

# New Hope News in May

a month of Beginnings, Changes, Completions, Remembering!



A memory book recounting the *First 50 Years of New Hope* has been compiled by Paula Reynolds.

Orders are being taken on the sheet on the counter.

The price will be about \$50, depending on number ordered. There is a copy for you to look through before placing your order. Many thanks to Paula for putting this all together!



## The 60th National Day of Prayer

Norene Valentour

The 60th National Day of Prayer will be observed Thursday, May 5th. This year's theme is "A Mighty Fortress is our God." Psalms 91: 2 states, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Last Sunday the New Hope Prayer team handed out prayer guides and bookmarks to commemorate this special day of prayer for our nation.

A few notes from history -

1775 - The Continental Congress designated a time for prayer  
 1863 - Abraham Lincoln called for such a day.  
 1952 - President Truman signed into law a joint resolution by Congress declaring an annual National Day of Prayer  
 1988 - President Reagan amended it to designate the first Thursday of each May as the National Day of Prayer.

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## 50th Anniversary

events ahead:

July 17

Agnes Goodman Day - Bishop Hayes will preach in both services! Men of Hope grilled lunch afterward!

August 12

Ice Cream & Bingo



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### Cory Brewster

is the son of Bryan & Barbara Brewster and the grandson of Donna Johnson. He graduates from Piedmont High School.



### Hunter Porter

is the son of Bob & Grace Porter. He is graduating from Deer Creek High School.

### Kelsey Gosdin

is the daughter of Tim & Julie Gosdin. She will be graduating from Putnam City High School.

### Kayleigh Daniels

will graduate from Yukon High School. She is the daughter of Bill & Kathy Reed.

### Sara Martinez

will graduate from Putnam City West. She is the granddaughter of John & Vangie Smith.

## Welcome to Our New Members!

Kaleigh Sheldon  
 Kellie Seay  
 Katie Seay  
 Allie Seay  
 Maddie Scott  
 Leah Medina  
 Wylie Krout  
 Gillian Hasty  
 Sam Gosdin  
 Carly Diaz

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## Spring/Summer Scene

May 8 - Mother's Day  
 May 15 - Graduation and Promotion Sunday  
 May 28 - Family Fun Day at Yukon City Park  
 June 4 - 10 Senior High Mission trip to Atlanta,  
 June 12 - 17 Youth Force in Norman  
 June 13 - 17 JEM  
 June 19 - Father's Day  
 June 20 - 24 TWEENS at Canyon  
 June 27 - 30 VBS

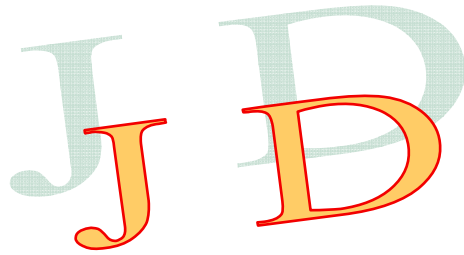
## Welcome New STAFF members!

Cali Eck is our new pastoral assistant and Director of Discipleship. She has been a member of New Hope since 1999.

Assistant Youth Director is Matt Miller.

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Reflections  
from



I recently had a letter to the editor printed in the Daily Oklahoman. The letter was a response to an article about Representative Kris Steele meeting with an organization called The High Noon club. This is a group of very conservative people who meet at a gun range each week and who want to influence the political environment in Oklahoma.

Kris Steele is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and an ordained Southern Baptist minister who, believe it or not, serves as an associate pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. As he met with this group, it was obvious that they were unhappy with Republican lawmakers who had not supported the open carry of guns, more restrictions on illegal immigrants and the banning of Sharia law.

Someone in that meeting asked Steele “whether Satanists, communists and atheists were on his church board.” I found this remark very offensive and judgmental. The letter as reprinted by the Oklahoman:

“Regarding ‘Conservatives voice worries,’ I was offended by some of the remarks and questions raised by

The High Noon Club as they met with Oklahoma House Speaker Kris Steele. I suppose that some who were there at that meeting believe that one must share their political and social opinions to be a genuine Christian. If they’re truly interested in finding out the beliefs of United Methodists, I suggest they read the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.”

“The preamble of this document says that we ‘affirm our faith in God our Creator and Father in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Control.’ Members of The High Noon Club might not share our concern for social justice. United Methodists believe that Jesus calls us to love all people, regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. We believe the kingdom of God is spiritual and not political. This means we still believe in the separation of church and state. In other words, we can be committed to Christ and disagree on social and political issues.”

