

New Hope News

January 2012

January's Sermons

by Rev. Dr. J.D. Ward:

January 1 "A New Covenant"
 A three-week series follows The
 Three Simple Rules of John Wesley:
 January 8 - "Do No Harm"
 January 15 - "Do Good"
 January 22 - "Stay in Love
 with God"

January 29 is Youth Sunday and
 our youth department will be in charge
 of both services.

Welcome to the newest
 members of our New Hope
 family! Earle Marks
 Dillard & Diane Moore
 Debbie McGlohon
 Ed & Erma Wise



**January 22
 at 6:30 p.m.**



is the new name of the Local Church
 Leaders Workshop and changes don't stop
 there. According to Aly Shahan, Conference
 coordinator, "We are being more
 intentional; we want people to know the
 workshops are open to all. The training will
 have more of a rally feel. We are even being intentional
 about organized, energized worship. We understand
 these events are the face of the Conference to many
 people."

Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr. will attend and preach
 at the January 28 workshop at St. Luke's. In Oklahoma
 City, youth classes will explore differences in religions
 and discuss bullying. Grouped by grade levels, children
 may take part in a VBS-style experience.

Shahan said youths also may attend adult
 classes. Nursery care will be available at each event
 although reservations for that must be in by January 14.

Pre-registration is important for preparing
 sufficient resources and lunch reservations are required
 by January 23rd.

Registration fee is \$10 per person and must
 accompany your registration. You may make a check
 to New Hope and one check can be sent in for all
 attendees from here. Information sheets and forms
 are in the office.

The Conference schedule and session offerings
 are listed on page 2.



"Freed Up", a 9-week
 course on Financial Living will begin
 January 9 at 6:30 p.m. This will
 be led by Rhonda McGuire but there
 will also be guest speakers.
 The fee is \$25. A sign-up sheet is
 on the counter. Class session titles
 are on page 5.

Beginning January 11 the Beth Moore study
 of *Esther* will be offered on Wednesdays at two
 times: 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. This continues
 through March 28 and both sessions will be led
 by Cindy Hill. Sign up sheets for both are on the
 counter; be sure to notice times. Cost will be the
 price of the book.



Weather!

Whenever you
 think church services might
 be cancelled, please check
 the website [http://
 www.newhopeokc.org/](http://www.newhopeokc.org/)
 and look under
 "Announcements" on the
 right-hand side if there isn't something
 on the main page.

Also, watch the closings banner
 on the TV stations.

*Remember you now have the
 option of offerings being debited
 automatically from your checking or
 savings. The new electronic giving
 program offers convenience for you and
 much-needed consistency for the church.
 Information and an authorization form
 are available in the office.*

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Reflections from J.D.



Contagious Generosity!

108 pledges for 2012 were turned in, totaling \$481,850. Thank you for supporting New Hope's ministries!

Attendance
December 4 - 262
December 11 - 254
December 18 - 261
December 24 - 274
December 25 - 125
average: 236

I recently read James Moore's book, Standing on the Promises or Sitting on the Premises. Moore shares Ten Commandments for the Long Haul that were written by the Reverend Roland Rolheiser. I want to share them with you at the beginning of a New Year.

1. Be grateful. Never look a gift universe in the mouth.
2. Don't be naïve about God. He will not settle for less than everything.
3. Walk forward when possible. When it feels impossible, try putting one foot in front of the other.
4. Pray the God will hang onto you.
5. Love. Put love first in your life. If a life is large enough for love, it is large enough.
6. Accept what you are - - and don't be afraid to be who you are.
7. Refuse to take yourself too seriously; laugh at yourself regularly.
8. Don't be afraid to be softhearted. Redemption lies in tears.
9. Stay with the folks. Remember - - you are on a group outing.
10. Don't mummify. stay alive and alert, and celebrate life.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless New Hope United Methodist Church as we move forward on mission and in ministry in 2012. This is the beginning of the next 50 years for New Hope!



RE-IGNITE! Leadership Workshop - Saturday, January 28 at St. Luke's in OKC.

