



# News of New Hope

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2007

## February

# Dance for Christ

<http://danceforchristnc.org>

“Hi”

I share in a dance ministry called “Dance for Christ.” This ministry serves God and shares his message of faith and love in the hope that someone in the audience will reaffirm their faith in Christ, be touched by the Holy spirit, or bring a non believer to salvation through our Father. The dancers, singers, and musicians are all His disciples and are biggest mission is to share the passion of Christ with the audience.

In addition to our spring production we

are taking a mission trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Each person is solely responsible for his or her cost. I am making a request for my church family to help me by making donations towards these costs.

Our mission is to minister through dance for 2 performances, hold dance workshops and VBS for local churches, visit an orphanage, and attend 2 Sunday morning services. We will also try to find time to rehearse.

This mission trip June 12-19th is called “Jamaica 2007 Outreach” . The cost is \$900 per person and includes airfare, lodging, two meals a day and all transportation on the island. My passport, other food, and group activities are my responsibility.

This Mission Trip means the world to me. I would like to share a poem with you that helps express the way I feel.

My voice is not a song, for that’s not  
the blessing you gave.  
The dance is all I can give you, for it’s  
my soul You chose to save.

Dance is my testimony, the expression  
of my soul,  
Used to reenact everything you do and  
have done from stories old.

With life, there’s constant struggle.  
Chaos is just the norm,  
And as I inch to giving up, You calm  
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Another member of our church family, Erin Acree, is also in the cast of Dance for Christ. For more information on Dance For Christ, visit <http://danceforchristnc.org>.

March 31, April 1 & 2, 2007  
Dance for Christ  
Kinston, NC

- Feb. 1-Administrative Council @ 7 pm
- Feb. 2– Open Arms Bible Study @ 10:30
- Feb. 5– Disciple I Bible Study @ 7pm
- Feb. 6-50th Anniversay Committee meeting @ 7
- Feb. 9– Open Arms Bible Study @ 10:30
- Feb. 10– Foster Parents Association @ 10-12
- Feb. 10-Valentine’s Dinner Theatre @ 6:30
- Feb. 11– Undie Sunday
- Feb. 11-District Lay Rally
- Feb. 12– Disciple I Bible Study @ 7pm
- Feb. 15-UMW & UMM @ 7 pm
- Feb. 16– Open Arms Bible Study @ 10:30
- Feb. 18 -Newsletter deadline
- Feb. 19– Disciple I Bible Study @ 7pm
- Feb. 23– Open Arms Bible Study @ 10:30
- Feb. 25– Scout Sunday
- Feb. 26– Disciple I Bible Study @ 7pm

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- March 31, April 1, 2— Dance For Christ, Granger Auditorium, Kinston
  - June 3, 2007 – 50th Anniversary Celebration for New Hope UMC

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# Church Teams

## Lay Leadership Team

The Lay Leadership Team has been meeting regularly to examine the organizational structure of New Hope Teams. The various team responsibilities are being reviewed with a goal of collaborative planning and events.

## UMM

Saturday, February 17 will begin our monthly Friends and Family Breakfast from 7-9am. The community is invited and donations will be graciously accepted. The menu will vary from pancakes to eggs, sausage and bacon. Chef Randy Dearth will dazzle all with his culinary skills and the men will be on hand to assist and serve.

-Mike Acree, President

## UMW

The UMW met on Thursday, Jan. 18th for our regular monthly meeting. Guest speaker, Joyce Wilford, gave a presentation on interior decorating. We enjoyed talking about the do's and don'ts of decorating our homes.

Out business meeting included a report of our 2006 spending. Goldsboro District

Mission -----	\$455
Methodist Home for Children -----	\$100
\$10 club -----	\$50
Local Missions-----	\$140
Carpet Installation -----	\$100
Blinds for the Fellowship	
Hall and Kitchen -----	\$590
Church Yard Work-----	\$300
Total -----	\$1,735

Receipts included \$1,231 from the Fall Bazaar and \$812 in pledges.

The yearly District Cluster Meeting will be Feb. 8th at Providence UMC. Jane Fields, our UMW President, is an officer of the Goldsboro District UMW. We are proud to have Jane representing New Hope.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 15th.