“I thank God for the political freedom I have as an American and the spiritual freedom I have in Christ.”

The response I have received to this letter has been positive. It is regrettable that some who have great political influence in this state are literally engaged in demonizing the opposition. As we celebrate Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day, let us give thanks for a nation that allows us the freedom to hold divergent views.

### Annual Conference in OKC

The Oklahoma Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held in Oklahoma City beginning May 29. The theme of this meeting will be: “The Plan - - A Bridge to the Future.” St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and the Oklahoma City University will host the meeting.

In addition to conducting the regular business of the Conference, there will be voting for General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be meeting in Tampa, Florida in 2012. The theme will be “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ to Transform the World.”

Pastor JD Ward will be the clergy delegate to the Oklahoma annual Conference and Loretta Norman will represent New Hope as lay delegate. A number of other folks from New Hope will be involved as well - -

Randy McGuire, Jeremy Bassett, Lori Foster, Luisa Medina, Karrie Ward and Richard Norman.

Keep the Oklahoma Conference in your prayers.

The following opportunities for worship are available to you and will all be held at St. Luke’s:

Sunday, May 29 at 7 p. m.- Service of Commissioning

Monday, May 30 at 10:30 a. m. -  
Memorial Service & Holy Communion

Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p. m. - - Service of Ordination

“My mom is a never-ending song in my heart  
of comfort, happiness, and being.

I may sometimes forget the words but I always  
remember the tune.” - Gracy Harmon



### Building Study Committee Meets

The first meeting of the Building Study Committee was on Tuesday, April 26. Members of the committee reviewed current attendance and membership statistics before taking a tour of the facility. The consensus of the committee is that expansion of the fellowship hall is desirable, as is more space for Sunday School classes and the youth group.

Before adjourning, the committee also discussed ways to survey the congregation concerning current and future building needs, as well as ways to raise money for a building fund. The Building Study Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p. m.



Helping Hands  
Food Pantry

*The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.*

- Ghandi

### Helping Hands Food Pantry

Thank you very much to the SolAmour Hospice and the Boy Scouts for holding food drives and bringing food to our pantry. We appreciate them for recognizing that people are hungry all year round and not just the holidays. We are so fortunate that our congregation recognizes this as well! Some items we could use are: assorted canned vegetables and different kinds of canned beans (ranch, black, butter, pork 'n' beans), graham crackers, and boxed cereals..... we are getting requests for cereal such as Cheerios, Raisin Bran or others which do not have as much sugar! As you can imagine, the prices of all items are going up steadily and we expect to see more and more people making use of the food pantry as this continues. Out of six clients last pantry day, five were out of work and the other doesn't work due to health issues. At the end of April our total number of families served was 53.

We appreciate your generous hearts so much! Thank you! Kimberly & Sharia

Thanks to all of you who participated in April's

**A-OK!** projects. On May 21 we will help serve lunch at City Rescue Mission. A sign-up sheet is on the counter.

A Thank You was received from Connie Beavers, resident manager of Winds House..... "Everything looks FABULOUS! Both the properties are just glistening! Thank you New Hope and all the volunteers who came Saturday and those who donated money for this year's project. Ya'll do a SUPER JOB. The board of directors, the residents and myself are truly, truly grateful for your prayers, love and support. May God bless your church and your members!"

All **A-OK!** project ideas have come from individuals in the congregation (regular people just like you!) so if you see a need, know of an opportunity we may join or have an idea of something we might do to help others, please let David Salter or someone in the office know. This is a congregation-driven ministry and we welcome any suggestions for future projects! You are an awesome congregation of loving people and we appreciate your Acts of Kindness!



**Pardon our mess!** We will begin repairs and replacing the ceiling soon. Also, the gym floor will be waxed and the Sanctuary will get new paint and carpet. So, things will be chaotic

(again) at different times. We appreciate your patience as New Hope is "spruced up" in its 50th year!

If you are willing to help in VBS June 27 - 30 from 9:00 until noon, please notify Vickie Lacy!

### Health Fair



**Saturday, August 27**

Mark your calendar!

**THANK YOU** to all those who worked so hard to make our annual Garage Sale a success! We made over \$2700. Many hours unloading, sorting, and selling the items went into this sale! We appreciate your help! **New Hope Youth**

### New Staff

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Cali's dad is a retired Church of God minister and she says knew she wanted to be in ministry since she was a sophomore in high school. She attended Mid-America Bible College (now Mid-America Christian University) and has a degree in Bible and Youth and Recreational Ministries. Cali received a Master of Divinity degree from Anderson University School of Theology. While working toward that she served as assistant at a United Methodist Church in Fortville, Indiana. She and husband Dave, an engineer at Xerox, have four children: Jessica 14, Benjamin 13, Jonathan 10, and Brooklyn 3, so their lives are full of sports and dancing.

