

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
TO REMEMBER**

MAY

- S 5/22 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 5/23 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
T 5/24 9 a.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 5/25 10:00 a.m. "Covering the Book"
Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Praise Too Practice
3:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Rm. 111
4:15 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Yard Sale Meeting
S 5/29 9:45 a.m. Worship
M 5/30 **NEW HOPE WILL BE CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**
T 5/31 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



SCHEDULE

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May 22 – Bible Story
Betty Stewart

May 29 – Surf 'n Sand Science Lab

**May
Administrative Meetings at
New Hope**

Staff Mtg. - Mon. May 23 – 7:00 p.m.



The finance committee would like to say thank you for the response during the pledge drive.

It clearly showed the level of support that we have at New Hope.

It is because of your prayers, giving and support, that we can Serve God at New Hope. Once again, thank you.

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

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



"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 may we urge you to be willing to share them with your Stephen Minister? Open, confidential sharing can help to 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 how we can help, call a Stephen Leader, Don Santer 989-561-2394, or Sherry Anderson 231-972-7679.

This week the church is being lit in honor of Harry Coles, Sr.'s birthday



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*



Scrip Cards Available For All Your Needs

Graduation, Father's Day and summer weddings will be coming up soon. What a greater gift for your special occasions than a gift card to a favorite store. Most any stores that are preferred are available through our script program. Check it out after service any Sunday.

We not only have gift cards but cards for all your purchases including groceries, gas, prescriptions, books, I-tunes, sporting stores, your favorite restaurant or fast foods and most everything else you might want.

Every card you purchase brings a percentage of profit to New Hope General Fund.

Cards are available after church on Sundays or anytime by contacting Linda Sbraccia, 231-359-1283; Paul Richards, 231-972-0572; or Linda Randall, 231-972-8742. We like to have orders prepaid. Some may be available at the time of purchase.

Please continue to help our General Fund and not have to spend money that you wouldn't be spending by purchasing cards at a store. Buying your monthly groceries, gas, prescriptions, etc. is another way of helping New Hope at no extra cost to the purchases you normally make with cash.

Please consider using scrip cards it is very much appreciated by New Hope. What an easy way to help our church financially. Thanks for your participation.



Church YARD SALE

JUNE 16TH, 17TH, 18TH

**SIGN UP NOW
IN THE NARTHEX
FOR A 2-HOUR SHIFT
TO ASSIST IN COLLECTING ITEMS
BEING DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH.**

It's time to start doing that spring cleaning and sorting through all of those saved treasures.

If you've found some you think you're ready to part with, consider the New Hope Yard Sale as their new home!

Collections and drops-offs at New Hope for your unwanted items begin on Wed., June 1 and will continue Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you need assistance getting your items to the church, give Harry Coles, Jr, 231-912-0894 a call so that arrangements can be made for a pickup.

Please remember, no clothes, shoes, or televisions will be accepted.

Also, if you've got a few hours of idle time to spare, give them a call and offer to volunteer your time. They would love to have you! It's lots of fun and as always – it's for a good cause.

If you have questions, or would like to participate, come to a Yard Sale Meeting held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at New Hope.

A message from Eagle Village...

One of our staff shared with me during one of my visits, "You may not realize it because they might not always say Thank You to your face, but the residents love it when you stop by and when you bring them their blankets and Bibles.

Since most of the residents in the Intervention Center aren't able to come to Chapel or Young Life, I lead weekly Bible Studies in their building, and then come back later with a gift for our new residents, provided by one of our church partners: a handmade blanket...usually in their favorite color or design.

This week, I delivered three quilts to three residents whose rooms were otherwise quite sparse and without color. One resident smiled ear to ear when I handed him his red, white and blue quilt; he couldn't believe someone had gone to all that trouble for him. He hugged the new quilt and asked permission to take it, and his new Bible, down to his room.

These blankets and quilts add more than a little bit of color to the décor of a resident's room. They are also a measure of joy and hope to their worlds. And that's exactly what they need.

Romans 12:12-13 says, "Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times. Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes."

We know that for lasting change, our residents ultimately need the hope found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ. But day by day they also need little bits of hope and joy to raise their spirits – things found in the simple blessings that come through the many people who share their gifts in so many ways. People just like you. Thank you.

*God Bless!
Pastor Eric Woods
Eagle Village*

from your pastor's point of view...

5-22-16

Dear Family and Friends,

What in the world is slothfulness? It's definitely not a term used widely these days. So, let's see. No, we're not talking about a cute, medium-sized South American mammal. Sorry.

No, we're not talking about clinical depression. If you find yourself desperately unhappy and you can't get over it, please get to a doctor! Depression is serious.

What we are talking about is someone being lazy, lethargic, and with no purpose and especially no excuse! ☺ Even though they have the full ability to do God's will in their lives, they choose to do nothing instead.

There are many excuses for this type of behavior, but they can't be our excuses.

Rev. Will Willimon (United Methodist bishop, writer, teacher) once said, "This is sloth, refusing the God-given means to make our lives interesting!" (p. 63) Love it!

God's in the life interesting business, but here's the trick, we have to get off the couch, off the PlayStation/X-box, and into the world in Christ's name.

Don't worry, God's got THE plan and I know His bodacious Grace and tremendous Love will go with us on the journey!

Pastor Greig

Today's Message: "Defeat Sloth – Feed Your Hunger (Passion)" (Proverbs 24:30-34 & Colossians 3:23-24)

"Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins" Series

Intro

Have you ever thought you aren't doing what you should be?
Have you ever been to the point where you had to force yourself to keep going, even when you wanted to quit?
Have you ever found your will weak and your spiritual disciplines floundering?
Has the couch and your sweatpants been getting more time with you than your small group friends?
Could be slothfulness.

Cure #1 – Seek God first, don't wait for him to come to us!

Doing the means of grace disciplines - worship, Bible study, sacraments, tithing, prayer, and ministry to others, especially when you don't feel like it!

Cure #2 - Serve God any way possible. - Get out and get active.

Colossians 3:23-24 – serve as if you're serving the Lord

Cure #3 – Don't leave it for someone else to do!

"Your mama don't work here! If you see it needing done, do it!"
Proverbs 24:30-34 – don't let your fields show your apathy!

Bottom line: We have no excuse....only God-given opportunities.
Focusing on your passion for God defeats laziness in all of its forms.

UPCOMING MESSAGES - "Surviving the Seven Deadly Sins" Series

May 29- "Defeat Greed – Aim for Simplicity"

(2 Chronicles 31:2-10)

June 5 – "Defeat Lust – Guard Your Mind"

(2 Samuel 11:1-27, 1 Peter 1:13-15)

June 12 – "Defeat Excess- Restrain Yourself"

(Ephesians 5:1-20)