Schedule:

- 8:30** a.m. Register
- 9:00** Worship message by Bishop Hayes
- 10:00** - 11:10 session 1 workshops

- VBS Preview
- UMW: What's It About
- Passionate Evangelism
- The Child and Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
- Should Faith Mix with Politics?
- The Wesleyan Way
- The Use of Demographic Information for Your Local Church
- Youth ID
- The Communications Connection
- Making a Difference: Starting a New Ministry
- Advancing Hope Around the World : UM Missionaries
- Effective Financial Leadership
- "Who are THOSE People".. and how do we minister to them?
- Re-ignite the Go-go's, Slow-go's and No Go's
- On to Perfection: Effective Manuscript and Non-Manuscript Preaching
- Celtic Christian Resources for Spirituality and Worship
- SPRC
- Coping with Conflict in Community
- Youth - Drum Talk
- Youth - Teens in the Bible

11:15 - 12:20 session 2 workshops

- Children & Creativity
- Precious Memories: Oral Interviews and Local Church History
- How to Share Your faith in Our Contemporary Society
- The Child and Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
- Making Disciples: In and out of prison
- Circle of Peace
- Small Membership Congregations
- Congregational-based Youth Ministry/ Sustainable Youth Ministry
- Social Media: Getting the Message Out in a TGIF (Twitter, Google, iPhone, Facebook) World
- It worked for Us Ideas/ Models
- The Doctor Says It's Cancer
- Trustees: More than just Buildings
- Guiding People into Ministry
- College and Young Adult Ministries
- Effective Dialogue on Social Principles in Local Churches
- Living Right Relationships: Why has God Put Us Here
- SPRC
- Youth - The Real World - Middle School
- Youth - Prevenient Grace - How we See Christ in the Culture Around Us!

- 12:30** - Lunch (with reservation)
- 1:15** - District Conference
- 2:00** - Dismissal



Helping Hands Pantry

We start a New Year having broken both records for us...a new daily record of 15 clients and a new yearly record of 162 clients! Without the generosity of the members of this church it would not be possible to serve so many.

Thank you for your help again this year with the holiday food sacks: the children decorated the bags and you filled them. We had more than one client thank us and say "This is our Thanksgiving...without this we would have had nothing special." While our dream for the new year is to serve less (if the clients would not need help), we want to be prepared for whatever OKC's economy does to our part of the city. With your generosity and compassion, we're sure Helping Hands will meet these needs.

Sincerely, Kimberly and Sharia

Our needs now are; chunky soups, chili without beans, canned peaches, children's cereals, canisters of quick oatmeal, spaghetti sauce. We serve zip codes 73132, 73142, 73162, and members of our church family no matter their zip code. The pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 1 - 3 p.m.

New Hope Leaders for 2012

Administrative Council

Chair: Craig Sturniolo	Lay Leaders: Lori Foster and Al Van Sickle
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Lacia Norman	Alternate Lay Delegate: Lori Foster
Church Treasurer: Lana Salter	Financial Secretary: Carol Whittet
Historian: Jo Martin	Membership Secretary: Judy Unsell
Trustees Chair: Roger Hurt	Staff Parish Chair: Maudean Wakefield
Finance Chair: Don Parker	Worship Chair: Luisa Medina
Missions Chairs: Bill and Yvonne Morgan	Safe Sanctuaries: Lana Salter

Point Ministry Representatives

A-OK! - David Salter	Circle of Care - Nellyne Hanlin	Disaster Response - Richard Norman
Fellowship time - Denning & Vita Crowe	Food Pantry - Kimberly Brewer & Sharia Cleburn	
Health Fair - Paul Stillwell	Men of Hope - Al Van Sickle	
Pastoral Partners - Kathy McTommonney	Prayer Team - Norene Valentour	Sharefest - Kris Howell
Skyline Urban Ministry - Luisa Medina	Young at Heart - Mickey Miller	Family Life - Cali Eck & Amy Aita
Outreach- Kathy McTommonney	Ruth Circle - Carola Smith	Mary Martha Circle - Vita Crowe

Boards and Committees

Finance Team: Chair: Don Parker;

Members: Jean Harris, Dan Korner, Robert Wakefield, Treasurer, Pastor, Lay Leaders, Chair of Ad Council, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Chair of Staff-Parish, Chair of Trustees, Financial Secretary

Board of Trustees:

Chair: Roger Hurt	2012 Roger Hurt Robert Lakin Kris Howell	2013 Dale Stanley Regina Engling David Eck	2014 Nancy Beale Margaret Mills David Darter
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Staff-Parish Relations

Chair: Maudean Wakefield	2012 Rhonda McGuire Mary Seay Rick Howell	2013 Jim Seignious Todd Krout Maudean Wakefield	2014 Leslie Heathman Cindy Brown Frank Hill
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Committee on Lay Leadership:

Pastor as Chair	2012 Lana Salter Norene Valentour Jason Bruce	2013 Mary McQueen Robin Paul Jim McClure	2014 Vicki Freeman Wanda Urban Denning Crowe
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Church Committees and Teams for 2012 continued from page 3

Missions: Chairs: Bill & Yvonne Morgan
 Members: Luisa Medina, Randy & Rhonda McGuire,
 Lori & Richard Foster, Richard & Lacia Norman, Nancy Beale,
 Kimberly Brewer, Britt Stanley

Worship: Chair: Luisa Medina
 Members - Pastor: JD Ward Director of Music: Marc Lau
 Acolyte Coordinator: Cali Eck Music Associate Nancy Bristow
 Children's Sermon Coordinator: Les Basset Bulletins: Kaye Merriam
 Sanctuary Care: Mary Seay Youth Director: Donette Johnson
 Usher Coordinator: John Wakefield Sound: Drew Van Sickle
 Greeter Coordinator: Robert Lakin
 Communion Coordinator: Jean Harris

Family Life: Chair: Cali Eck; Vice-Chair: Amy Aita
 Members: Perry Johnson, Vickie Lacy, Stephanie Saunders-Willis, Chris Porter

Food & Fellowship Chair: Jo Martin
 Members: Vita & Denning Crowe, Lavonne Hatfield, Leola & Jose Medina, Vicki Freeman, Norene Valentour,
 Donna Reynolds

Outreach/Evangelism: Chair: Kathy McTommonney
 Members: Susan Sturniolo, Norene Valentour, JD Ward, Yvonne Morgan, Jim Seignious

Decorating Committee: Mary Seay, Amy Aita, Karrie Ward


Children's Day Out Board: JD Ward, Jim Seignious, Les Basset, Cindy Brown

Building Committee: Chair: Dave Reynolds
 Members: Mary Seay, Amy Scott, Don Parker, Tim Gosdin, Rick Ernest

Have a question about things at New Hope? These are the people to go to for information about various departments!

Who's in charge of.....?

Why don't we?



When is.....?

What about...?

Where is the ...?

I want to suggest.....

A Handy Chart for the New Year

<u>You Say</u>	<u>God Says</u>	<u>Bible Verses</u>
"It's impossible!"	"All things are possible"	Luke 18: 27
"I'm too tired."	"I will give you rest."	Matthew 11: 28 -30
"Nobody really loves me."	"I love you!"	John 3: 16 & John 3: 34
"I can't go on."	"My grace is sufficient."	II Corinthians 12: 9 & Psalm 91: 15
"I can't figure things out."	"I will direct your steps."	Proverbs 3: 5 - 6
"I can't do it!"	"You can do all things."	Philippians 4: 13
"I'm not able."	"I am able"	II Corinthians 9: 8
"It's not worth it."	"It will be worth it."	Romans 8: 28
"I can't forgive myself."	"I forgive you."	"I John 1: 9 & Romans 8: 1
"I can't manage."	"I will supply all your needs."	Philippians 4: 19
"I'm afraid."	"I have not given you a spirit of fear."	II Timothy 1: 7
"I'm always worried & frustrated."	"Cast all your cares on ME."	I Peter 5: 7
"I'm not smart enough."	"I give you wisdom"	I Corinthians 1: 30
"I feel all alone."	"I will never leave you or forsake you."	Hebrews 13: 5

In 2012 may you to be as much of a blessing as you are blessed! Wishing you a wonderful New Year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harrison Hutchins
 Marc Lau
 Sherman Karns
 Wanda Urban
 Karrie Ward
 Lou Ann Todd
 Ashley Brandt
 Chris Coffman
 Lee Ann Towell
 John Russell
 Gavin Smarra
 Rita Karns
 Wiley Krout
 Jo Martin

Mary McQueen
 Tammy Valentour
 Bob Aldridge
 Elyse Ellsworth
 Carmene Redus
 Camden Wetzel
 Chesney Whetstone
 Kenneth Attebury
 Delores Cherry
 Patti Haught
 Jana Raska
 Britt Sutton Stanley
 Leslie Coffman

Eileen Malinckrodt
 Chris Pattillo
 LaVeda Featherstone
 Angela Stogsdill
 Parker Roark
 Logan Martinez
 Cynthia Brown
 Carly Hurt
 Bill Morgan
 Ethan Featherstone
 Sandi Webster
 Kris Howell
 Seger Shore
 Sheri Cullers
 Zach Foster

January



Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Don & Pat Mize
 Jose & Leola Medina
 Robert & Maudean Wakefield
 Terry & Jane Swart
 Bill & Jackie Holloway
 Danny & Pam Goodman
 Brett & Alice Pattillo

Congratulations to David Hutchins and Allison Byrd who were wed here on the last day of 2011. May their marriage be blessed!



