

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
TO REMEMBER  
APRIL**

<b>S 4/3</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>M 4/4</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies Bible Study
	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Martha
<b>T 4/5</b>	<b>9a.m.-3 p.m.</b>	Craft Day
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Design
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Men's Emmaus
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study
<b>W 4/6</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	"Covering the Book" Bible Study
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Praise Too Practice
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
	<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Choir Practice
<b>SA 4/9</b>	<b>9-1 p.m.</b>	Fleece Blanket Making
<b>S 4/10</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>M 4/11</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies Bible Study
<b>T 4/12</b>	<b>9a.m.-3 p.m.</b>	Craft Day
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Design
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Men's Emmaus
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study
<b>W 4/13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	"Covering the Book" Bible Study
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Praise Too Practice
	<b>2:30-6:00 p.m.</b>	Kingdom Kids Afterschool
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
	<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Choir Practice
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Supper
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Youth
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Mommy/Kids Playgroup
<b>S 4/17</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>



**SCHEDULE**

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**April 3 – Rockin' Rec.**

AnnMarie Buchner

**April 6 – Spring Break**

No Kingdom Kids

**April 10 – Sound Waves/Closing Skit**

Sue Reed

**April 13 – Opening Skit and Music**

AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers

**April 17 – Beachcombers Crafts**

Pat Wilkins

**April 20 – Bible Story**

AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers

**April 24 – Snack Shack & Mission**

Mary Coles

**April 27 – Surf n Sand Science Lab**

**FINALE!**

AnnMarie Buchner and Volunteers

**APRIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS  
AT NEW HOPE**

**THERE WILL BE NO  
STAFF PARISH MTG. IN APRIL**

Wed. April 13 – 6:30 p.m. Finance Mtg.

Wed. April 20 – 6:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg.

Thurs. April 21 – 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Mtg.

Mon. April 25 – 7:00 p.m. Staff Mtg.

**The updated "Policies Book" is located at  
the Information Center for anyone  
that would like to review them.**

*Children's ministry  
Is offered during  
Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship  
and on Wednesday after school.*



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU**

**April 6, 2016**

#### ***NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER***

*Hotdogs are available for children  
Free-will offering -- Public Invited*

#### **New Hope Outdoor Sign Usage**

If you would like your small group/ministry or upcoming event advertised on the outdoor sign, please submit the dates to the front office prior to the monthly staff meeting.

Those dates will then be considered and the schedule will be put together during the staff meeting. You will then be able to contact the church office to see where your event has been placed on the calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

#### **Second Saturday Munch Bunch**

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch will meet for dinner on Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 pm at the Blue Lake Tavern. Now that winter is over, let's all get out and enjoy a great meal, conversation, and fellowship!

The Second Saturday Munch Bunch is open to everyone in the church and is a great way to get to know other people. We usually meet at a restaurant the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. There is no obligation to going every second Saturday—come when you are able to!

If you have never attended one of our outings, why not try us! There is a sign-up board located in the Narthex by the church office. Any Questions, please call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

### **GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

God's Helping Hands are in need of spring and summer clothing. Also they are accepting donations of household furniture, housewares etc.

Please make sure your donations of clothing are clean and not torn.

The hours for God's Helping Hands are Tues. and Friday 9 a.m. – Noon. The drop-off location is at the back of the food pantry on the east side of the building which is located at 8944 50th Ave, Remus, MI 49340

**This week the church is being lit  
in honor of**

**Don and Goldie Martin's  
55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**



The Finance Committee invites you to take part in an opportunity to help New Hope in a unique way. It's referred to as "Light the Church for a Week."

The cost of lighting New Hope is approximately \$85 per week. When you choose to "Light the Church for a Week, you would pay that amount and also honor a loved one's memory, celebrate an important date – birthday, anniversary etc. which would be shared in the church bulletin.

To participate, please indicate on your giving envelope or check that it is for "Light the Church for a Week". "Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16

Forgotten  
  
Man Ministries

## COMING SOON!

Forgotten Man's Ministry Banquet will be held May, 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Fellowship Church in Big Rapids.

### Emmaus

If you have taken an Emmaus Walk, please check the updated 2016 list of names on our Emmaus board, located in the fellowship hall.

If you find that your name is not there, please contact Larry or Nancy Karcher (989-967-8828) or the church office (231-972-2838).

## Reading Rocks



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Drive

**HAS BEEN EXTENDED**  
**2 WEEKS**

Our Book Drive for children's books age 0-7 years will be distributed to Mecosta, Barryton and Weidman elementary schools and also the pre-school and headstart need your help!

