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Prayer is
not a
monologue,
but dialogue;
God's voice
is its
most
essential
part.
- Andrew Murray



Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

The prophet Zephaniah says that God “will rejoice over you with singing” (3:17). We have some great hymns of joy; we can never sing them enough. “Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room.” Then there is “Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory Lord of love...Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.” And of course the children’s song, “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart! Down in my heart to stay! And I’m so happy...”

Grace and joy are prominent characteristics of God’s very being. Grace and joy are joined at the hip. They both come from the same Greek root word. The Greek word for grace is *charis*, where we get our word charity, and the word for joy is *chara*. So we can say that God’s grace produces joy. God is with us, Emmanuel, and that should give us joy. We’re told that God experiences joy in Luke’s gospel. All of heaven rejoices when one lost person repents and enters the kingdom.

Joy doesn’t just happen at the high moments of life. Paul talks about being joyful; it is one of his themes throughout his letters. He talks about joy at least 8 times in Philippians. What’s unusual about this is that he is writing this letter from prison, yet he can talk about being joyful! I believe that the church can be the healing power for our nation and we can do it by living a life of and exhibiting grace and joy. One of the ways we experience joy is through worship. In the pages to follow, you’ll find ways to experience and bring joy. I will see you in church every Sunday.

Joy and Peace,
Frank

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



UNLEASH YOUR INNER SUPERHERO AT
VBS

HERO CENTRAL
Discover Your Strength in God!

JUNE 19-22, 6:00-8:30PM
REGISTER ONLINE:
2017.cokesburyvbs.com/newhopevbs

Contact Wendy Franklin for more details about Vacation Bible School.
Volunteers are still needed!



Sunday, June 4-Saturday, June 10th

Mountain T.O.P Mission Trip

Please arrive at the bus at 8:30am for departure. Make sure you have everything from the "what to bring list".
Pick up will be Saturday June 10th, around 1:30-2:00

*Sunday, June 11- All youth that attended Mountain TOP, please come to the 8:45 Service for recognition and to thank our wonderful church for a great experience!

June 19th-June 22nd

VBS "Hero Central"

M-Th 6:00-8:30pm
Please help volunteer to shepherd or where needed. All youth needed during this great event! Wear your super hero costume.

* If any youth would like to help decorate for VBS, please see Wendy Franklin for time and Date. Sign-ups are in the lobby.

UMYF Contact: Crista Heagerty

Nightingal's

Monday, June 19
7:00pm: Monthly Meeting
Education Annex

Book Club

June's meeting will be held Thursday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the home of Cindy Yates. The book this month is "The Secret Wife", by Gill Paul. Meetings are open to all. Happy Reading!
Contact: Martha Greene

Hiking

This group tries to hike every other Saturday weather permitting.
Contact: Laura Bartlett

UMW

Monday, June 19
1:00pm
Location TBD

Crochet/Knitting

This group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm in the home of Sue Bradley. Learn to crochet or knit, or come enjoy fellowship & work on your favorite project!
Contact: Sue Bradley

Chef-ets

This group usually meets once a month. Time & date for June TBD
Contact: Celest Thomas

MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

Mountain T.O.P. sets out to meet the physical, spiritual, social and emotional needs of the people in Grundy County, TN. We would like to send one or more adults/families to serve for one or more weeks or weekends with Adults In Ministry (AIM) doing Major Home Repair at Mountain T.O.P. The summer dates available are June 4th – 10th, June 18th – June 24th, July 9th – 15th, July 6th – 9th, and all weekends in October. The cost is \$350 for the week dates and \$185 for the weekend. These are the student and first timer rates. We have some scholarship funds available for anyone interested in participating. The first two June weeks are also family ministry weeks so you can go with the entire family and work with children in the community. For family costs or more information about Mtn. T.O.P., visit the website at: www.mountain-top.org. Contact Carol Brock if you are interested in participating: 404-510-1415; cabrock@bellsouth.net

~Praise Report~

Just in the last month, we have raised over \$1270 for foster care!
Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the programs and people of our community here at New Hope.