

# SEPTEMBER at New Hope



Welcome to our new members!  
 Delores Garver,  
 Teranne Williams,  
 Robert & Jacqueline Aldridge have joined our church family.

**NOTE:**

Many of the September items such as birthdays and anniversaries are on the last pages of August/September newsletter. This issue has information that has become available. On this calendar, "new" happenings are in red.

**Missions to Nicaragua and Nepal!**

In August some New Hope folks joined a mission trip to Nicaragua. They conducted a VBS and sewing classes for women. The pictures below give an idea of their experiences.

The group below will be doing mission work in Kathmandu. We look forward to their report upon return. The link to their blog is <http://missionkathmandu.blogspot.com>



**Studies Start in September:**

On Wednesday evenings at 6:15 JD will teach a class on the book, *"The Amazing John Wesley - An Unusual Look at an Uncommon Life"* by H. Newton Malony. These begin September 7.

*"A study on John 3:16"* by Max Lucado started on August 31. This 7:00 p.m. class is led by Cali Eck.

On Tuesday evenings, *"Believing God"* - a Beth Moore study will be led by Amy Aita. This begins at 6:30 on September 13.

*Disciple 2 and Companions in Christ* classes - Sundays at 4:30.

*Disciple 3* - Thursdays at 6:30.



Sharing sewing skills



All God's children love colors & crafts!



The Fifth Annual Health Fair was another big success! We had about 500 attendees, many of whom were obviously grateful for this free service which gave them access to health checks and information! If you weren't a part of this outreach ministry, plan to volunteer in 2012. There are many ways to help, even weeks in advance.

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## J. D.'S PAGE

*in Nicaragua  
August, 2011  
with Pastor Manuel*

### The theme for Vision Quest 2012 is "Where Faith Meets Life."

We will discuss the following goals at the Town hall Meeting on October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Establish covenant relationship with congregation in Managua, Nicaragua to provide rent and feeding program: \$1,560. Invite church members to go on a VIM trip to Nicaragua.
2. Bishop Hans Vaxby preached at New Hope on April 10, 2011, at the conclusion of the Russia Consultation at St. Luke's. Jim Althern, who works for the Board of Global Ministry, talked with Pastor Ward about the possibility of New Hope getting involved in the Russian Initiative by offering financial support to the Thanksgiving UMC in Lytkarina, Russia. Danil (Daniel) Starikov is pastor of the church on the outskirts of Moscow. New Hope will need to complete a Partner Church Covenant. The Russian Church needs about \$15,000 a year and New Hope will provide \$1,500.
3. Continue the work of the Building Study Committee. It is anticipated that this will lead to an expansion of our facilities and a capital campaign drive for building funds in 2012.
4. Improve the sound and video system in the sanctuary, adding a video screen on the front of the sound booth and improving sound and video capabilities. Record sermons and put them on the New Hope web site.
5. An emphasis will be placed on Christian Home Month, with special activities for families and possibly an outreach block party for those who live in adjoining neighborhoods.
6. The theme for 2012 will be "Where Faith Meets Life." New Hope Church will seek to respond to the real life needs of people through the Health Fair, A-OK! projects like Sharefest and Warm Fuzzies, and by offering studies on practical issues such as financial management and coping with grief.
7. We will seek to make disciples for Jesus Christ by proclaiming and teaching the gospel. We will help people experience spiritual growth through retreats, Sunday School classes and discipleship programs. We will share the gospel by continuing to participate in mission trips.

Join us in the sanctuary for our annual Town Hall Meeting on Sunday evening, October 2. The Building Study Committee will have an important presentation and we will discuss our Vision Quest Goals for 2012. This meeting will help us prepare for our annual Charge Conference which will be Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

### Building Study Survey Completed

The Building Study Committee wants to thank those who participated in the building survey. We had 81 surveys turned in and it is clear that many people want new rooms for Sunday School classes more space for our youth, and additional storage space.

The Building Study Committee will be reporting on this at the October 2 Town hall Meeting and will present a proposal for how we can address our current and future needs. From 1 - 12, this is the order of building priorities tallied, with 1 being most needed and 12 the least needed.

