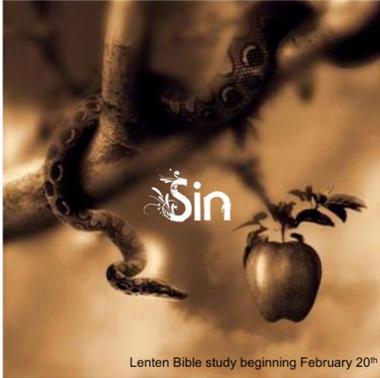




New Hope News

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

February 13, 2013



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..

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On February 16 from 10-11:30 AM at New Hope Christian Church the Regional Board appointed Listening Team will be holding our first listening session to hear what **YOU** believe God is calling the Christian Church in Oklahoma to do and to be for the sake of Christ in our world.

During this session all we need you to do is come and answer these questions:

1. Why are you a Disciple?
2. What has been the Oklahoma Disciples' finest moment?
3. Describe a time you felt most involved, spiritually touched, or most excited about your involvement as an Oklahoma Disciple.
4. What about the Oklahoma Disciples do you most value?
5. If your greatest dream for the Christian Church

Don't Miss this Exciting Opportunity to be Heard!

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 be able to re-examine and discern God's call for our region as we move towards a brighter future.

Please make time in your busy schedule to attend this very important and exciting event so **YOU** can be a part of this **New Thing** God is doing within the Regional Church in Oklahoma!

Called Board Meeting

There will be a special called Board Meeting on Sunday, February 17th at 1:30p.m. immediately preceding the regular Cabinet Meeting.

Items for discussion will be the building of a new storage building and other property issues.

Every Board member should make an effort to be present for this important business.

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.

Stewardship Thought

A steward is a guardian of the interest of another. He owns nothing, but is careful to guard, protect and increased the property of the one he serves. We are stewards of our time, strength and ability, as well as our money.

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7



In Our Prayers

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Lavelle Dinwiddie, Nan Hartman, Rusty Shaffer, Don Mann, Patsy Webb's great nephew Jack, Nan Hartman's sister Loraine, Georgette Reed's mother, Debbie Todd's Sister-in-law, Steve Collier, The Regional Church.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Kim Ritchie, Beulah Ames, Evelyn Wilcoxen, Alvina Wilks, Virginia Ballard (Cathy Hempel's mother), Phillip Musshafen (Mandy's father-in-law), Marcelle Lemons (Ashley's Grandma), Lloyd Dodson, Fern Hamm (Vicki Eaton's mother) 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.

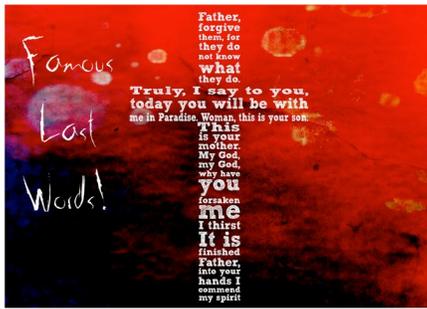
CENTRAL AREA CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

Feb. 17: New Hope CC
Pastor Josh Leu

Feb. 24: New Covenant CC
Pastor Tom Lyda



Famous Last Words



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!

Sunday Servants for January

Worship Leader	Traci Wood
Elders	Charley Norton & Patricia Johnson
Greeters	Virginia Holcomb & Sandy Kraft
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.)

Week of Compassion: A Witness

By Sandy Moyers

As a member of Del City Christian Church I had been making an annual contribution to Week of Compassion for twenty five years without giving it much thought. I knew the money was used to help people during times of disaster and I wanted to do my part.

In May of 1999 I gained a whole new perspective on Week of Compassion.

My husband and I were victims of the May 3rd Tornado outbreak. We were just at the edge of the storm's path, so, we didn't lose our house as several of our friends did, but we did have over \$40,000 in damage to our home. Imagine our surprise when the very next week an envelope arrived from the Regional Office of the Christian Church in Oklahoma. Inside were a letter and a check. The letter explained that the check was from Week of Compassion funds. What a blessing! That check covered some losses that insurance did not. We relayed our gratitude and put the money to good use.

Then in December, another letter and another check. The letter explained that perhaps at the holidays we were still feeling the effects of the storm (we were—it's hard to get things repaired when almost every house for miles around needs repairs) and that per-

haps this second check would help us with unexpected expenses. Another blessing--made possible by the generosity of Disciples around the country.

In addition to the checks to individuals affected by the storm, items were sent to our church to be used for relief efforts. Del City Christian became a relief site—we called it our J-mart (“J” of course, being for Jesus). We distributed, food, clothing and household items to storm victims (not to mention a lot of hugs and prayers)—all made possible by Week of Compassion and Church World Service.