No information was provided by Matt. He is the son of Patti Miller.

### Day of Prayer

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At a National Day of Prayer breakfast then President George Bush said, "Tremendous challenges await this nation, and there will be hardships ahead. Faith will not make our path easy but it will give us strength for the journey."

Please join the New Hope Prayer Team May 5 by setting a time during the day to honor God and, united in prayer with others across our nation, asking that the United States of America remain One Nation Under God. Our Sovereign God is attuned to our requests. He awaits to intervene on behalf of many.



### Potluck Lunch Noon, Sunday, May 15

A change but it still involves good food so we're okay! There WILL be a potluck lunch on May 15. Those going on Mission trips to Nepal and Nicaragua will serve as hosts and clean up that day and at the June 12 potluck. Donations will be used toward expenses for those trips. The mission dinner scheduled previously has been cancelled.

Cory has been a member of Piedmont Band for 7 years and the high school marching band 5 years.

Leader of the Euphonium Section, in the 2010 marching season he helped lead the band to the first ever 4A/5A Grand Championship. Cory's primary instrument is trombone but he also plays baritone, euphonium, and drum-line. He will spend this summer traveling from California to Florida and competing with The Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps, a professional marching band. Cory will begin college in the fall to pursue a career in music education and performance.

Kaleigh has been active in Spanish club two years, band three years, choir and FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) at Yukon High School. Kaleigh plans to major in journalism and will attend Rose State College.

**Our Graduates!**



*Education means inspiring someone's mind, not just filling their head.*  
- Katie Lusk

Kelsey has participated in many activities such as Model UN, Student Council (co-chair, secretary, president), volleyball, powder-puff, soccer, SALSA and the Prom Committee. Kelsey was in the National Honor Society three years and she was a delegate to Basic Leadership Camp and the NASC National Convention. She received the Masonic Lodge Student of Today award. Kelsey will pursue a major in public relations/ journalism at the University of Oklahoma where she will be a member of the 2011 President's Leadership Class.

Hunter is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Life Scout in BSA. He was active in stage crafts as well as science club, chess club, band and the academic team. He was active in many community services working at the food bank and Hope Center as well as on various park projects. Hunter earned a 4-year academic scholarship to the University of Central Oklahoma and will pursue a degree in psychology, hoping to be involved in therapy or research.

Sara served as vice president of the National Honor Society at Putnam City West and was on the honor roll four years. She was in art club and the Technology Student Association and achieved Academic Excellence by taking five AP classes. Sara has also been active in FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) where she served as game officer. Sara will attend the University of Oklahoma and major in International Business and Language and Energy Management.

Allan & Mary Seay  
Melvin & Margaret Lawson  
Dusty & Sheri Cullers  
JD & Karrie Ward  
Denning & Vita Crowe  
Terry & Jean Brittenham

**Anniversaries & Birthdays  
in May**

Ray Kling  
Ivory Morgan  
Norene Valentour  
Thelma Henry  
Annette McGahee  
Betsy Roark  
Irene Krout  
Kahlene Christenson  
Jayden Raska  
David Reynolds  
Lola Martin  
Roxanne Sherwin  
Jeremy Basset

Garrett Johnson  
Brycen Christenson  
Brady Featherstone  
Donald Gross  
Barbara McPheeters  
Andrew Gulvas  
Trynitie Krout  
Andrew Van Sickle  
Sam Cook  
Jack Henry  
Stephanie Saunders  
Melissa Lau  
Susan Smith

Congratulations to the family of Zander Creed Krout who was born last month!



**Welcomes and Good-byes**

Anna Carrol, a regular member of Seekers Sunday School Class for many years has moved to Norman to be near her family. Class members are already missing her cheerful personality but know she's happy in her new home.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Glenna Cochran who died recently. Services were held here on April 21.



**Memorial Day**  
May 30 Say "Thank you!" to a veteran

**Family Fun Day**

at Yukon City Park  
May 28 noon until 8:00.

The south pavilion is reserved. This is a day for families to spend laughing, snacking and playing together. Hotdogs & buns will be provided. Please bring side dishes to share and drinks for your family. Call Cali Eck for more information.

