

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - February 18, 2024

Mission: USA Report

New Hope's reason for gratitude grows with each saved and secured soul. Recall Christ's teaching as He emphasizes the value of taking up one's cross: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" (Matt. 16:25f). You see? If one soul is worth more than the world and all its treasures, that means your investment here increases exponentially on its return (so to speak) with every convert and restoration. Praise God!

Of course, I'm largely referring to the **now four (4) baptisms New Hope has witnessed since December** – not to mention one physical birth! This sort of thing hasn't happened here in well over a decade. Additionally, some visiting family members are becoming more regular, and they even bring grandchildren! By tallying up our membership and 'reliable' guests, **our attendance is nearly double from a year ago**. Numbers don't mean everything, but they sure help boost morale.

Timing couldn't be better for the congregation's growing courage, as I've been traveling a lot since the New Year began. Between guest speaking at home, attending

the Freed lectures, and this visit to you all, the reality of 'the show must go on' has challenged New Hope to grow in other ways. Indeed, I'm pleased to say that, while nobody is quite yet eager to occupy the pulpit, they willingly and dutifully find replacements. Even more encouraging is their willingness to occupy the teacher's role in the classroom. Though this is extremely challenging for them (from their own perspective), they buckle down and get things done. As Mike Scott says, "Rome wasn't built in a day." How pleasing it is to see the cobblestone laid down first hand!



Blake, Kaylee, and baby Preston James

While it delights me to report this steady congregational growth, I know your love for me might be delighted to hear of some of my own. Now, in my second year at New Hope, I've been invited to speak at two (2) Gospel Meetings. Unfortunately, having already been away so much, I've had to decline one this first quarter to properly prioritize the work in Hatley. Fortunately, a reschedule is imminent, as the invitation came from a dear friend in Minnesota (I'm sure visiting in the summer will be better anyway). The second takes place at Faulkner in April, and the event will be the most publicized I've ever spoken. Please forgive the transparency: the responsibility frightens me. Rewarding as such an invitation is, the sheer prominence of Faulkner is sure to attract impressionable souls. Pray for my comfort, peace, and wisdom.

Impressionable souls are ripe in Amory, too. I've prayed earnestly – as I know you have – to determine what our role in this area is, especially given that we are the smallest congregation in Monroe county. We may be arriving at an answer. You see,

while evangelism comes in many forms and stages, the 'street corner preacher' style is neither skill nor talent of mine. Fortunately, God does not rely on this "Smoot-shaped-cog" to get His work done, for there are other hearts willing to work. One of our recent converts, Laura, is a regular Samaritan woman. She just can't help but tell everyone what Jesus has done for her (John 4). She, Dayton, and Terrell, having come from a pretty poor part of the county, have come from a place in desperate need of hope. They are eager to shine their light to direct others to it.

Keep praying for us, my beloved Margaret Street. God is using all of us to glorify Himself and His Son. If we are able to recognize and interact with each other on that Golden Day, there will be people from Hatley, Mississippi gladdened to tell you, "Thank you. Because of your faith, I found my own." Praise Him!



MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. February 21st 4:30 pm in the FH







Gulf Coast Bible Camp 120 Bible Camp Road Lucedale, MS 39452

Camp Sessions & Dates:

Baldwin County Week; 1ay 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

Gulf Coast Week: ie 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

iddle & High School Week: lune 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

Junior Week: June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

Hattiesburg Week: July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com





AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC

OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC

NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT

JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC

FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC

MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC

APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC



2023 - 2024

Upcoming Events & Info

February 25:

Away Speeches @ Jay & Leonard Street

March 3:

Workshop; Away Speeches @ Century & Brewton



2023 - 2024

Margaret Street Presentations

Wednesdays, March 13 & 20 (during Bible Class Hour)

Boys:

Sundays, March 17 & 24 (during PM service)



