

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

AUGUST

- S 8/14 8:00 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 8/16 5:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 8/17 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- SA 8/20 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 8/21 8:00 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 8/23 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 8/24 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- SA 8/27 11:30 -1 **Tae Kwon Do Class**
- S 8/28 8:00 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. **Worship**
- T 8/30 9a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Day
5:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 8/31 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
6-9 p.m. Exploration Class

August Administrative Meetings

- Finance Mtg. – Wed. Aug. 10 – 6:30 p.m.
- Trustees Mtg. – Wed. Aug. 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- Ad Council Mtg. – Thurs. Aug. 18 – 7:00 p.m.
- Staff Mtg. – Mon. Aug. 22 – 7:00 p.m.



**LET'S HELP SUPPORT
GOD'S HELPING HANDS WITH
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE KIDS!**

School supplies can be taken directly to
God's Helping Hands prior to August 20.
Distribution to the children will take place on August 20.
Thank you!

COOKIE HOUR



Everyone enjoys cookie hour after service each Sunday.

Cookies are donated so that we have that time to enjoy. *The month of August is in need of donated cookies and people to work cookie hour making coffee, setting out cookies etc.* If you're able to bring a package of cookies or homemade goods, just bring them to the kitchen on Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Sue Reed at 972-3293. Thank you!



SCHEDULE

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Aug. 14th Sound waves/ Closing skit
Bryan Brandou & Steven Stokes

Aug. 21st Mary Coles

Aug. 28th Sue Reed

Children's ministry is offered during Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship

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God's Love in ACTION

When storms are brewing isn't it nice to be able to find shelter from the elements? When you face a crisis isn't it nice to know you have a "safe haven" in Stephen Ministry? Just as no one can stop the rain our Stephen Ministers can't stop your difficulties. But we can help you through your storm by being there for you. Our ministry is one of listening, sharing your burden and offering Christian caring, support and encouragement as you seek God's healing. To see how you may benefit from our confidential one-on-one weekly sessions speak with any Stephen Minister wearing a blue name badge or request your own Stephen Minister by calling a Stephen Leader; Sherry Anderson, 231-972-7679 or Don Santer, 989-561-2394.

This week the church is being lit in honor of all those who served in the armed forces in establishing and preserving the United States of America

LIGHT
THE
CHURCH
FOR
A
WEEK



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 love 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

You're Invited To.....



Wednesday After School Program

Beginning September 21st

Grades K-4 3:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A free-will offering dinner is provided at 5:30 p.m.
Parents and the general public are also invited!



Hey Kids!

Come join us as we
Galactic Blast

Snacks

Assistance With Homework

Christian Lessons

Music Time

Games



An after school bus will be available from Mecosta Elementary School with a bus pass.
However, all children are invited to attend if you are not in that bussing area.

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ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

We're looking for someone with a heart for youth/young adults and passion for ministry. Our current Youth Director, Sherri Brandt, and her team are willing and able to train a new director for our youth and young adult area. Sherri has done an amazing job for us, but she's ready be used in other areas. If interested please send a note of interest to Pastor Greg at pastorgreg.ncd@gmail.com or give him a call @ 989-621-7782 or 231-972-2838.

from your pastor's point of view...

8-21-16

Dear Family and Friends,

The word "authority" often has baggage. When we hear it, it's normally something being used against us instead of something liberating, "Since I have authority, you will do this whether or like it or not." Sound familiar?

The authority of Jesus, though, comes through God's great grace and love for us. While some use authority for power over others, Jesus used (and is using) his authority to lift up others, literally to save.

If Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives, and if we're willing to accept his direction, then the only question remains is what is Jesus asking us to be and to do?

Maybe as Jesus' disciples, it's simply this: to become more like Jesus every day. It's possible, but only with God's bodacious Grace and tremendous Love!

Pastor Greg



Today's Message: "On Bad Authority" (Mark 2:23-3:6)

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing" Series

Intro – Bad authority? Do we even like term authority?

Jesus' authority wasn't always seen as good by others, especially those who were manipulating their positions.

Scripturally, Jesus' authority was found in all these areas & more.

Christ has authority in nature, in animals, in humans, in sickness & death, and in the realm of demons and angels.

Far beyond anyone else's authority of that day! Anyone's!
(Mark 2:23-3:6)

That authority was given to us with a purpose!

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."
(Matthew 28:18-20 (Mark 16:14-20))

So what's the bottom line?

We've been given the authority to transform the world for Christ. We just need to accept it and live it, so that Jesus can be our main thing for everything.

UPCOMING MESSAGES –

"Keeping Jesus the Main Thing (Gospel of Mark)" Series thru 11/20

Aug. 28 – "Stories, Storms, & Salvation" (Mark 4:33-41)

Sept. 4 – "On Setting Things Right" (Mark 5:1-20)

Sept. 11 – "Jesus Math & Provision" (Mark 6:30-44)

Sept. 18 – "Real Sin" (Mark 7:1-16)

Sept. 25 – "Our Cross" (Mark 8:34-38)

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