1. Additional education space
2. New and larger youth center
3. Additional storage space
4. Improve sound & video capabilities
5. Larger fellowship hall
6. Improve and enlarge our nursery/preschool area
7. Provide additional restrooms
8. Convert the current youth room to a parlor
9. Improve the courtyard
10. Put stained glass in the current sanctuary
11. Build a new sanctuary
12. Construct a new playground

*Generosity*  
changes everything

**Stewardship Sunday**  
*will be*  
**October 30.**

Attendance  
August 7 - 242  
August 14 - 256  
August 21 - 269  
August 28 - 242

## A report from Nicaragua

by Lori Foster

We do not always know the fruits of our labors, most of the time we will never know just how much of an impact we make on one another. Our Christian roots are filled with communities helping communities, people helping people. The faith we walk comes from a long tradition of helping one another; it is who God has called us to be and what we do. We are commanded to go into the world and to love our neighbors.

Our mission in Nicaragua began in 2010 with the invitation from a church that I have never been to, and from people I did not know. From the simple invitation, the planting of a seed to go in 2010 our 2011 Nicaragua mission sprung forth. Two weeks ago our team of 19 left our daily lives and went to Nicaragua. The team began each morning with adult Bible study Three Simple Rules, do good, do no harm and stay in love with God. JD led our study and was wonderful! He even managed to blend baseball into the message. I did not know about a Nicaragua baseball player who did good things for the people of Nicaragua, but the Nicaraguans did and were grateful for the reference. Our sewing project was next where we taught ladies and 2 young men how to sew, knit and crochet! Steve from our team even taught how to crochet, real men do crochet! That was an unexpected joy to watch as he sat down with needle in hand and taught a new skill. His wife did not even know he could crochet! Each afternoon we held a MBS/VBS for the children.

Our team had specific tasks to accomplish, the tasks were good and achieved, but the real gifts that have been given are the relationships made between the Nicaraguans and our team members. Our time together helped us all to glimpse heaven on earth, where judgments did not exist, where pride and ego did not have a place, where helping one another was truly an amazing grace! How sweet it was.

Nicaragua is the 2<sup>nd</sup> poorest country in the western hemisphere just under Haiti. It is a country that is socialist with very little social programs to help the poor. The infrastructure is old, decayed and run down. Much of Managua population lives in extreme poverty, many on \$1.50 a day. Our time in Nicaragua reminded us all of the comforts and liberties we have as American citizens and more importantly the need to be a part of the solution by lending a hand up. It reminded us that we are all God's children and are loved by the same God.

Mission is not just a destination or a single space and time, it is all about our commitment to our faith and our living God. It is how we actively respond to our faith, to our worship on Sunday mornings and to our Sunday school lessons. Our hearts, our minds, our ears, our mouths should be in mission mode with each breath we breath. It is built into our fabric of who we are as Christians and as Methodist. It is about relationships that show we care, that we want to share the love of Christ with all people.

Many of our team this past year will be returning to Nicaragua July 30 to August 6 of 2012. We will be continuing the relationship, teaching the skills and expanding the mission to include a medical mission as well. My hope is that you join us in prayer, in a covenant relationship with the church in Managua. Aguahawlinca church is in the poorest neighborhood in Managua it developed after the massive earthquake in 1972 where thousands of people were displaced and left without homes and employment. Shanty style homes were built adjacent to the garbage dump and it continues today due to the lack of social systems in place to help. All neighborhoods need churches and schools in them to help provide the spiritual and educational needs for communities to survive. The little church Aguahawlinca is struggling to hold it together, they want to help their community but struggle to do so. They want to share the love of Christ with their community who desperately need hope. We can make a real difference here. We can help with our prayers, our time and our money and help extend the love of Christ. We can help them to help themselves and together be the hands and feet of Christ.



Photos from the 2011 Health Fair - More can be found on our Facebook page. Link is on our web site.

**A-OK!** collected over 100 cell phones to be given to victims of abuse or the elderly. Thank you for your generosity!

**Nursery Volunteers NEEDED**

We really need someone to step up and work during worship times! This wouldn't be permanent but Stephanie will be on maternity leave this fall and someone needs to work October through November. You would not be the only person in the nursery. PLEASE contact Stephanie in the Nursery or Vickie in Children's or the office if you'll help!



New Hope had to say goodbye to another long-time member. Jack Henry passed away in mid-August. Our sympathy goes to his family and those who loved him.

**Fundraiser at Freddie's Frozen Custard** on Hefner Road September 8 from 4 until 9 p.m. Our youth get 15% of money spent by you that night!