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16





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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Rick Bird* removed appendix, recovery
- Becky Bernardi prayers (AGingerich's mom)
- Cassie Buchanant* 2nd surgery, recovery
- Ann Cotton losing blood (DWest MiL)
- Richard Curtis SHH, kidneys (Fisher*)
- Wilfred Derrick kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Talor Freeman* prayers, encouragement
- Dawson Hitchcock* covets prayers
- Sharon Parker* seizures, upcoming surgery
- Lee Smith fractured vertabrae, kidney infec.
- Edwina Sumrall-broken shoulder, pneumonia
- Caden Thompson premature baby (J.Carter)
- Willie Waitman Jr. leg amputation(Pace)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family loss of mom, Kandi
- Gary Good* loss of sister
- Debbie Hill* and family loss of Mary Salinas
- Hatcher family* loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- · Judy Jennings and family* loss of Terry
- · Paul Lipford and family loss of mother
- · Linda Loftin* and family loss of Jim*
- · Scott Shanahan loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- · Ron Bartanen* Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff *- homebound
- Sherry Davis*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Renee Decker hospice (Lester*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* Shut In
- Peggy Masoner Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith (Fulton*)

Expectant Mothers

- · Hannah Newcomb April 2024
- Tara Henry May 2024
- · Lauren Godwin August 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond knee surgery, recovery
- · John & Gale Broadfoot health
- Rachel Bugsby -heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Keturah Dickey MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton pain, health difficulties
- · Dixie Gorham heart failure
- Scott Graham* back pain
- Edwina Harris health (J.Pace sister)
- Donald Hamilton tests, health (McGriff*)
- · Kenna Jackson (Kristina P's* friend)
- Josie Locklin* fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* prayers
- · Vicente Martinez kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* @ home recovering
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
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- Jeffery Norman transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince health struggles (Burnham*)
- Kara Ritchie blood disorder (M.Scott*)
 Glenn Rose heart problems (Garcia*)
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- Jennifer Salter surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell Washington, DC
- · Spencer England Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- · Spencer Gable New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* Italy
- · Ni Mack Kansas

Mission Works

- · Shanahans* Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy (Burnham*)
- Eddie English (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell former member
- Chris Hendrix (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
 Savannah Smith
- Seth Crider
- LizAnn Webb
- Stephen English
- Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Lily WeathersbeeReed Wilson
- Jackson Lash Caleb Owens
- Reed Wilson
 Lexi Wildes

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* Baptized 1/31/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* Restored 12/31/23
 Joe and Gloria Martin*- Identified 2/4

2024 Congregational Singing Schedule Innerarity Point Church of Christ March 10



Innerarity Point Church of Christ

Milestone Church of Christ

May 19

(Third Sunday Due to Mother's Day)

Avalon Church of Christ

June 9

Scenic Hills Church of Christ

July 14

West Milton Church of Christ

August 11

Pace Church of Christ

September 8

Jay Church of Christ

October 13

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, FEB 18

MORNING

Opening Prayer	Jared Lee
Song Director	Casey Bearden
Sermon	Trevor Smoot
"A Brothe	rhood United in Love"
Scripture Reading	Luke McReynolds
	John 15:12-17
Closing Prayer	Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Brett Napier	Justin Davis
Pat Mense	Darrell Bozeman
Mich	nael English (Balcony)
Comments	Nick Bartel

EVENING

Opening Prayer	Parker Godwin
Singing	Jon Raley
Scripture	Dane Harrington
	Genesis 50:15-20
Comments	Nick Bartell

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep .	Lanya Lester
PowerPoint	BrooksAnn Singley
Greeters	John Pace
Secure Building	Rick Bird

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director	Holden Raley
Opening Prayer	Doug Lee

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class	181
AM Worship	248
PM Worship	133
Wed. Night Bible Class	180
Contribution\$	8,390
Weekly Budget	. TBA
2024 Average Contribution \$1	9,304

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:00 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:00 am
Sunday PM Classes, Wors	hip . 6:00 pm
Wednesday PM Bible Clas	s 6:30 pm

Visitors: Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday**, by noon.
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder**: If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

FOOD PANTRY • Food Pickup: 3/12/24 @ 9:30 AM • Preparing Boxes: • 3/13/24 @ 5:30 PM • 3/14/24 @ 9:30 AM • Distribution: 3/14/24 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



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