- Iris Cox, treasurer

## Trustees

Thank you to those who have contributed to the efforts to replace the windows in the Boyette Building. It will certainly help with utility bills! For the past two months the electricity bill (which includes heating) has been over \$1,000.

Twenty-two windows are needed. To date, we have donations to pay for nine of them.

If you would like to donate a window in honor or in memory of someone or would like to join another family in giving one, please fill out one of the forms that are located in the narthex, indicate "windows" on your check or envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

Thanks to everyone for all your help in all our capital improvements requests and all your support.



Thanks again  
To the Glory  
of God

-Dan Cox,  
Chair

## UMYF Age Level & Family Ministries

Dinner Theatre returns to New Hope! Purchase your tickets for just \$10 each and come prepared for a delicious meal and fabulous entertainment.

**Date:** Saturday, February 10th.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit the activities of the UMYF.

-Mandee & Joe Wade, Advisors

-Gina Harr & Becky Davis,

Coordinators

## Worship Team

The Worship Team is beginning to plan services and activities for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

## Finance Team

Giving statements are available in the narthex.

## Staff-Parish Relations Team

No report.

-Jim Lynch, Chair

## Visitation & Outreach Team

The team welcomes members who will take on the mission of visitation of visitors to our worship services and Sunday School. Please indicate your interest on the attendance pad and I will contact you.

-Rebecca Lancaster, Chair



Dear Church  
Family —

Recipes for spaghetti sauce. Big pots being readied. I just can't wait for the youth's annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Theatre. Ms Hope has them rehearsing for the big night. I'll be here. Will you?

We had a guest talking to us this month. His message was about "hindering or helping." The big question was, "How do your actions and attitudes affect others?" I'll have to think about that one as I leave this little note for the newsletter.

I just love it when we have children in church—and the time Pastor Martin spends with them. One week he showed them his flashlight. But it wouldn't work. They knew what it needed! Batteries! But, when people don't seem to work, what do they need? God provides the batteries.

One Sunday we talked about a fellow named John. He preached about repenting of sin and baptized people. Then one day, there was a man ready to be baptized and down came a dove from heaven. Yes, John recognized him as Jesus. That day, Pastor Martin asked everyone to remember their own baptism and how it symbolizes accepting God—totally and completely.

Just last week the entire service was about "love." We sang about it; read from the Bible about it; and then Pastor Martin talked about it. Love is from God and comes from sacrifice. God gives each one a gift to use in the church. It's no good unless you use it. Love is the guiding factor of what you do. Find your spiritual gift and start using it.

I'll see ya' in church Sunday.

*A. Churchmouse*

## Mississippi United Methodist Katrina Response Update

January 19, 2007

A note from Robert

As we begin the new year, we all think about what our new year's resolution might be. In the past, I have always settled for the standard: I am going to fix this, organize that, or quit procrastinating and so on. But last year and this year are again different. After working with the devastation of lives, homes and churches from one awesome hurricane, I realized how small-minded I have been and how the picture of life is so much bigger than resolutions.

God has given me the opportunity to help others who have lost everything. In being able to do this I understand the enormity of this tragedy. The enormity can only be appreciated by seeing first-hand the damage that was done and the destruction left behind. Somehow, through the tragedy that struck these people, many found a renewed sense of hope, faith in others and faith in God.

People in the coast communities are so thankful for all of the help they've been given. The trust that these people have placed in us is amazing. The families that we have met and grown close to have taught us that reaching out to others is so much more precious of a gift than anything else that we could ever receive.

So, as the new year gets underway and you are making your resolutions, I challenge you to take the time to look at the bigger picture. Maybe this year you can promise yourself to set time aside for others and give of yourself to others in need through your time and service. It is the way that Christ lived his life and he hopes for us to live ours. The need will always be there, whether in Mississippi or across the world or in your own backyard. What you will get back through God's grace will be amazing!

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. - John Wesley

Tu hermano en Cristo,

Robert

*Robert Sharp of Ocean Springs is coordinator of the Mississippi United Methodist Katrina Response.*

### Undie Sunday

On Sunday, February 11th, a special offering will be taken. Across the conference church attendees are asked to bring new under-garments for children, teens, and adults to be used in community efforts to clothe the needy.

