

**DECEMBER MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

- S 12/4 9:45 a.m. Worship**
Hanging of the Greens after Service
- M 12/5 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Mtg.
- T 12/6 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 12/7 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
- SA 12/10 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
- S 12/11 9:45 a.m. Worship**
5:00 p.m. Annual Christmas
Potluck and White Elephant Party
- M 12/12 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 12/13 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 12/14 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids Afterschool
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Youth
- SA 12/17 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
- S 12/18 9:45 a.m. Worship**
- M 12/19 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**
- T 12/20 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**
6:30 p.m. Worship Design
5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- W 12/21 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
- NO KINGDOM KIDS
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
NO YOUTH GROUP**
- SA 12/24 11-2 Tae Kwon Do**
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- S 12/25 9:45 a.m. Worship**
Merry Christmas

Winter Reminder: We never cancel service on Sundays due to the weather. Please make your best judgement. If you can make it safely, we look forward to seeing you!

December Administrative Meetings
No Staff Parish Meeting
No Trustees Meeting
Finance Mtg. Wed. Dec. 7 – 6:30 p.m.
No Ad Council Meeting
Staff Mtg. Mon. Dec. 12 – 6:00 p.m.



SCHEDULE

GALACTIC BLAST

Dec. 4 – Discovery
AnnMarie Buchner

Dec. 11 – Closing/Music
Betty Stewart

Dec. 18 – Opening/Music
Carol Vandermeer

Dec. 25 – Christmas
AnnMarie Buchner



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

HANGING OF THE GREENS WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE service. A meal will be provided after we get everything up, so please plan on joining us!

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

Split Pea Soup
Ham Wraps
Potato Chips
Beverage

5:30 p.m.

Free-will offering Public Invited



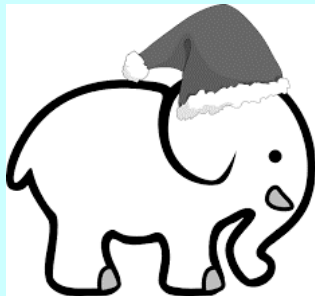
DECEMBER COOKIE HOUR

Kathy and Dave Baker are “flying solo” on the December Cookie Hour. Any help with clean-up and cookie

donations would be great.

We **cannot** be here on December 25th, so we are in need of someone to fill that day. Thanks.

The Annual Christmas Potluck & White Elephant Party



The Annual Christmas Potluck Party and white elephant gift exchange will be Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm. **Everyone is invited to come!** This will also be the Second Saturday

Munch Bunch get together for December. We ask that you bring a dish to pass, and that each person attending bring a “white elephant” wrapped gift to exchange—guys bring a “guys” gift and ladies bring a “ladies” gift. A “white elephant” gift is something that is not useful to you anymore, but might be useful to someone else. Plates, silverware, and beverage will be furnished. Come for some great food, fellowship, and laughs!! There will be a sign up board in the Narthex by the office starting November 27. Questions, call Laura Hall at 231-972-7000.

The cards from the Salvation Army in Big Rapids are now at New Hope and on the tree in the Narthex. Be sure that if you take a card off from the tree, that you register it on the sign-up sheet next to the tree.

This year will be different from last year in that instead of purchasing gifts for a specific family, you will be purchasing toys, clothes, games, shoes for age groups and gender.

They have done research and come up with toys, games and clothing which are the most popular with the different age groups. This way you’re supplying Christmas gifts the families can choose from rather than try to pick items from the card they filled out at their interview. So New Hope, take a family or child and give them a wonderful Christmas in 2016.

Remember the toys are not to be wrapped or ys. Please put them into large bags with the card attached. If there are multiple bags, please attach a copy of the card to each bag. Also please close the bag so the items are not visible.

Don Santer. Dir Missions



from your pastor's point of view...

12-4-16

Hey New Hope Folks,

Welcome to "believe." week two!
Today we're looking at how this Jesus changed hearts and changed lives before He showed up, when he showed up, and now when we show up in His name! Because we believe, we continue in the changing hearts and lives work John & Jesus started.

Changed hearts and lives come in many different varieties. For some of us, it can just be a new revelation that draws us closer into God's Spirit. For others, it may be a knock-down drag out wrestling match (Genesis 32:26) like Jacob did with God to bring change where change is needed most.

For me, it's always happens when I least expect it. God stops for me a minute (sometimes even on Sunday mornings) and says, "Let's talk...I want you to get the best of this, but that may require change." And sometimes, I do! ☺ But not always...

Isn't that the way it is with all of us though? God is sitting there wanting the best for us. Jesus is teaching us what the best is. The Spirit is leading us, but we fail. Been there? How often do we look back and realize? That's when we thank God for His bodacious Grace, faultless Truth, & tremendous Love!

Pastor Greg

Today's Message: "Changing Hearts! Changing Lives!"
(Matthew 3:1-12) "believe." Series

Intro

As Christians, we believe in changed hearts and changed lives! Otherwise, what would be the point? ☺

I – John the Baptist was in the change business.

Matthew 3:1, 5-6 / The Pharisees weren't: Matthew: 3:7-10
Matthew 11:7-15 – Jesus praising John's work

II – Jesus was, is, and will be in the change business.

Matthew 3:1-3, 11-12 / John 3:16-17 / Luke 19:10

III – We need to be in the change business.

Matthew 3:2, 3, 11 / Matthew 28:16-20 / Romans 12:2

Bottom Line - *what do we believe?* – *Nicene Creed Hymnal 880*

We believe that a Jesus heart change and Jesus life change is the only way to transform our world and to make a difference.

Jesus is coming again.
That's what we believe.



UPCOMING MESSAGES –

"believe." Series thru December 25.

Dec. 11 – "Reporting What You Hear and See" (Matthew 11:2-11)

Dec. 18 – "Doing Things Differently" (Matthew 1:18-25)

Dec. 24 – (Christmas Eve 7pm) – "Believing" (Luke 2:1-20)

Dec. 25 – "Doing Something with our Belief" (Matthew 11:2-11)

Jan. 2017 – "God Opportunities" series

Feb. 2016 – "Loving Agape Style" series

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