

<u>Betty Lowry</u> ~ We grieve yet we rejoice.

- Sorrow And joy walking hand in hand. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- <u>Terry Lowry ~</u> please continue to keep Terry and the family in prayer.
- Prayer for <u>Mike Monk</u> and <u>Kat Tapscott</u>, as they wait out this time to be baptized until we can return to our regular church services.
- Susanne Fleming ~ keep praying for her, as she has received special prayer and an anointing for healing of her heart condition.
- Leizel Yaddow ~ Give praise for her getting a job; keep praying for greater job opportunities that match her skills.
- Thanks for 5 year old Gabriel's recovery!
- Cathy Parry ~ praise for her successful eye surgery and keep praying for complete healing.
- ↓ <u>Jeanna (Jerry's cousin's sister-in-law)</u> ~ she's in ICU with pneumonia; pray her recovery.
- Jim Scordato (Cathy's friend) -- he's having major surgery
- **4** on Monday; pray God's care and healing.
- Bill and Carol Ulrich ~ Pray Bill will soon get his surgery;
- **both had the Corona Virus and praise that they are now well.**
- Marty Holker (Steve's son-in -law) ~ sudden major health concerns. Pray the doctors find cause and solutions.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Name:		
For Whom:	Need:	
Contact: Yes	No	

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We believe in the bible as God's inspired and authoritative Word, our only rule for faith and practice.
- > We believe that Jesus is virgin born.
- > We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the God-man, fully God and fully man.
- We believe in the Cross of Christ and His blood atonement for the sins of the world, that whosoever believes in Him by faith shall be saved through God's grace.
- > We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the grave, the first fruits of those to come.
- > We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- > We believe in the Church, Christ's living body.
- > We believe in "believer's baptism" as an act of obedience to Christ and the initiation into the body of Christ.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

"To do things Jesus' way, by Jesus' teaching, and for Jesus' glory."

### LIFE VERSE:

"Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

## PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY:

New Hope Christian Fellowship is an independent body of believers who have found comfort in biblical love, fellowship & spiritual unity. We practice New Testament Christianity in adherence to the Word of God, in faith, in obedience, and servanthood. We are dedicated to that which blesses the Lord Jesus Christ and lifts up His commandments, especially to love one another.

## Church Staff

Reverend Tom Brown, Pastor Pastor Jim Powell, Assoc. Pastor/Worship leader Terry Lowry, Elder ~ Bill Bujnowski, Deacon Kelly Moore, Deacon ~ Lee Copeland, Deacon ~ Chris Lewis, Deacon ~ Lora Slater, Secretary John Greer, Media ~ Ron Hall, Custodian Tami Powell, Nursery and Kitchen Loretta Stumbaugh, Prayer and Finances



# NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



# **WELCOME BACK!**

## May 17, 2020

989 Cheney Ranch Loop / PO Box 1831 US 260 & Cheney Ranch, Linden Worship Service: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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To view Sermons online: **nhcfservices.com** (this is our NEW WEBSITE) Welcome. This is New Hope Christian Fellowship. We're a non-denominational body of believers who focus on Jesus and what Jesus taught. May the Lord bless you here today.

--Pastor Tom



## AMERICAN GRIT

May 17, 2020

Pulpit Greeter: Loretta Stumbaugh

" The Sword and the Trowel"

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Gal.5.16).

### Pastor Tom Brown

Small group attendance: 18 Offering: \$1,555.00 Benevolence: \$25.00 Thank you for your faithful support during this quarantine time.

### <u>Free Again</u>

Freedom should have a new meaning for us now that we're back in church. What we took for granted before the virus lock-down, is now far more precious. Now, we have a taste of what it's like to be denied freedom of religion and the right of assembly, which are guaranteed by our constitution.

What's disturbing is that we so easily gave away these rights.

Reading Christian history reminds us that Jesus' church has been maligned, persecuted, and outlawed since the beginning. Believer's learned to meet in secret, to network together inconspicuously, and to continue in their faith without fear. So, we have done that in this season.

We should get a clue from Jesus' teachings about our status in the world: "...If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you..." (John 15.20b). Jesus also taught: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt.5.44). Key to this is praying for those who have so easily closed our churches.

We're at war here in case you haven't noticed. It's a war between God and the evil one, who first rebelled against Him (Rev.12.7ff). We are "unwilling, noncombatant participants" in this on-going global conflict. Every day we believers must choose sides, and in choosing, we will be persecuted.

Jude writes: "...contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Yes, we need to contend for our faith without being "contentious." In the midst of persecution, we are to be "good news," not bad news, to a lost world.

So, how will we believers be in the next national "emergency?"

Pray the Lord the wisdom and grit to persevere.

Pastor Tom



#### Schedule of Church Events Sunday School: 9:30 AM Worship Service: 10:30 AM Shepherding Group Wednesday, 6:30 PM in the church Women's Bible Study: Thursdays, 10:00 AM Men's Saturday Breakfast: 7:00 AM Jail Visits: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 AM (postponed)

#### Shepherding Group.

We will be continuing the small groups that were established during the quarantine. They all will be meeting on Wednesday night. Each group has liberty to decide their meeting time and place and their plan of Bible Study. The groups are Lee Copeland's (480) 518-1176; Roger Brown's (520) 241-9289; and Pastor Jim and Tom's (928) 243-1864. New groups will be added as the need arises.

### In Memory of Betty Lowry

It's with sadness that we said goodbye to our dear sister Betty Lowry this week, but it's with joy that we know she's home in heaven with Jesus. Our deepest love and support go out to Terry. Thank you, Lord, for our kind, friendly, compassionate, and loving sister. May we all live as well.

## Welcome Back

How good it is to be back together again as the body of Christ, meeting in His chapel and worshiping our Lord together.

## **Baptisms**

Today we are celebrating the Christian ordinance of baptism. Our congratulations to Kat Tapscott and Mike Monk, who have been led by the Holy Spirit to be baptized according to our Lord's example and command (Matt.3.13ff; 28.19).

## Women's Bible Study

Our NHCF Women's Bible Study will take up again this week, Thursday, May 21st at 10:00 am. They are studying the Psalms. See Margaret Brown about getting a study guide.