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Ushers: Craig Smith, Richard Pate, Todd Williams, & Jonathan Ayres

Greeters SS: Ray & Susan Grass

Worship: Ushers



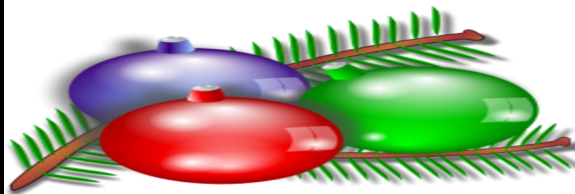
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	2	1st Sunday in Advent: SS 9:45 am, Worship 10:45 am, Junior Church, Christmas Play Practice, (Last Day to order Poinsettia's)
	3	FLC Reserved by member, Outreach 11:15 am @ Western Sizzling, Choir Practice 7:30 pm
	4	Precept Christmas Lunch - Fellowship Hall
	5	Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Sunday	9	2nd Sunday in Advent: SS 9:45 am, Worship 10:45 am, Junior Church, Christmas Play Practice 6pm, FLC reserved by Webber Family for Lunch, Friends Fellowship Class, Christmas Caroling at 4 pm, returning for Christmas party in Fellowship Hall
	10	Choir Christmas Dinner, FLC at 7 pm
	11	J.O.Y 12:30 pm @ church, Ministry & Counsel 7 pm
	12	Pioneers @ 6 pm, Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
	13	Quaker Men @ Wilber's 6:30 pm
Sunday	16	3rd Sunday in Advent: SS 9:45 am, The Christmas Program will be held in the FLC during worship hour 10:45 am
	17	Choir Practice 7:30 pm
	18	Monthly Meeting 7 pm
	19	USFW 7 pm
Sunday	23	4th Sunday in Advent: SS 9:45 am, Worship 10:45 am, Jr. Church,
	24	Christmas Eve Program @ 7 pm & Christmas Eve Offering
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
	29	Remove Christmas Decorations
Sunday	30	NEW YEARS EVE - SS 9:45 am, Worship 10:45 am, No Jr. Church

BIRTHDAYS

6th Patricia Webber
 7th Brodie Carter
 8th Rodney Pittman
 8th Lila C. Race
 9th Jenna Sutton, Bobbie Jean Buchan
 12th Larry Kearney
 13th Mary L. Garner
 13th Donald Atkinson, Jim Webber
 14th Jamie Gardner, Ruby Boyette
 16th Jack Worrell, Craig Smith
 17th Denise Batson, Jessica Parrish
 21st Anna C. Race
 23rd Brenda Wilson
 24th Virgil Edwards
 25th Kristen Pittman
 27th Matthew Jackson
 29th Tracy Case
 30th Cindy Ayres & Nicholas Eberwein
 31st Elizabeth Boyette & Peggy Adams

ANNIVERSARIES



3rd Kendall & Holly Hardee
 9th Cole & Kelly Dawson
 17th Jim & Bonnie Best

POINSETTIA:

We celebrate the Christmas season

each year with the decorating of our church with beautiful wreathes, candles and a beautiful Christmas tree. We add to this with the amazing look of red poinsettias. These are given in memory of or in honor of those who are very special to us as family and friends. This always adds a special look and meaning for each one of us. Our thanks to all of you who will place a poinsettia in the church this year and know you will enjoy it after taking it home on December 16th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

Traditions at this time of year are very special in many ways. The Friends Fellowship Sunday school class for many years have gone Christmas Caroling. We visit our shut-ins to share a small part of Christmas that they may not get other wise. Most are confined to their homes or a facility due to health issues. We go in, sing Christmas Carols, chat a little and leave a gift just to show our love for them and Jesus Christ. We then return to the church for a soup and sandwich meal and lots of desserts! Dec. 9th, 4 pm

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“Christmas Eve”

A Special night at New Hope Friends! There is excitement in the air and a lot of last minute planning. Cooking, eating, wrapping gifts, unwrapping gifts, spending time with family and friends. At 7 pm on December 24th the sanctuary is full and the lights are dim. The lighting of the candles, special scriptures read, beautiful songs sung. The story begins and it is all about Jesus, “There’s Just Something About That Name!” A special time for us to sing praises and glorify His name. Join us on Monday, December 24th at 7 pm.
“Merry Christmas”

THE 12 SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, December 16th, at 10:45 am we will have our Christmas Program in the Family Life Center during Worship hour. “The 12 Symbols of Christmas.” To show children and adults the true symbols of Christmas that last a life time.
The last program practice will be Saturday, Dec. 15th at 9 am.
“All Children must be there”

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING:

Our annual Christmas Eve offering is taken on Christmas Eve at the Candle Light Service at 7 pm. This year the offering will go in the General Fund as designated by finance and approved my monthly meeting. You may continue to give and designate your offerings to the building fund or memorial fund as well. Our church has been so blessed and for this we give God the credit for all our blessings for this 2018 year!

Matthew 6:21 - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Malachi 3:10 - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

HEART & SOUL CHRISTMAS CARDS:

One of our outreach projects is for the Heart & Soul Ministry. We have been involved in this ministry for many years. At this time of year we try to focus on those who are lost and have reached the end of having any hope for a better life. It is by the leadership of Joe Woodard and his staff that go into the street and other places to take the loving word of God. Their message is, Jesus loves you and can help to turn your life around. People of all ages who have lost hope and the desire to live. We here at New Hope help with the Christmas Card project by giving a \$5 McDonald gift card and a word of encouragement to let them know that God loves them and there is hope for the lost. Thank You!