**WARM FUZZIES RETURN IN OCTOBER.** Keep an eye out for cuties to bring to the Sanc-

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

Your generosity has made it possible for us to help 105 clients this year. One of the things that we use a lot of is boxed cereals of all kinds. Last Tuesday we served nine clients and all needed cereal! Also, please remember that most of the families are 3 - 6 people so we just need "regular" sized items. If you bring institutional-sized bags or boxes, we must send them on to Skyline and they can't be used by our folks. Foods we need now are: chunky soups, quick oatmeal, jelly, canned pears & peaches, green beans, canned beans. Thank you, Sharia & Kimberly

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The New Hope Youth will have their annual "Fall Mystery Tour", October 20-23. We are asking for sponsors for each Youth on this Tour. That's not a chaperone to go on the trip --- but persons who will pray for an individual Youth during the trip and will commit to providing a small gift that will be given to that Youth, to remind them that they are loved by their church family. We are also asking families and friends to write cards and letters for their Youth for the trip. For information or if interested, please notify Donette. Cell 760-5297 or [donettej@gmail.com](mailto:donettej@gmail.com).



**EVERYONE! Join us for the 1960's dance/party Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 in the gym!**

60's Music, Dancing, Play Twister.

Try to win 60's Costume Contest! This is the last event of our 50th Year anniversary celebration! *Be there or be square!*

THANK YOU from Judy - - Thanks to everyone for your patience while I set up the new phone tree and got it installed and tested!

**Your invitations for Bus Trips**

Where: Fin & Feather Arts & Crafts show in NE Oklahoma  
When: September 24  
Who: Anyone interested  
What's it cost? A little gas & lunch money plus whatever art or crafts you purchase  
Who to contact: Carola Smith  
What else: Sign-up sheet now on counter!

What: Chickasaw Cultural Center  
When: September 29 Where: Sulphur  
Why: fun, knowledge  
Who: Anyone interested  
What's it cost? \$20 includes gas, lunch and admission  
Who to contact: Harley Miller or Nellyne Hanlin  
What else: Sign-up sheet will soon be on counter



## Food, Fellowship, and Bereavement Committee

by Jo Martin

As most of you are aware, there is a new committee that assists with getting church members to assist with various functions at New Hope. The rotation for the refreshments between Traditional and Contemporary church services has not changed, with the exception of adding a couple of Sunday School groups to the rotation.

1st Sundays: New Beginnings 2nd Sundays: Open Forum 3rd Sundays: Friends & Believers and Joy (formerly Open Door 2) 4th Sundays: Lamplighters & Wesleyan 5th Sundays: Hope Society & Open Door 1 and Seekers

There is a rotation for the Sunday School Groups to assist with the monthly Potluck Meals on the second Sunday of the month. There will be occasions when a fundraiser for one of the church groups may bump the group that was next in line; September will be the Men of Hope's fundraiser. In that case, that group will be scheduled for the following month. Each group will be visited or contacted and reminded a week in advance when their service is to be needed. The rotation is as follows: 1. *New Beginnings* 2. *Hope Society, Open Door 1 & Seekers*

3. *Friends & Believers and Joy* 4. *Open Forum* 5. *Lamplighters* 6. *Wesleyan*

Bereavement Committee is composed of church members that are willing to assist in preparing food and/or serving food for church members' families. A menu has been determined according to the time of the year: one menu for Spring/Summer and another for Fall/Winter. A list will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for church members who are willing to assist in either providing food and/or set-up, serving and clean-up.

It has been drawn to the committee's attention that during the time of the Evening Meals on Wednesday evenings, there are very few volunteers that assist with preparation and clean-up. The church is requesting that a few people be willing to sign up at least once so that it does not fall on just a few. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to contact Jo Martin or Cali Eck with concerns or suggestions.



*5:45 p.m. Wednesday meals begin!*

September 7 - Spanish Spaghetti  
September 14 - Baked chicken  
September 21 - Beef stroganoff  
September 28 - chicken spaghetti

### YOUTH Skating Party

September 18  
5:30 - 7:30



### September Acolytes

September 4  
9:45 Alyson Roark & Kellie Seay  
11:00 Jake Anderson & Leah Medina  
September 11  
9:45 Grace Roark & Jake Sherwin  
11:00 Katie Seay & Allie Seay  
September 18  
9:45 Emma Bruce & Jonathan Eck  
11:00 Roni Cook & Carly Hurt  
September 25  
9:45 Anieca Valentour & Shay Johnson  
11:00 Sierra Paul & Noah Paul

### Men of Hope will be grilling lunch on September 18!

This is a fundraiser for various projects. They'll serve burgers & hotdogs with trimmings plus dessert and drink! Your contributions are very welcome!!