**Sunday School  
Classes for Adults**

(ages: out of high school to "100+")

**Four classes meet at 9:45. Members usually attend Contemporary Service at 11:00.**

Class name: **Young Adults**  
(yet to be named)

Age Range: High School graduate - 25

Class size: will grow

Where: room across from Chapel (Youth room)

Teacher: Perry Johnson

Materials: to be determined after they begin May 15.

Class name: **Friends & Believers**

Class size: 20  
Age Range: 25 - 50ish

Where: Fellowship Hall room A

Teachers: Class shares duties

Materials: vary

About us: Class ranges from singles to married with kids from baby to college.

We are lots of fun and get together occasionally for family activities.

Class name: **Hope Society**

Class size: 5 - 9  
Age Range: 35 - 65

Where: Fellowship Hall room C

Teacher: Dale Stanley

Materials: vary - In May & June - *A Study of Angels - Systematic Bible Doctrines.*

About us: Biblically-based topical studies

Class name: **Open Door II**

Class size: 20  
Age Range: 40 - 80

Where: Fellowship Hall room B

Teachers: Duties rotate among several class members: Doyle Kelly, Rhonda McGuire, Denning Crowe, Nellyne Hanlin, Paul Stillwell and Sandy Webster

*Between services is a time for visiting and light snacks!*

**These six classes meet at 11:00 a.m. Their members usually attend traditional service at 9:45.**

Class name: **Lamplighters**

Class size: 13  
Age Range: 55 and up

Where: Chapel

Teachers: members volunteer as discussion leaders

Materials: Methodist Adult Bible Studies

About us: The purpose of the class is to study God's word and through discussion try to understand how it relates to our individual lives as well as the world we live in. The class is made up of singles and couples. We join together for socials, parties, dine-outs and service projects.

Class name: **Open Forum**

Class size: 20 -30  
Age Range: 35 - 88

Where: Fellowship hall rooms B&C

Teachers: Don Parker & Maudean Wakefield

Materials: vary according to teacher, often relating recent news to the Bible and our daily lives.

Class name: **Seekers**

Class size: 8 - 10  
Age Range: "legal" senior seniors

Where: room across from the Chapel

Teacher: Rex Andis

Materials: Adult Teaching Guide and Bible Study materials from Scripture Press

About us: Our class purpose is in our name - - Seekers: We seek, through the study of the Bible, to find keys to a heavenly home. We welcome everyone and would like to grow in numbers. We sponsor the annual Angel Express, take part in hospitality and join in charitable church projects.

**Sunday Worship  
Services Attendance**  
April 3 - 279  
April 10 - 255  
April 17 - 255  
April 24 - 437 (Easter)

Class name: **Open Door I**

Class size: 5  
Age Range: 60+

Where: library (behind youth room)

Teacher: Lee Ann Towell but others rotate

Materials: Genesis to Revelation Series and the Bible.

Class name: **New Beginnings**

Class size: 20 -33  
Age Range: all ages welcome

Where: choir room (east hall by nursery)

Teachers: rotate  
Materials: teacher choice - Bible-based lessons

About us: We were formed in 2010 and are made up of various ages. We always welcome anyone who desires to study the Bible and receive support and encouragement from a wonderful group of individuals. Our lessons may focus on outside missions and we provide support for each other through prayer.

Class name: **Wesleyan**

Class size: 14 - 16  
Age Range: 55 and up

Where: Fellowship Hall room A (by exit)

Teacher: Dave Reynolds with open discussion

Materials: the Bible, the Cokesbury Quarterly, other books, periodicals and internet sources

About us: We approach study using the Wesleyan principles of scripture, tradition, experience & reason to guide us. We seek to apply lessons learned from the scripture in true worship through service both within New hope and in mission in the local community and beyond. We are a friendly group and enjoy such things as monthly fellowship dinner out together at different area eateries, our annual Christmas Party and other fun events. Please join us! You'll be welcome!



# YOUNG NEW HOPE

Rock Solid Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

May's Theme: Good News Travels Fast!

## Grades 1-3 Lessons & Scriptures

- May 1- Thomas Believes  
John 20: 19 - 21, 24 - 29
- May 8- Breakfast on the Beach  
John 21; 1 - 14
- May 15- The Great Commission  
Matthew 21: 1, 8 - 10, 16 - 20
- May 22 - Peter and Aeneas  
Acts 9: 32 - 35
- May 29 - Peter's Great Escape  
Acts 12: 3 - 16

## Kids Own Worship

Sunday Mornings at 11:00

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

the children have a lesson followed by a craft or game. This year we will break for summer. **May 18 will be the last regular Wednesday** night class.