# FEBRUARY 2007



**\*Sunday Schedule**

- 8:45 First Hope
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 4:00 Transformation Team
- 5:00 Handbells
- 5:30-7 UMYF

Additions to the calendar of events may be found in Sunday's bulletin or posted on the church bulletin board.

Easter Egg Hunt  
March 31

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> Administrative Council 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>3</b>
<b>4*</b>	<b>5</b> Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:0	<b>6</b> 50th Anniversary Planning Committee 7 pm B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	<b>7</b> Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	<b>8</b> District Cluster Meeting UMW	<b>9</b> Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>10</b> Foster Parents Assoc. 10-2:00 pm Valentine's Dinner Theatre @ 6:30
<b>11 *</b> Undies Sunday District Lay Rally Human Relations Day offering	<b>12</b> Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:00	<b>13</b> B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	<b>14</b> Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	<b>15</b> UMM / UMM 7 pm	<b>16</b> Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>17</b>
<b>18 *</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b> Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:00	<b>20</b> B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	<b>21</b> Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Open Arms Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>24</b>
<b>25*</b> Scout Sunday	<b>26</b> Cubs 6:30 Disciple I 7:00	<b>27</b> B.S. Tp.8 7 pm	<b>28</b> Brownies 6:30 Choir 7 pm	2007-50th Anniversary Celebration to conclude with Homecoming Events on June 3rd.		

# History of New Hope

From newspaper clippings: 1960's

**Picture of Christ:** donated in recognition of Ben R. Boyette, Sr. for his faithful service to the church, including Sunday School teacher, contractor of the building, and charter member. There was a record 174 at the service on that Sunday.



*Primary Class—1962*

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Vickie Davis  | 3. Sharon Corbett |
| 2. Mildred Britt | 4. Mrs. Nickens   |

**UMM help Building Fund:** In addition to the donation of \$1,000 toward the Building Fund, newly elected officers were installed. Dwight D. Radabaugh was installed as president. Serving with him will be Ben Boyette, vice president; K. D. Bedford, secretary; and Selby Corbett, treasurer.

Among the accomplishments of the club in the past year are zoning the Pinewood development, landscaping the church grounds, erecting a cross on the front of the church building, sponsoring a birthday calendar, two major church suppers, Brownie Scouts and the men's soft ball team. The Club now consists of 55 members. Pastor of the church is the Rev. C. R. Hollowell.

## Highlights from the January Administrative Council

- \* Notebooks were distributed to AC members for organizing minutes and handouts as well as recording team activities.
- \* Minutes and treasurer reports were accepted.
- \* Jamie Lavin, a member of the Dance for Christ cast, talked of her talent of dancing and how she uses it in this mission to spread God's word. The group will be going to Jamaica this summer. She is asking for the church to help her in this endeavor. [See more about Jamie's trip on page 1.]
- \* Trustees: Walkway repairs will begin soon, depending upon the weather; donations are being accepted for the 22 windows needed for Boyette Building
- \* Visitation and Outreach: Care packages are being planned. The Visitation Center has been created in the narthex with gift bags for visitors.
- \* Scouting Coordinator: The Scouts will pay for one window. Three car loads of Scouts participated in the Adopt-a-Grandparent project. They made gifts and cookies for the residents and plan to continue visits. Scout Sunday will be Feb. 25th. Work for Lance Offield's Eagle project will begin on Feb. 24th.
- \* Worship: The number of trained acolytes is dwindling.
- \* Complements expressed on the touching service during the Hanging of the Greens.
- \* Transformation Team: The Team will meet twice monthly at 4 pm on Sundays.
- \* 50th Anniversary: The team will commission a church wall hanging/throw for the anniversary. Addresses are being gathered for all former pastors, charter members, and other who would like to celebrate with us on June 7th.
- \* The next Administrative Council meeting will be on February 1st at 7:00. Anyone interested in the deliberations and decision of the Administrative Council are welcome to attend.