Fellowship & Study Opportunities

Mondays at 6:30 "Freed Up" Financial living class. (Session titles below.)

Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. - Buck and a Bible

Second Tuesday at 6:30 - Ruth Circle

Wednesdays at either 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
 Beth Moore study of "Esther."

Second Thursday at 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle

Third Sunday at 8:15 a.m. - Men of Hope

Last Thursday of the month at 11:00 - Young at Heart seniors' potluck or trip.

Potluck Lunch January 8

It is Lamplighters class' turn for preparation, serving and clean-up.



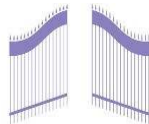
FACTS ?

The Family Life Committee will be sponsoring a Chili cook-off and Super Bowl party on February 5 at 5:00. Prizes will be given for best chili and to winners of a Super Bowl quiz. Get out your recipes & chili pots and brush up on football facts!



"Freed Up" class sessions include:

1. Worksheets on household budgets
 2. Earning, giving, and saving
 3. Saving and debt
 4. Spending, credit reports, mortgages
 5. Balancing the spending plan
 6. Record keeping and commitment
 7. College and financial aid for parents and students
 8. Social security
 9. Wills; Do not resuscitate; Powers of attorney
- Snacks will be provided.



WELCOMED HOME

Ending the year with sadness while temporarily parted: New Hope said goodbye to Ken McQueen in December. Our sympathies go to Mary and Ken's family and many friends.

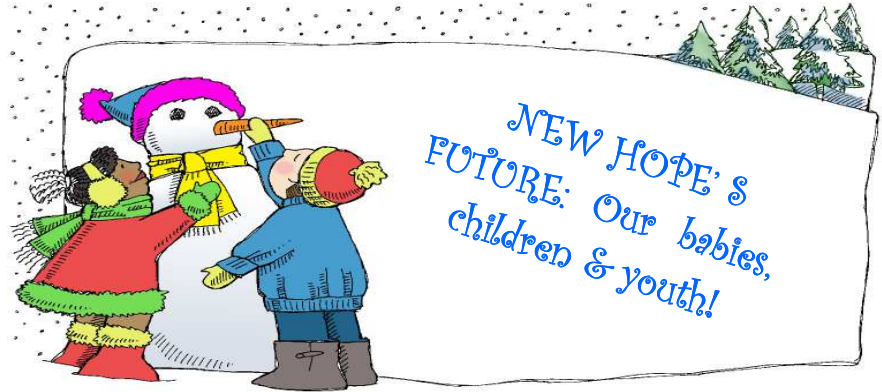
If you have changed your e-mail address, please notify Judy@newhopeokc.org so records may be updated. Thank you!

Louise Patterson would like to wish all her friends a Happy New Year and tell them how much she appreciates their calls, cards, letters, visits and prayers. She misses everyone here!

**ROCK SOLID SUNDAY SCHOOL
for Children (9:45)**

The subject of January's classes is
"Jesus, Son of God."

- Lesson titles and scriptures are:
 January 1 - "The Wise Men Visit Jesus"
 Matthew 2: 1 - 12
 January 8 - "Jesus at the Temple"
 Luke 2: 41 - 52
 January 15 - "Jesus Is Baptized"
 Matthew 3: 13 - 17
 January 22 - "Jesus Calls the Fishermen
 to Follow Him"
 Mark 1: 16 - 20
 January 29 - "Jesus Calls Matthew"
 Mark 2: 13 - 17



**Wednesday Nights -
CIA (Children in Action)
at 6:30 p.m.**



<i>Acolyte Schedule</i>	<i>First Service</i>	<i>Second Service</i>
Sunday 1	Emma Bruce Noah Paul	Leah Medina Allie Seay
Sunday 2	Hayden Hasty Jake Sherwin	Roni Cook Katie Seay
Sunday 3	Grace Roark Alyson Roark	Jonathan Eck Carly Hurt
Sunday 4	Shay Johnson Anieca Valentour	Jake Anderson Sierra Paul
Sunday 5	Kellie Seay Sam Gosdin	Benjamin Eck Alex Stewart



