

## New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church (founded 1812)

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February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Service! – Please refer to the screens for today's Order of Worship

Today's Scripture – Hebrews 10:19-25

Today's Message – "Don't Miss the Joy!"

Church is a wonderful place where we can gather together with like-minded believers to serve, worship, pray, and learn. It allows us to use our gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ, while receiving the benefit of other people's gifts, too. It's unfortunate that so many excuses for not going to church are given, but we can combat them by speaking the truth in love. Be patient and kind to those who give excuses; who knows, maybe they will see the joy we have in our lives and want to know where they, too, can experience it. WE are the church and are a part of something dynamic, powerful and never-ending!

### Message Scripture

Hebrews 10:19-25 New International Version (NIV)

A Call to Persevere in Faith

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Ministry Leaders

**Today: Lock-Up:** Royce Jackson **Media:** Sean Haynes

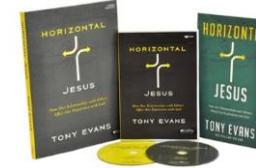
**Ushers:** Bobby Thompson, Sam Smith, Scott Greer, Clayton Fisher

**Next Sunday, March 4: Lock-Up:** Robert Haynes **Media:** Sean Haynes

**Ushers:** Worm Gibson, Jimmy Reynolds, Don O'Neal, Royce Jackson

### Ministries/Activities Calendar

- It is time to get in your Easter Lily orders.** Please fill out the portion of the tear-off part of the program and drop it in the offering plate as it comes around. Also, please clip your payment to the form or place it in an envelope so the payment doesn't get separated from the form.
- Wednesday Evening, February 28** – The Pastor will be away to Haiti, so after our regular 6:00 meal, the Wednesday night group will be doing a service project and a few general chores around the building that need doing. Everyone is invited!
- A New Sunday Morning Bible Study** is starting next Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 in the church office meeting room. Theda Rose will be leading "Horizontal Jesus," written by Dr. Tony Evans. This will be a six-week study (which may run a little longer) and a perfect way to prepare for Easter during this Lenten season.
- Prayer/Bible Study Group is 6:00 Wednesday evenings.** We eat at 6:00. The Bible Study/Prayer time starts at 6:30. If you can't be here to eat, come at 6:30. We are currently studying the Letters of the Apostle Paul. Please sign up to eat with us on the tear-off part of this morning's program.
- Compassionate Hands** - New Hope partners with the Lebanon CP Church every other Saturday night. We host homeless men and need male volunteers to stay overnight here at the church, as well as other volunteer positions. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Paul or call the church at 444-7020.
- Choir Practice** is each Sunday morning right after the Worship Service, and on Wednesday evenings following the Bible Study time at 7:30. NOW is a great time to join. The New Hope Choir is not just a choir, but also a small fellowship in itself. If you enjoy singing, the choir needs you!
- Church Clean-Up Day.** All hands on deck! The New Hope Men's Group has scheduled a church-wide clean up day for Saturday, **March 17 starting at 8:00 AM.** This will be a day of deep cleaning both inside the church and on the church grounds to have everything in great shape for Easter Sunday. We are asking you to please bring cleaning supplies, ladders, shovels, shears, rakes, etc. to help us out. We will plan to be done around lunch time if we can get a lot of help. NOTE: In the event of rain, we will work inside, and do what the weather will allow outside. Thanks in advance! **NOTE: The New Hope Men's Ministry will NOT meet Saturday March 3, due to the need to be here Saturday March 17 for the Church Clean-up Day at 8:00 am.**



Connection Card – Feb. 25, 2018

Welcome! Please help us to know you better

Please mark if address change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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First Time Guest  New in Community

Member of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I desire a call from the Pastor

I would like information about this church

I want to volunteer in this church (see back)

How did you find our church?

Please circle your approximate age group(s):

Youth (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      Adult (30 – 50)

College Student      Median Adult (51 – 64)

Young Adult (18 – 29)      Senior (65+)



## Welcome to Worship

**Welcome to New Hope Church!** If you arrived as a visitor, we hope that you leave as a new friend and worship with us often. Here is some helpful information as you join us in worship today:

- All who worship here are equals in the sight of God, regardless of race, age, gender, physical disability or religious affiliation.
- Communion, when celebrated, is open to all who profess Christ as Lord and Savior, whether affiliated with this church or not. Children may partake of Communion as well, if parents approve.
- Handicap-accessible restrooms are located off the Welcome Room (main foyer) and adjacent to the entrance lobby in the Fellowship Hall/Gym.
- Please complete the tear-off Connection Card attached to the program and drop it in the offering plate so we will have a record of your visit with us today.
- Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone during the service.
- We ask that there be no food or beverages in the sanctuary, please.

## Thought for the Week

### Geese

Have you ever wondered why the Canadian geese fly only in the V formation? For years specialists in aerodynamics wondered the same thing.

Two engineers calibrated in a wind tunnel what happens in such a V formation. Each goose, in flapping his wings, creates an upward lift for the goose that follows. When all the geese do their part in the V formation, the whole flock has a 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew alone. Each depends upon the other to get to its destination. – Something else -When a goose begins to lag behind, the others "honk" it back into place. "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb.10:24)



"Pastor Marv, we can't revive our church by implementing small groups—we are a small group!"

## Lectionary

### Second Sunday in Lent (color: purple)

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16.** El Shaddai (God of the Mountains/God of Compassion) calls Abram to be exclusively loyal and offers to covenant with him to make him (re-named Abraham) the father and Sarai (renamed Sarah) the mother of many nations.

**Psalms 22:23-31.** The Lord's acts of deliverance for one people in one age will lead to generations of praise to the Lord worldwide.

**Romans 4:13-25.** Paul reminds the Jewish-Christian congregations in Rome that the founding stories of Judaism point to a God who graciously offers to include people in covenant on the basis of faith rather than perfect obedience to the law.

**Mark 8:31-38.** Following Jesus means following him to his death, and possibly our own. Jesus tells the disciples he will suffer and die at the hands of the religious authorities. Peter rebukes him privately, but Jesus rebukes Peter in front of all the other disciples. Jesus then turns to the crowds to declare that all who want to be his followers must take up their cross and follow him. If you're in this for yourself, you will lose everything. But if you're in this to follow Jesus and see the gospel lived, even if you die, you've gained it all.

### Remember When...?

Can you name the girl at left in the picture?



Last Week: (L-R) Mrs. Estelle Northern, Mary Beth Smith, (seated) Margaret Jane Woodliff, David Greer, Dave William Smith, Ronnie Greer (New Hope Sunday School, 1959)

