



# New Hope News

As New Hope we are Disciples of Christ striving to bring Heaven to earth through nurturing, serving and connecting

January 30, 2013

## Valentine Potluck

Sunday, February 10th  
After Worship

Plan now to join your New Hope Family for our first fellowship meal of the new year!



## Serving our Shut-ins in February

### Leadership Training School 2013 Saturday, February 2nd First Christian Church Oklahoma City

This year's theme is *"Empowering the Body of Christ: Learning from Our Past—Looking Toward Our Future."*

All Ministry Team Members, let's prepare to serve our shut-ins on Sunday, February 10th. This will be our first visit to them of the new year. May God allow us to be a blessing to those that we minister to. Thank you in advance for your participation.

*Anthony Henderson*

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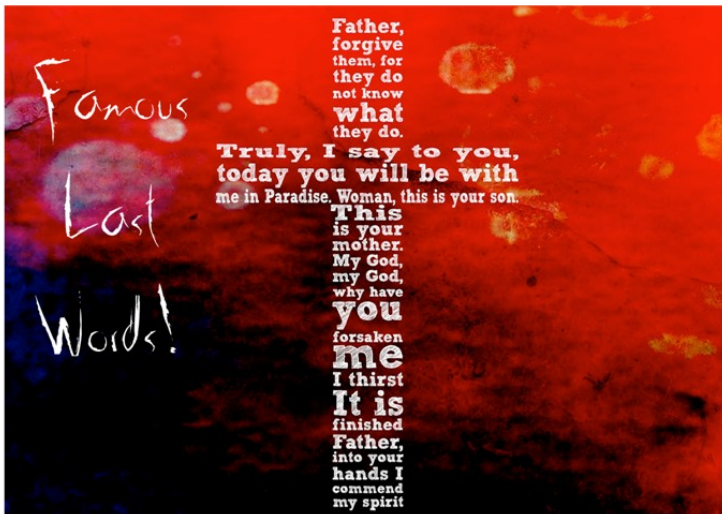
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Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precedes Holy Week and Easter. In the Christian Scriptures the number 40 relates to the period spent in the Ark by Noah, the period spent by Israel seeking the Promised Land after the Exodus, and the amount of time Jesus was in the Wilderness

after his baptism and prior to beginning his ministry. For us, the Season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal ("Lent" means "spring"), 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

So to begin this season of Lent we want to invite you to join us at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, February 13th, for an Ash Wednesday Worship Experience where we confront and confess the sin in our lives, to begin the process of being set free once again to walk in the Newness of Life promised to us in Christ Jesus.



## Stewardship Thought

As we give in today's offering, we affirm that all the tithe belongs to the Lord and is holy. We have willingly set aside this sacred part of our income according to His word and, by faith and obedience, we now bring our tithes into the storehouse—our local church.

“and all the tithe of the land...is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.” Leviticus 27:30



## Lenten Sermon Series Beginning February 17th

In this sermon series we are going to be confronted once again with the “Famous Last Words” that Jesus speaks to us as a condemned man suffering on the cross. Words that if comprehended will change everything about who you are as a follower of Christ. So please plan to Join us for this important Lenten series!

## In Our Prayers

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

Lavelle Dinwiddie, Nan Hartman, Anthony Henderson, Alvin Wilks, Rusty Shaffer, Patsy Webb's great nephew Jack, Nan Hartman's sister Loraine, Laurel Eakins, Georgette Reed's mother, Debbie Todd's Sister-in-law, Steve Collier, Fern Hamm (Vicki Eaton's mother) Lu Cornett, The Regional Church.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Kim Ritchie, Beulah Ames, Evelyn Wilcoxon, Virginia Ballard (Cathy Hempel's mother), Marcelle Lemons (Ashley's Grandma), Lloyd Dodson, Mandy and Kaylin Musshafen, Marie Shipman and Dyann Schull (relatives of Bettie Davis), Ian Carter (friend of Brad Davidson), Patsy Webb's nephew, Zack, Chris Vasaiter (friend of Vicki Eaton), Newtown, Conn., our country's leaders and all personnel serving in the Military and their families.



## Needed: Volunteers to Lead Worship

Do you have favorite scriptures that leads you into a worshipful mood? Have you read a poem or story that helps you better understand your relationship with God? Do you believe others would find comfort and strength by sharing these in a Call to Worship? If so, please consider volunteering to serve as Worship Leader for a month during 2013.

