

**MARCH MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- S 3/26 9:45 a.m. Worship**  
**M 3/27 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**  
**T 3/28 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
**5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus**  
**5:45-6:15 Faithfully Fit Class**  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**  
**W 3/29 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
**3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**  
**3:20 p.m. No Kingdom Kids**  
**4:15 p.m. Choir Practice**  
**5:30 p.m. No Wed. Night Supper**  
**6:00 p.m. No Youth**

**APRIL MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER**

- SA 4/1 11-1 Tae Kwon Do**  
**S 4/2 9:45 a.m. Worship**  
**M 4/3 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**  
**T 4/4 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
**5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus**  
**5:45-6:15 Faithfully Fit Class**  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**  
**W 4/5 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
**3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**  
**3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids**  
**4:15 p.m. Choir Practice**  
**5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Supper**  
**6:00 p.m. Youth**  
**SA 4/6 11-1 Tae Kwon Do**  
**S 4/9 9:45 a.m. Worship**  
**M 4/10 1 p.m. Ladies Bible Study**  
**T 4/11 5:30 p.m. Tech and Check**  
**6:30 p.m. Worship Design**  
**5:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus**  
**5:45-6:15 Faithfully Fit Class**  
**6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study**  
**W 4/12 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"**  
**Bible Study**  
**3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice**  
**3:20 p.m. Kingdom Kids**  
**4:15 p.m. Choir Practice**  
**5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Supper**  
**6:00 p.m. Youth**

**April Administrative Meetings**

- Staff Parish Mtg.** – Mon. April 3 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Finance Mtg.** – Wed. April 12 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Trustees Mtg.** – Wed. April 19 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Ad Council Mtg.** – Thurs. April 20 – 7 p.m.  
**Staff Mtg.** – Mon. April 24 – 6 p.m.



**Wednesday Night  
Dinner Menu**

**March 29**

**Spring Break**

**No Wednesday Night Dinner**

*See you on April 5*

**5:30 p.m.**

**Free-will offering Public Invited**



**SCHEDULE**



**GALACTIC BLAST**

- March 26 – AnnMarie Buchner  
 April 2 – AnnMarie Buchner  
 April 9 – AnnMarie Buchner  
 April 16 – AnnMarie Buchner  
 April 23 – AnnMarie Buchner  
 April 30 – AnnMarie Buchner

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



Nancy Karcher and I would like to thank everyone who helped stock the shelves at God's Helping Hands during our Diaper Bonanza.

As always, when the need arises, the New Hope family answers the call. With your generosity, we were able to provide 13 packages of diapers and several containers of baby wipes.

These donations will continue to help families in our community.

*Sharon Francis and Nancy Karcher*

### ***Easter Food Basket Information...***

Well it is almost Easter, time to collect the names for Easter food baskets. This Easter will be a little different. After all the names have been submitted, the recipients will receive a voucher from New Hope and Hixson's Market for \$ 45.00 to use as they want for the Easter meal. This way they can purchase the foods they want, the past Easter menu is listed on the voucher for suggestion only.

After all the names have been submitted, the vouchers will be given out to the recipients. If you recommended a family/person who are not able to pick up their voucher then you are responsible for getting it to them. The vouchers will be given out two (2) weeks prior to the holiday and will expire the day after said holiday. This gives them time to plan a visit or schedule a ride to Hixson's Family Market at Canadian Lakes. Forms will be available at the Information Center starting Sunday, March 5. Deadline to turn in forms is **TODAY**. Forms should be turned in to Don or Nancy Santer or the church office. If you have any questions, contact 989-561-2394.



The Finance Committee invites you to take 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*

### ***A Note From Pastor Greg about "I am second."***

I just wanted to give you a heads up about something that we will be doing starting March 1 and then through Easter. We asking folks to share their Jesus-story (how He is first and we are second) during a 5 minute witness during each worship service.

If you're interested, please let me know by putting together your statement and getting it to me. (snail mail, drop off, or email: [pastorgreg.ncd@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgreg.ncd@gmail.com)).