Nursery Volunteers

- First Sunday: 9:45 Beth Brown
 11:00 Robin Paul
 Second Sunday: 9:45 Brooke Gulvas
 11:00 Casey Pattillo
 Third Sunday: 9:45 Nellyne Hanlin
 11:00 Alice Pattillo
 Fourth Sunday: 9:45 Becca Pappas
 11:00 Elyse Ellsworth
 Fifth Sunday 9:45 Diane Layton
 11:00 NEED Volunteer

If you are willing to volunteer in the nursery, please see Stephanie. You would not be the only adult there.

YOUTH



- SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
 SUNDAY NIGHT
 4:30 - 7:00
 WEDNESDAY
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**2012
Confirmation
Class**
 and their mentors
Josie Anderson
 Terry Swart
Peyton Ellsworth
 Todd Krout
Cooper Stogsdill
 David Darter
*Meeting for
parents and
mentors January 8
at 6:00*
 Confirmation
 classes begin
 January 15.

SPECIAL DATES

- January 15 at 12:30
 meeting for Parents of Youth
 January 29 -
Youth Sunday:
 We'll be in charge of both
 services!
 That's also the day of RISE at
 Wickline in Midwest City.
 We'll leave church at 4:45
 and return about 8:00.
 Cost is \$3 to cover food.
**February 10 -11 - Camp for
Confirmation Candidates**
**February 11 - Youth Talent
Show and meal**

Beginning later in January 15, the Youth will place several jars in the foyer with pictures of some of our Youth.

We will ask members of the congregation to "vote" for one or several of those pictures by placing money in their jars.



During the Super Bowl Party on February 5 we will announce the winners, who'll receive a pie in the face!

We will also take donations to help determine who throws the pies. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, so vote several times!



into a New Year!



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular 9:45 and 11:00 Worship Services and Sunday School	2 Office closed	3 9 - 2 - CDO resumes 10:00 - Prayer team	4 9 - 2 - CDO 5:00 - Youth party 6:30 - Children 6:30 - NHH Band 7:00 - Choir	5 9 - 2 - CDO 6:00 - Sew & Sow Sisters decide if to continue 6:30 - Disciple 3	6	7
8 noon - Potluck 3:00 - Outreach Committee 4:30 - Companions in Christ, Disciple 2, Youth 7:00 - staff meets with building committee	9 10:00 - Prayer team 6:00 - Building Committee 6:30 - "Freed Up" Financial Living class begins	10 6:30 a.m. - Buck & a Bible resumes 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry Open 6:30 - Ruth Circle	11 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther study begins 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - Children 6:30 - NHH Band 6:30 - Esther study begins 7:00 - Choir	12 9 - 2 - CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 6:30 - Disciple 3	13	14
15 8:15 - Men of Hope 12:30 - meeting for parents of youth 4:30 - Companions in Christ, Disciple 2, Youth 6:00 - Confirmation class	16 10:00 - Prayer team 6:30 - Financial Living class	17 9 - 2 - CDO	18 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther study 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - Children 6:30 - NHH Band 6:30 - Esther study 7:00 - Choir	19 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3	20	21 2012 Confirmation class meet with JD at 10:30
22 4:30 - Companions in Christ, Disciple 2, Youth 6:00 - Confirmation class 6:30 - Administrative	23 10:00 - Prayer team 6:30 - Financial Living class	24 9 - 2 - CDO 1 - 3 - Pantry Open	25 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther study 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - Children 6:30 - NHH Band 6:30 - Esther study 7:00 - Choir	26 9 - 2 - CDO 11:00 - Young at Heart 6:30 - Disciple 3	27	28 8:30 - 2:00 Re-ignite Workshop at St. Luke's
29 Youth Sunday noon - Outreach luncheon for new members & visitors 4:30 - Companions in Christ, Disciple 2, 4:45 - Youth leave for RISE at Wickline	30 10:00 - Prayer team 6:30 - Financial Living class	31 9 - 2 - CDO	FEBRUARY 1 9 - 2 - CDO 9:00 - Esther study 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - Children 6:30 - NHH Band 6:30 - Esther study 7:00 - Choir	2 9 - 2 - CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3	3	4