

February 2012



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Matthew 13:3-10 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Can you feel the excitement in the air? It RAINED!! It RAINED! Oh, how sweet the air smells, how glistening the sunshine off the wet sidewalk, how squishy the mud. It RAINED!

We have so been in need of rain – and it gives us a twinkle, a sniff of the spring to come. Spring will come and all the wonderful possibilities for our gardens. Now, if you know anything about farming, you would never have sown seeds on the path where they would be eaten, or in the rocks where they would have no foundation, or in the thorns. You would sow seeds where they could grow!

Where can we at New Hope sow seeds for new growth in the church? Surely not on the well worn path for others to snap up nor on perilous ground with no hope of roots and certainly not among the thorns. We can sow where the ground is fertile and ready to grow new young Christians.

This spring we will have a spring festival about sowing seeds called Planting Seeds. The seeds we will sow are the seeds of New Hope and new hope. **Saturday, March 24**, we will have a festival with bounce houses, seeds for little children to plant, seedlings for children to take home, puppets to entertain, vendors to shop, classic cars to drool over, and lots of food. All the families of Keller and around will be invited.

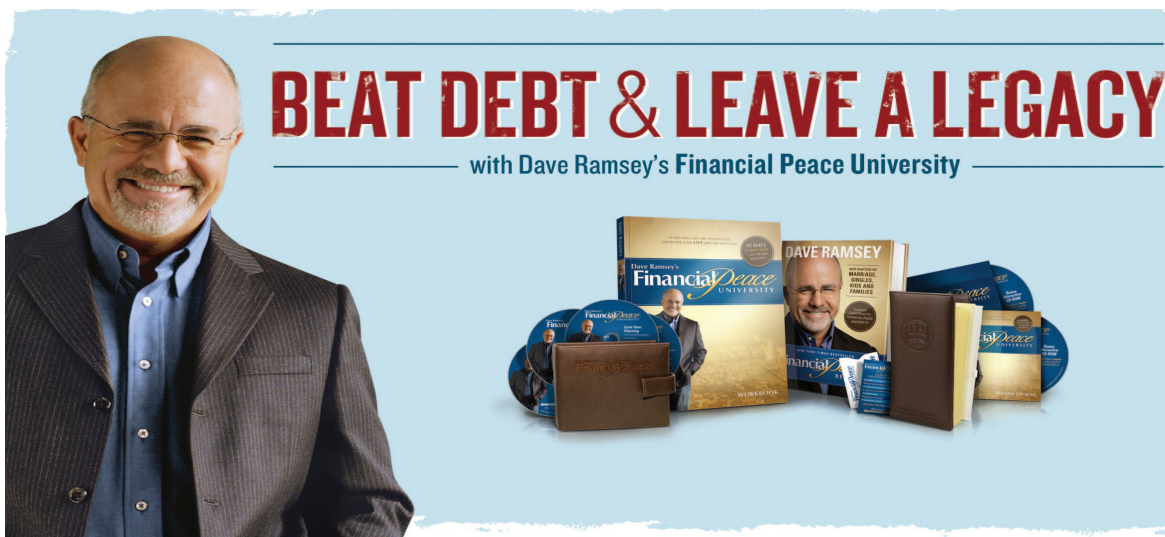
How can you help sow the seeds of new hope? Can you sell food or drink? Do you know a vendor who would like to participate? Can you grow some seedlings? Can you help children to plant seeds in little cups? Can you help fill the cups with soil? Can you monitor the jumpers in the bounce houses? Give me a call as you think of how you can help.

It RAINED! Miracles happen.

Blessings,

Pastor Kathy





What is Financial Peace University?

The goal of *Financial Peace University* is not just information—we're looking for transformation. **More than one million families** have attended FPU with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days. New Hope will offer this course beginning **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.** The course will be 13 weeks. The first meeting will be free, after that the course materials will be \$93.00. Childcare is available upon request. Register at www.newhopelutheran.com.

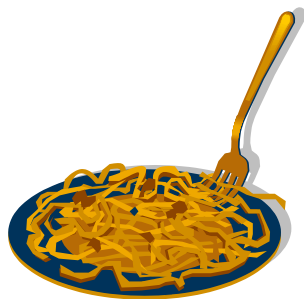
*Have you tried the **Scripts Program** here at New Hope?* When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials and with every purchase New Hope earns a percentage.!