*The annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 5. Applications for vendors are now available from a Ruth Circle member or in the office.*

### Nursery Volunteers

September 4 - 9:45 - Beth Brown	11:00 - Robin Paul
September 11 - 9:45 - Diane Layton	11:00 - Casey Pattillo
September 18 - 9:45 - Nellyne Hanlin	11:00 - Alice Pattillo
September 25 - 9:45 - Becca Pappas	11:00 - Elyse Ellsworth

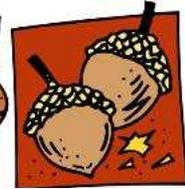
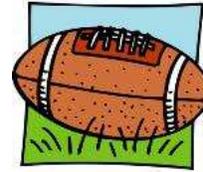
### Rock Solid Sunday School

#### September's Unit is: "God Calls A People"

September 4 - God Calls Abram - Genesis 11: 27 - 12: 10  
September 11 - Abraham & Lot - Genesis 13: 1 - 18  
September 18 - The Three Strangers / Isaac Is Born -  
Genesis 15, 17, 18 , 21  
September 25 - Isaac & Rebekah - Genesis 24.



# September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>IN RED - Things added since the calendar printed mid-August</b> <b>4</b> 4:30 - Disciple 2 4:30 - Companions in Christ 4:30 - Youth  <b>11</b> <b>NO Potluck</b> 4:30 - Disciple 2 4:30 - Companions in Christ <b>4:30 - Children's practice begins</b> 4:30 - Youth  <b>18</b> Men of Hope grill lunch (fundraiser) <b>3:00 - 50th Anniversary Committee</b> 4:30 - Disciple 2 & Companions in Christ <b>4:30 - Children's program practice</b> <b>5:30 - Youth skating trip</b>  <b>25</b> 4:30 - Disciple 2 4:30 - Companions in Christ <b>4:30 - Children's practice</b> 4:30 - Youth	<b>5</b> Labor Day - Office Closed  <b>12</b> 10:00 - Prayer Team  <b>19</b> 10:00 - Prayer Team  <b>26</b> 10:00 - Prayer Team	<b>6</b> 9 - 2 CDO 10:00 - Prayer team  <b>13</b> 6:30 - Buck & a Bible resumes 9 - 2 CDO 1 - 3 Pantry open 6:30 - Ruth Circle 6:30 - Beth Moore study  <b>20</b> 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Ruth Circle 6:30 - Beth Moore study  <b>27</b> 6:30 - Buck & a Bible 9 - 2 CDO 1 - 3 Pantry open 6:30 - Ruth Circle 6:30 - Beth Moore study	<b>7</b> 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - <b>Spanish spaghetti</b> <b>6:15 - Wesley study</b> 6:30 - Children 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - NHH Band 7:00 - Choir <b>7:00 - John 3:16 study</b>  <b>14</b> 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - <b>Baked chicken</b> <b>6:15 - Wesley study</b> 6:30 - Children 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - NHH Band 7:00 - Choir <b>7:00 - John 3:16 study</b>  <b>21</b> 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - <b>Beef stroganoff</b> <b>6:15 - Wesley study</b> 6:30 - Children 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - NHH Band 7:00 - Choir <b>7:00 - John 3:16 study</b>  <b>28</b> 9 - 2 CDO 5:45 - <b>Chicken spaghetti</b> <b>6:15 - Wesley study</b> 6:30 - Children 6:30 - Youth 6:30 - NHH Band 7:00 - Choir <b>7:00 - John 3:16 study</b>	<b>1</b> 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3  <b>8</b> 9 - 2 CDO 9:30 - Mary Martha Circle 6:30 - Disciple 3 <b>4 - 9 p.m. Fund-raiser at Freddie's Frozen Custard</b>  <b>15</b> 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3  <b>22</b> 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3  <b>29</b> <b>8:45 a.m.</b> - Young at Heart trip to Sulphur Chickasaw Cultural Center 9 - 2 CDO 6:30 - Disciple 3	<b>2</b>  <b>9</b>  <b>16</b>  <b>23</b>  <b>30</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>10</b>  <b>17</b>  <b>24</b> <b>7:30 a.m. bus trip to Fin &amp; Feather art show</b>

Sunday, **OCTOBER 2 - Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

October 9 - Silent Auction begins

October 27 - Young at Heart trip to Braum's farm in Tuttle

October 29 - 7:00 50th Anniversary Dance