It's spring -- time to do that cleaning and sorting. Pray that you will be able to touch a child's life and make that difference for them.

Book drop-off locations are Ace Hardware, Canadian Lakes; Isabella Banks, Canadian Lakes and Remus; Hixson's Family Market, Mann's Hardware, Mecosta; McNeals Pizza, Remus; New Hope; Wheatland Avenue Grill and Mecosta Co. Senior Center.

*Blessings, Goldie Martin, Rachel Ewing, Danielle Long, Nancy Karcher*



### **Benevolence/Joyful Noise Offering**

We collected \$308.00 in our March offering for Benevolence.

We have assisted 3 families in the amount of \$309.65 and also directed one family to another agency for assistance.

We praise God and this congregation for always keeping the Benevolence in your prayers and in a place of readiness to assist.

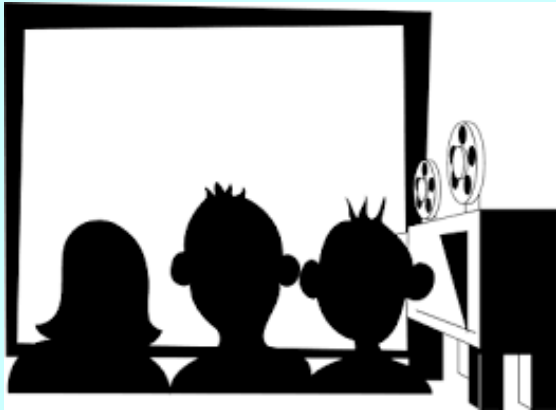
*Blessings, Nancy Karcher*



**"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7. Just as we are led to share our anxiety and problems with Jesus, you may also share with your Stephen Minister.**

**Open, confidential sharing can help relieve stress and lead to healing. We have Stephen Ministers available to meet with you each week to listen, pray and share your burden.**

**To learn more about what we do, please call a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679 to set up a private meeting to discuss how we may help you.**



## ***Movies and Pastor Greg's Recommendations***

Over the past couple years we have seen an increase in so-called "Christian" movies in our theaters. Just recently, many of you have asked me about "Risen" for example. And starting April 1, "God's Not Dead II" will be coming out as well. So, since you've asked, let me share with you some thoughts that may help you with your movie watching decisions.

1. I will never recommend a movie to you that I haven't seen personally. "God's Not Dead II" and "War Room" for instance I have seen and I highly recommend. While there may be many good films out there, I have no intention of seeing them all or going in the film critic business. So, I'll just stick to what I've seen and that's what I'll share.

2. When AnnMarie and I decide what movies to see for our family we often look at [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org) or [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com) (which is Focus on the Family) or [www.sherwoodpictures.com](http://www.sherwoodpictures.com), and the newest [www.kendrickbrothers.com](http://www.kendrickbrothers.com) predominantly. These sites give us a pretty good idea of what the movie is about and what pitfalls to avoid.

3. Last not least, please be careful of the "Christian" or "Family Friendly" label. With the success of movies like "The Passion of the Christ", "God's Not Dead," "Courageous/Fireproof/Flywheel" the big picture companies (Universal, Sony, etc.) have all created divisions so they can make money in this film area too. While many of the movies may be family-friendly, they may not be theologically accurate.

# 2016

*Southern Gospel*

## **Concert Series**

Our concert season for 2016 will consist of The Booth Brothers on Saturday, May 14 at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm and Greater Vision will be in concert on Sunday, June 26 at 4:00 pm. (More information on Greater Vision will be given at a later date.)

The Booth Brothers, back by popular demand, are known for their harmony-drenched vocals and warm, easy voices. They have been sharing their faith and their music full-time since 1998. Ronnie, Michael, and Paul are deeply committed to musical excellence yet have a greater desire to impact the hearts of those listening to their music. Refreshing humor, inspiring songs, and encouraging words are embedded in every concert.

This trio, collectively and individually, has been acknowledged as one of the finest in the business having received many awards over the years, including Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Trio of the Year, Male Group of the Year, Best Live Performers, Artist of the Year and others.

Although the group is grateful for the recognition of their work, their aspiration is for all honor and glory to be God's alone.

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, April 10th at the Info Center. They are \$17 in advance and \$20 the day of the concert—provided there are any tickets left to sell.

Get your tickets early as we are expecting a sold out concert! Come enjoy a wonderful evening!

For questions, tickets, or information, call Greg or Laura at 231-972-7000.