Stop by the **Scripts** table on Sunday morning to order or see how you can set up a family account and order from the comfort of your own home! Scripts is a great program to help with your household budget.

Watch also for **"Scripts Opportunity"** on Fellowship outings.

Orders must be placed by Monday to ensure following Sunday delivery





Menu

Spaghetti

Salad

Bread

Dessert

Ice tea/lemonade

Spaghetti Lunch

With the Friendship Company

Sunday, February 12th at 12:15 pm

Buy your tickets in advance

Adults-\$6.00 Children-\$4.00

At the door

Adults \$7.00 Children \$5.00

Come and have lunch and a show while supporting the puppet ministry!



New Hope ,

Thank you so much for the wonderful surprise party! I was overwhelmed with the thoughtfulness you all showed and the kind words and gifts were very much appreciated.

Thank you again for thinking of me.

Jill Altman

New Hope will receive new members on

Sunday, February 5th at both services.

Let Pastor Kathy know if you want to become a part of

New Hope's family.



Fellowships

Men's Breakfast

The men will meet on **Saturday, February 4th at 8:00 a.m.** at *Our Place* in Fort Worth. Our Place is located at the corner of North Beach and Basswood.



Women's Breakfast

The women will meet at *Cracker Barrel* on **Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 am** for breakfast. Cracker Barrel is located on I-35W south, take the Meacham exit.

Scripts Opportunity!

Adult 4th Saturday

Saturday, February 25th

5:30 pm

Game and Chili Night at New Hope

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share .

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Membership Committee will provide Chili and drinks



P.I.T Crew (Parents of Infants and Toddlers)

Watch the bulletin for the date in February.

Women's Bunco

Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Emmel .

Directions will be posted on the Women's Board. New comers are welcome

Bible Studies

Adult Sunday School Meets between services from 10:00-10:45 am. They are currently studying "*Seven Things That Steal Your Joy*" - Overcoming the obstacles to your happiness. Men and women, 18 & up are invited. Don't worry about missing a few Sundays, there is no homework.

Women's Morning Bible Study meets on **Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m.** here at New Hope, they are currently studying *Psalms* by Max Lucado. Newcomers welcome. Carolyn Kendall for more info.

Pastor's Bible Study on Genesis

Thursday nights at **7:00 pm.** Through this in-depth study of the Genesis, fall in love once more with God as God calls the chosen people.



Join us on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** for

Ash Wednesday Service. On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayer and fasting.

*Burning of the Palms on Sunday, February 19th
at 10:00 a.m.*

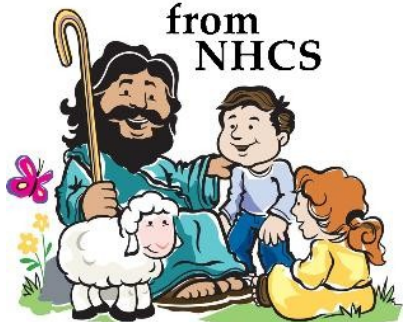


Make attending mid week Lenten services a part of your Lenten discipline.

Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.

From February 29th to March 28th .

News from NHCS



It is the month of "love," health and nutrition and dental hygiene at New Hope Christian School. During chapel time we will learn and discover how to be "good friends" and how we are "wonderfully made" by God. He loves us so much, He wants us to take good care of our bodies and teeth.

We always love it when "*Sparkles the Toothfairy*" comes to visit and teach us about brushing and flossing our teeth and putting nutritious foods in our bodies.



We will enjoy classroom Valentine's parties on **Feb 14th and 15th** by exchanging Valentine's and having pizza and goodies as well as a lot of fun activities!

We had such a great time for our Pajama Party and collected over 50 pairs of pajamas! Thank you so much to all who donated for this great community outreach event.

We will be closed on Feb 20th for President's Day (KISD student holiday). Please look for registration packets for the 2012-13 school year as well as Summer Camp 2012 to be available in mid-February. Priority registration for current students and church members will start March 1st-14th. Registration for the general public will start March 15th. A registration fee must be submitted in order to save space in the classroom.