We're doing this in advance so we can match up your story's theme to the right Sunday.

How do you get started? Basically it can be your Jesus story (before Christ, how you came to Christ and what's happened since) or any life story that will underscore how you see God first in your life. No story is too insignificant. Every story will be helpful.

Give me a call if you have any questions. (989-621-7782 or 231-972-2838). You can also see [www.iamsecond.com](http://www.iamsecond.com) to see what we're up to!

Start writing today....and I look forward to seeing how faith is first in your life.



# “I Am Second.” Easter Plans at New Hope

New Hope Church, in Mecosta, MI is excited to invite everyone to join them as they continue their “I Am Second.” series through Easter Sunday (April 16) and into Holy Humor Sunday (April 23) following.

We’re excited because each service leading into Holy Week members from the church and others will be sharing our “I Am Second.” stories. This series has been and will be a perfect way to deepen your walk with Christ as we approach this important and meaningful time.



On Palm Sunday, April 9, as a part of our 9:45 am service, we will be using naturally-sustainable, fair-trade “eco-palms,” a message from some stock car drivers, and Pastor Greg’s “Choosing to Finish Second” message to celebrate how we’re putting our lives in the Jesus’ hands. A joyful noise offering will also be taken so folks are invited to bring their spare change, dollars, and checks, to assist those in need in our area. Children’s ministry for those up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a staffed nursery will be provided.



## GOOD FRIDAY

Then, on Good Friday, April 14, as a part of our 7 pm service, we will be rediscovering that “we were bought with a price,” which is also the message title for that most solemn of evenings. A variety

of music, scripture, and even a video from a rapper will help remember the price Jesus paid for us, which is why we’re “second” and He’s first. A staffed nursery will be provided.



Then, on Easter Sunday, April 16, as a part of both our 8 am and 9:45 am services, we will be celebrating the Resurrection of Christ by rediscovering what we honestly believe. Pastor Greg’s message, “Really Honestly Believing” will answer the question why we honestly believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord, our Savior, and our Risen King. A time of laying on hands for those who are in need of prayer will be provided at both services also. Children’s ministry for those up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a staffed nursery will be provided. Breakfast will be available after each service.

# Holy Humor Sunday

Then, on Holy Humor Sunday, April 23, as a part of our 9:45 am service, we will be celebrating the “last laugh that Jesus had over death” in our annual Holy Humor sort of way. Each bulletin gets a holy joke that you’ll get to share with another during the service. The message will come from some special folks who created duck calls. Four of their family members will be sharing their “I am second.” stories. Children’s ministry for those up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a staffed nursery will be provided.

# from your pastor's point of view...

3-26-17

## I AM SECOND®

David was King, but he never lost sight of the fact that he was not above his God. He acknowledged his Lord.

We too, are called on to acknowledge our God and our Savior.

As the Easter season approaches, we must acknowledge that it is our sins that Christ went to the cross to cover.

And it was through His and His Father's love for us, that He rose from the grave.

Praise God!

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

- April 2 – "Surrendering the Doubts & Questions" - John 11:17-45
- April 9 – "Choosing to Finish Second" – Matthew 21:1-11 (Palm Sunday)
- April 14 – "Bought with a Price" – I Corinthians 6:19-20, (Good Friday, 7 pm)
- April 16 – "Really Honestly Believing" John 20:1-18 (8 am and 9:45 am)
- April 23 – "I Am Second."-John 20:19-31 Holy Humor Sunday

### Today's Message: "Three Shepherds" Psalm 23 - "I Am Second." Series

#### Intro

#### I – David, the shepherd boy

#### II – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shepherd

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside still waters,  
he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me." (Psalm 23:1-4)

#### III – 3<sup>rd</sup> Shepherd

"You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."  
(Psalm 23:5-6)

#### Putting It In Action

**Bottom Line:** Leader: God is first.  
**Everyone: I am second.**

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