29, 30
13	9:18-38	31, 32
14	10:1-20	33, 34, 35
15	10:21-42	36, 37, 38
16	11	39, 40
17	12:1-23	41, 42
18	12:24-50	43, 44, 45
19	13:1-30	46, 47, 48
20	13:31-58	49, 50
		Exodus
21	14:1-21	1, 2, 3
22	14:22-36	4, 5, 6
23	15:1-20	7, 8
24	15:21-39	9, 10, 11
25	16	12, 13

Thought for the Month

**Commit to the
Lord whatever you
do, and your plans
will succeed.—
Proverbs 16:3
(NIV)**