If you have any questions about New Hope Christian school, please feel free to call Debbie or Elizabeth in the school office: 817-428-9393

Spring Festival



Planting Seeds

Mark your calendars

Saturday, March 24th

At New Hope

Seeds to plant and take home

Classic cars

Friendship Company

Food

Bounce Houses

Vendors

New Hope Staff and Council

Ministers, People of New Hope

Staff

Rev. Kathryn Cox, Pastor

Rawlianne Riggs , Minister of Music

Jill Altman, Parish Assistant

Administration

New Hope Christian School

Debbie Starbuck, NHCS Director

Elizabeth Kunkler, NHCS Asst. Director

Parish Lay Minister

Scott Martin

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Dave Klym, Worship & Music

Elizabeth Kunkler, Finance

Janice Needham, Membership

Dave Sanders, Maturity

Karin Urbanczyk, Missions

Craig Williamson, Ministry

**Council Meets on
Sunday, Feb. 19th
at 12:30 p.m.**

**Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

NHCS School Board

Monday, February 6th @ 6:30 pm

Membership Committee

Sunday, February 12th @ 12:15 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Sunday, February 12th @ 12:30 pm

Finance Committee

Monday, February 13th @ 7:00 p.m.



Board & Committee Meetings



Dave Melvin as he grieves the death of his father.

Chris Markestad as she grieves the death of her mother.

Merlin Trehus as he grieves the death of his wife.

Prayers for peace and comfort



Happy Birthday

- Linda Smith 2-02
- Andrea Carter 2-03
- Debra Aplis 2-10
- Rosie Thompson 2-12
- Marie Klym 2-14
- James Kunkler 2-15
- Mai Thompson 2-16
- Cora Sanders
- Kyle Kunkler 2-24
- Pastor Kathy
- Kathy Glans
- Mattias Ray
- Tayte Lusk 2-26

Happy Anniversary

- Dave and Cora Sanders 2-14



Check out happenings in the NT-NL Synod

<http://www.ntnl.org/>



Be sure to pick up your copy of the 2011 Annual Report in the Narthex. Please take one copy per household.



We welcome the birth of **Elin Annabelle Wolters** on January 23rd. Proud parents Cory and Linnea and big brother Finn. Proud grandparents Dave and Marie Klym. **God Bless Elin!**

Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad?

Don't Suffer Alone. Help Is Available.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to

ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, **"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."** God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Jill Altman, Jan Carter or Tina Williamson.*

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life



Join a ChristCare Group

Growth- A ChristCare Group will help you grow in a deeper devoted relationship with Jesus through prayer and worship.

Care- In a ChristCare Group, you will have the opportunity to develop mature Christian caring skills and put them to use. You will develop the kind of love Jesus called us to when he said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Biblical Equipping- With Biblical Equipping you apply God's word to your daily life. You use lessons and resources that connect you with the Scriptures in a more formal way than most bible studies you probably have experienced.

Mission- Your group exists to serve God.

ChristCare groups are for everyone desiring a stronger personal relationship with Christ from the mature Christian to the new believer.

They are Circles of Care with Christ at the Center.

To find out how you can join a ChristCare group see Jim Altman





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date and Service	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Ushers	AV
Feb. 5 8:30 a.m.		Jill Altman Janelle Oberg	Greg Hall Mark Walker	Paul Elkmann
11:00 a.m.		Cathy Elkmann	Arthur Momo	
Feb. 12 8:30 a.m.	Cameron Ogradnik	Janice Needham Idell Bowker	Jeff Hutchison Sharon Hutchison	Kelly Buttram
11:00 a.m.	Bianca Brechler	Merrily Stanglin	Bob Wooley Dorothy Wooley	
Feb. 19 8:30 a.m.		Sharon Hutchison Casey and Karen Emmel	Jim Cherry Julie Cherry	Dakota Cherry
11:00 a.m.	Brendon Urbanczyk	Sonja Anthony	Dave Melvin Travis Melvin	
Feb. 26 8:30 a.m.	Cameron Ogradnik	Carolyn Taeschner	Jim Altman Ron Hultberg	Greg Carter
11:00 a.m.	Brad Chase	Dorothy Wooley	Debbie Wood Mitchell Lera	
Ash Wednesday Feb. 22nd 7:00 p.m.		Jill Altman Deb Hultberg		