**Deadline for Youth registrations for camps is May 15!**

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No Youth on Sunday, May 8, Mothers' Day

### Meeting

Times:

Sundays  
9:45 a.m. and  
5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m.

**Youth Sunday  
May 22**



**Family  
Fun Day!**



## Family Fun Day for EVERYONE - Saturday, May 28

We have the south pavilion at Yukon City Park reserved from noon until 8:00 p.m. This is a day of fun, frolic and food for the entire family! Hotdogs and buns will be furnished. Please bring side dishes or snacks to share and drinks for your family. Call or e-mail Cali Eck for more information.

## Acolyte Schedule

9:45	11:00
May 1	
Kellie Seay	Leah Medina
Emma Bruce	Payton Ellsworth
May 8	
Jake Sherwin	Roni Cook
Allie Seay	Katie Seay
May 15	
Jonathan Eck	Carly Hurt
Anieca Valentour	Noah Paul
May 22 (Youth Sunday)	
Brenna Bayless	Allyssa Hurt
Alex Stewart	Sierra Paul
May 29	
Josie Anderson	Emma Bruce
Shay Johnson	Jonathan Eck



**HOMETOWN  
NAZARETH -  
Where Jesus was  
a Kid!**

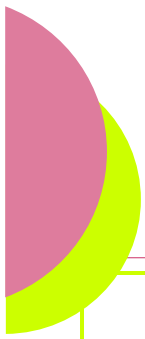
VBS June 27 - 30  
9 a.m. until noon

Call Vickie Lacy or give the office your name if you can help in any way either before or during VBS!

Parents -  
Do your youth and children know the meaning of Memorial Day?



Sunday	9:45	11:00
May 1		Robin Paul
May 8	Bob Hanlin	Casey Pattillo
May 15	Diane Layton	Alice Pattillo
May 24	Becca Pappas	Elyse Ellsworth
May 29	<b>NEED VOLUNTEERS for BOTH SERVICES</b>	



# New Hope in May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <b>Communion</b> New members' luncheon - noon <b>Administrative Council - 6:30</b></p>	<p>2 10:00 a.m. Prayer team 6:30 p.m. <b>Pastoral Partners</b></p>	<p>3 6:30 a.m. Buck &amp; a Bible 9 - 2 CDO</p>	<p>4 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 Children 6:30 Youth 6:30 NHHBand 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 9 - 2 CDO</p>	6	7
<p>8 <i>Mother's Day</i> No Potluck today - postponed until 15th</p>	<p>9 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p>	<p>10 6:30 a.m. Buck &amp; a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 1-3 <b>Pantry Open</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Ruth Circle</b></p>	<p>11 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 Children 6:30 Youth 6:30 NHHBand 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>12 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 a.m. <b>Mary Martha Circle</b></p>	13	14
<p>15 Graduation and Promotion Sunday <b>Noon - Potluck lunch</b></p>	<p>16 10:00 a.m. Prayer team</p>	<p>17 6:30 a.m. Buck &amp; a Bible 9 - 2 CDO</p>	<p>18 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 Children <i>(last until fall)</i> 6:30 Youth 6:30 NHHBand 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>19 9 - 2 CDO</p>	20	<p>21 10:30 - 2 <b>AOKI</b> serves at City Rescue Mission</p>
<p>22 <b>Youth Sunday</b> Commissioning of Youth for Mission trip 3:00 - Anniversary Committee meets 4:00 - Food &amp; Fellowship Comm. 5:00 - CDO Board meets</p>	23	<p>24 6:30 a.m. Buck &amp; a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 1-3 <b>Pantry Open</b> 6:30 - <b>Building Study Committee</b></p>	<p>25 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 Youth 6:30 NHHBand 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>26 9 - 2 CDO 11:30 a.m. <b>Young at Heart</b></p>	27	<p>28 noon - 8:00 <b>Family Fun Day</b> at Yukon City Park south pavilion</p>
<p>29 <b>Communion</b> (No Communion on June 5)</p>	<p>30 <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office closed</b></p>	<p>31 6:30 a.m. Buck &amp; a Bible 10:00 Prayer team <b>NO CDO this week</b></p>	<p><b>June 1</b> 6:30 Youth 6:30 NHHBand 7:00 Choir <b>NO Activities in GYM THIS WEEK</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>NO Activities in GYM THIS WEEK</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>NO Activities in GYM THIS WEEK</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>NO Activities in GYM THIS WEEK</b></p>

On June 5 Stan Basler, director of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, will be preaching in both services.