Contact Roxanne Walker or Eugene Earsom, co-chairs of the Worship Committee, if you are interested. Pastor Josh will let you know the themes of his sermons in advance, and we can help you find resources to use to help enhance the worship experience for the entire congregation. Roxanne <roxannewlkr@aol.com> and Eugene <earsom@hotmail.com>

## Sunday Servants for January

Worship Leader	Traci Wood
Elders	Charley Norton & Patricia Johnson
Greeters	Virginia Holcomb & Sandy Krqaft
Deacons:	Roxanne Walker, Ann Stanford Braden Walker, Ashley Leu Sandy Kraft, Ann Kennedy
Nursery	Eliosa Briones
Candle Lighters	Youth
Communion Preparation	Helen Turner

(If you are scheduled to serve but unable to do so on any given date, Deacons, please call Richard Reames, Elders, please call Penny Hampton.)

## Lenten Bible Study



Beginning on February 20th, Pastor Josh will be leading this year's Lenten Bible Study.

The study is titled "Sin". In this study we will delve into what Scripture has to say

about the nature of sin in all of its variations. You won't want to miss a single session,—if you know what is good for you!

The study will be offered every Wednesday at 10:30a.m. and again at 6:00p.m. Choose the time that best suits your schedule and come join us as we explore the horrifying reality of sin..

## Summit 212°

Did you know that the difference between good and great is usually very minute? For instance the difference between hot water and water that turns into steam which can power almost anything is only 1 degree.

Summit 212° was a big success with approximately 20 committed NHCC members in attendance sharpening their leadership skills so they can make that 1° of difference that will move us forward as we work together here at New Hope.

A big thank you to those who took time from their busy schedules to participate in this important event.






# What's Happening at New Hope

## February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2013 Calendars Are due	2 9am-Noon Regional Leadership School FCC OKC
3 Food Cabinet Sunday Sermon Series: We Are 1:30pm Staff meeting	4 6:30pm CWF Evening Group Meet at the Church to clean Nursery	5 10:00am CWF Morning Group	6 9-10am Men's Breakfast  1-2pm Over 40  7pm Choir	7	8	9 9am-12Noon Regional Food Bank
10  Sermon Series: <i>Famous Last Words</i>	11 Okla. Conf. of Churches Day at the Legislature  Summer Camp Regis- tration Opens	12	13 9-10am Men's Breakfast 1-2pm Over 40 4:30 Ash Wed. Re- hearsal 6:00p.m. Ash Wed. Experience 7pm Choir <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	14	15	16  10-1130am Central Area AI Session
17 9:30am Children's Choir Sermon Series: <i>Famous Last Words</i> Meetings: 1:30 Cabinet 2:30 Elders, Deacons Stewardship 3:30 Fellowship & Rec. Evangelism <b>Week of Compassion Special Offering</b>	18  TCU Minis- ter's Week Begins		20 9-10am Men's Breakfast 10:30am & 6:00p.m Lenten Study  1-2pm Over 40 7pm Choir	21  6:00pm 40 Plus @ Charleston's	22	23  9am-12Noon Cleaning Day
24 Sermon Series: <i>Famous Last Words</i> <b>Week of Compassion Special Offering</b>	25	26	27 9-10am Men's Breakfast 10:30am & 6:00p.m. Lenten Study  1-2pm Over 40  <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	28	<b>March 1</b>  World Day of Prayer	<b>March 2</b>



# Be My Valentine



This Sunday, February 3rd, the children on NHCC will have an activity workshop in the fellowship hall. We will be taking steps toward implementing our church's mission statement of Nurturing, Serving and Connecting and in doing our part to bring heaven to earth. We will be concluding some projects that we've been working on the past few weeks. The children that have not brought the fresh, frozen or canned vegetables that they chose to bring, please bring them this Sunday.

Lunch will be served to the children from noon to about 12:30 PM. The workshop will be from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Keep a watchful eye out for exactly what these projects are all about. All will be revealed to you on Sunday, February 10th, Valentine's Sunday.

Sunday, February 3, 2013 - Activity Workshop for Children

Lunch - noon - 12:30 (provided by church)

Workshop - 12:30 - 1:30

Be Sure to pick up your 2012 giving statement from the table in the back of the sanctuary!

## New Hope, Give Yourself a Hand!



There are so many wonderful things being done locally to support various mission projects such as our New Hope Bags, Refuge Fellowship, Positive Tomorrows, Infant Crisis Services, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the Food Pantry.

And don't forget the \$2,231.76 collected and sent to the Water 4 Foundation to provide villages around the world with the means to drill wells so their people have access to clean water.

And now we have received our final 2012 summary of gifts to Disciples Mission

Fund. Our total gifts which include the 4% of each month's tithes and offerings plus all of our special day offerings (Week of Compassion, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation, Thanksgiving and Christmas) were \$6,993.52.