Believe me when I say, now that I have seen Week of Compassion in action and have experienced the generosity of my fellow Disciples, I dig a little deeper when that envelope for Week of Compassion appears in my Sunday Bulletin. I know firsthand what that generosity means to folks when the storms come. It is such a blessing to know that God's people care and they are willing to help.



What's Happening at New Hope

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 9:30am Children's Choir Sermon Series: Famous Last Words Meetings: 1:30 Called Board Meeting 1:45 Cabinet Meeting 2:30 Elders, Deacons Stewardship 3:30 Fellowship & Rec. Evangelism Week of Compassion Special Offering	18 TCU Minister'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: Famous Last Words Week of Compassion Special Offering	25	26	27 9-10am Men's Breakfast 10:30am & 6:00p.m. Lenten Study 1-2pm Over 40 NEWSLETTER	28	March 1 World Day of Prayer	March 2

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Food Cabinet Sunday Sermon Series: Famous Last Words (F.H. Carolyn Johnson) 1:30pm Staff meeting 1:30-6:30 Adult Interfaith Tour	4 6:30pm CWF Evening Group	5 10:00am CWF Morning Group	6 9-10am Men's Breakfast 10:30am & 6:00p.m. Lenten Study 1-2pm Over 40 7pm Choir	7	8	9 ODW/CWF Harbinger of Spring Meeting at Church of the Covenant in Enid 9am-12Noon Regional Food Bank
10 Sermon Series: Famous Last Words	11 Josh-on retreat until Wed.	12	13 9-10am Men's Breakfast 6:00p;.m. Lenten Study 1-2pm Over 40 7pm Choir NEWSLETTER	14	15 Disciples Men Retreat thru Sat. @ Central Camp in Guthrie thru Saturday	16

Raising the Piano Player

By Bradley Davidson

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.” So begins Charles Dickens’ famous classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*. This quote also describes the period of my life during which I was introduced to what would someday be called New Hope Christian Church. It was the spring of 1987 that Southwest Christian Church decided to hire an immature, somewhat green 23-year-old kid to play the piano in their church services. This period of time in my life was the best of times because I was young and living life. They were difficult times because I was somewhat lost. Mom and dad raised me well. But now I was out of college, looking for a job, looking for a place to live, and looking for what a relationship with God would be like out in the real world.

Little did I know that the decision to become the pianist at this little Christian Church in Southwest Oklahoma City would become one of the most important and life-changing decisions I would ever make. Not because I needed the money or because it provided me a way to get an apartment of my own (which it did) but because it introduced me to a church family who I needed so badly during this time when I was trying to find my way, away from my own family. Little did I know that, over the next twenty-five years, my church family would demonstrate what would one day become our official vision statement; bringing heaven to earth by nurturing me, serving me, and be-

ing my connection to acceptance, unconditional love, and a renewed relationship with God.

You nurtured me by helping raise me. Along with my own Godly mom and dad, you taught me to be more responsible. You helped teach me about commitment and dedication. You taught me what it means to be a leader. You hugged me and loved me even when I wasn’t all that lovable. You helped show me what it means to live my life for Christ.

You served me by providing me physical, emotional, and spiritual support through some very rough times in my life. Like the time my grandpa Thompson died and Laurel Eakins, Dug McDougal, and Carolyn Manning drove over two hours to the funeral just to be with me. Like the time Anthony nearly died and Josh sat up all night in the ICU waiting room with me. What gifts from God you have been to me.

You connected with me by becoming my family. You hung on to me through thick and thin. Once when I was ill, I remember getting a voice mail message from a choir member who simply called and left a message of song, singing “For you I am praying.” You have interceded on my behalf; connecting me to God in so many ways.

Now, twenty-five years after walking into Southwest Christian Church for the first time, I

have a future with hope because I have a stronger relationship with God, a wonderful “family” family, and a loving church family who has been by my side through all the “stuff” that we call life. I have what Philippians 4:7 describes as “the peace that passes all understanding” because I know that no matter what I face in my future, my Father will be there and so will my family at New Hope Christian Church.

If you think that nurturing, serving, and connecting are just words in our mission statement, I ask you to reconsider. If you think your tithes, offerings, and volunteer time do not matter, please reconsider. I am an example of a person whose life was profoundly changed by Christian people who were just doing what we do so well in Christ’s name at New Hope.

Thank you, my dear family, for helping raise the piano player.





Children's Choir

Sunday, February 17th

9:30a.m.

Come Join the Fun!!

We will practice and have a lesson at 9:30 and then sing in Morning Worship

Summer Camps 2013

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 J² 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

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

So far, Nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring has raised \$5,642,416 through 4,601 participating groups to feed hungry people in cities and towns around the country.

THANK YOU!
New Hope Christian Church's 2013 Collection

raised:
\$113 and 65 lbs. of food

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 3, 2013

Tracy Bender
Tracy Bender
President and CEO
Souper Bowl of Caring

Who We Are

Nurturing

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

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.

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

Custodian: Sean Shenold

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.

H. Jackson Browne, Jr.



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