The gifts given to DMF support global, national and regional ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Some of these ministries include, support for victims of natural disasters, global missions, advocacy and justice initiatives around the

world, support for Disciples institutions of higher learning, support to begin new Disciples congregations and all the ministries of the Regional Church in Oklahoma. Check out the General Church website at [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org) to see the wonderful things being done with your \$\$\$/

# A CHANCE TO BE HEARD

It is a great time to be a Disciple in Oklahoma! As we celebrate the 20-year ministry of Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Jewell and affirm his service in our region and recent retirement, we are presented with a unique opportunity to take stock of the mission and ministries of our regional church and chart a course into the future.

The Regional Board felt called to reach out to all Oklahoma Disciples and get vital input as to what we are doing right, what our strengths are, and how we can best serve all churches going forward—churches large and small, rural and urban, traditional and contemporary. To that end the Regional Board has called a “Listening Team” to host conversations about these topics and to ask these important questions of churches all around the state:

- Why are you a Disciple?
- What has been the Oklahoma Disciples’ finest moment?
- Describe a time you felt most involved, spiritually touched, or most excited about your involvement as an Oklahoma Disciple.
- What about the Oklahoma Disciples do you most value?
- If your greatest dream for the Christian Church in Oklahoma came true, what would that dream be and look like?

It is the hope of the Listening

Team that in seeking answers to these questions, we will reexamine and discern God’s call for our region and its rich diversity of communities and ministries.

The Listening Team needs to hear your voice. They will be holding listening sessions around the state to give everyone an opportunity to speak. New Hope is fortunate that the very first of these listening sessions will be right here at home.

This listening session will take place on Saturday, February 16th at New Hope. It will begin at 10:00a.m. and last until about 11:30a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served so you get a free breakfast; but, more importantly you will be able to make your feelings and ideas known to a group trained to not just hear—but to listen.

If you have questions you can contact the Listening Team Chairman, Jeff Champeau at (405)209-0760 or email him at [Jeff.champeau@live.com](mailto:Jeff.champeau@live.com).

Or you can just talk to your very own pastor, Josh Leu, since he is a member of the Listening Team.

Please help your Regional Church in this time of listening and renewal by making your participation a priority. The Team wants to hear God’s vision for Oklahoma Disciples through your answer, your ideas, your input—your dreams!

## A Note of Thanks

*To my loving church family,*

*Words cannot express my love and gratitude for the many calls and cards following the loss of Mother. A very special thank you also to the many “hands” that prepared and served food at the dinner following the service.*

*I love you all and thank you for your expressions of love.*

*Diana Anderson*

## Oklahoma Disciples Men's Retreat

March 15-16, 2013

Central Christian Camp & Conference Center  
Guthrie, Oklahoma



# Children's Choir

Sunday, February 17th

9:30a.m.

Come Join the Fun!!

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

We could use a few more volunteers to serve in the nursery rotation for 2013. Each volunteer will serve for one month at a time. The more volunteers we have in the rotation the less frequently each will need to serve.

- If you love children and have a desire to teach them the basics of Christianity
- If you are willing to serve for one month at a time
- If you are willing to undergo an OSBI background check or have one on file

Then call the church office at 691-5366 and become a part of this extremely important NHCC ministry—Nurturing our little ones.



### Hey NHCC Kids & Youth!

It is never too early to start thinking about summer Church Camp.

You will make new friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Registration Opens February 11th and closes May 15th, so get your reservations in now! Let J<sup>2</sup> know that you plan to go, so we can get the information to your parents.

Here are some of the camping opportunities around Oklahoma for the summer of 2013



## Summer Camps 2013

- June 3-7  
Chi Rho @ Oakridge Camp
- June 7-9  
Discover Camp @ Central Camp
- June 17-21  
Junior Camp @ Central Camp
- June 24-28  
CYF Conference @ Central Camp
- June 23-28  
Chi Rho Camp @ Texoma Camp

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## Who We Are

### Connecting

We are a congregation that believes each person has a unique place within the family of New Hope...New Hope means new hope for anyone, anywhere...in all situations.

### Serving

We are a church family whose house has no walls. Our community and our world are family members to whom we are connected through our Heavenly Father. Our family includes all.

### Nurturing

We are a diverse gathering of Jesus followers devoted to creating a safe space and direction for the younger generations.

## Meet Our Staff



Ministers: All Members

Senior Minister: Rev. Joshua Leu

Adm. Assistant: Sandy Moyers

Youth and Children's Minister: Josh Fearing

Music Minister: Marietta Combs

Pianist: Brad Davidson

Media Tech: David Rock

*There is no one you couldn't  
love if only you knew their  
story!*

*Mr. Rogers*



Place  
Stamp  
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