**Prayer for Healing**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| † Albert Wade       | † Rob Withey     |
| † Aline Lavin       | † Rusty Montz    |
| † Alma Andrews      | † Shirley Eiland |
| † Barbara Gardner   | † Sue Wallace    |
| † Barbara Ward      | † Toni Ray       |
| † Chance Carter     | † Will Davies    |
| † Chris Hurtle      |                  |
| † Dee Meadows       |                  |
| † Dennis White      |                  |
| † Eleanor Armstrong |                  |
| † Ethel Boyette     |                  |
| † Faye Wade         |                  |
| † Gage Currin       |                  |
| † Harold Lewis      |                  |
| † Jessie Stone      |                  |
| † John Collins      |                  |
| † Josephine Sutton  |                  |
| † Josh Marron       |                  |
| † Judy Johnston     |                  |
| † Keith Reed        |                  |
| † Lois Capps        |                  |
| † Maggie Gwatney    |                  |
| † Mandy Hampton     |                  |
| † Margie Hinnant    |                  |
| † Mary Collins      |                  |
| † Miranda Taylor    |                  |
| † Morgan Jacobs     |                  |
| † Nancy Poteat      |                  |
| † Ralph Armstrong   |                  |

**Prayer for Bereavement**

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| † Family of Mark Woodard        |
| † Family of Ann Richardson      |
| † Family member of Jack Edmonds |
| † Family of Berry Gardner       |
| † Family of Tommy Sykes         |

**Prayer for Thanksgiving**

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|---------------------------------|
| † Our church family at New Hope |
| † Our Pastor & His Family       |
| † Our Youth at New Hope         |
| † Christian friends             |

**Prayer for Intercessions**

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|---------------------------------------|
| † Gene Haase                          |
| † Mary Batts                          |
| † Greg Forrester                      |
| † Lloyd Johnson                       |
| † Roger & Carla Bedford               |
| † Members of our armed forces         |
| † Our sister church in Pascagoula, MS |

We  our church!



Car magnets on sale  
\$3 each or 2 for \$5

**Spiritual Gifts Study**

**When:** During Lent  
**Who:** All interested persons  
**Where:** New Hope UMC  
**Contact:** Eleanor Armstrong,  
 Director of Christian Education

**Celebrate**

**Birthdays**

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|------|-------------------|
| 2/1  | Tyndall Lewis     |
| 2/2  | Barbara Chesson   |
| 2/3  | Margaret Edmonds  |
| 2/4  | Marjorie Smith    |
| 2/5  | Charlotte Boyette |
| 2/7  | Travis Potter     |
| 2/14 | Janie Woodard     |
| 2/17 | Blake Howell      |
| 2/19 | Jane Shuey        |
| 2/19 | Charles Conwell   |
| 2/20 | Mike Acree        |
| 2/21 | Scott Chesson     |
| 2/22 | Jessie Stone      |
| 2/24 | Sheila Coltrane   |
| 2/26 | Claire Denton     |
| 2/27 | Terry Hampton     |



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| 2/6  | Joe & Elsie Turner |
| 2/15 | Dan & Diane Kester |
| 2/21 | Dan & Iris Cox     |

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<http://goldsborodistrictumc.org>



## A Note From the Keys

New Music!!! The chancel choir and the handbell ringers have new music! Please join the choir in practicing and then presenting the beautiful Easter Cantata! We have room for more sopranos, altos, and tenors and basses. Come out on Weds. and meet with us at 6:00 at Mimmo's for supper and then at the church at 7:00 for practice. We also have a special time of prayer and fellowship afterwards around the communion table.

Also, be in prayer as to how you can help with the 50th anniversary celebration coming up in June. I would love to have a choir special with **former members**. Please contact me ASAP.

Valentine Dinner Theater is February 10th. Reserve your spot now!

In Christ,

- Hope Lockamy,  
Director of Music Ministries

Planning for 2007  
Feb. 8  
7 pm

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work through any circumstance through His strategic placement of His gifts to us!

Remember that you are different from everyone else and what you bring to the Body is essential and life giving. No matter how small it seems to you, you have a purpose. Don't look around and envy what someone else has. That is what God has blessed them with. Be all right with what you have been given. Practice it, refine it, and glorify the Lord! What may seem small to you might have the biggest impact, and what you may look at as being huge may have the least impact, so do everything with a grateful, wanting, longing heart. Don't worry about what others have; concentrate on what is in front of you. Once God has called you, He *will* empower you. He empowers you to give the love and grace of God to one another. He has given you something special

for the purpose of building up others in a life of faith.

The Holy Spirits character exudes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control (Galatians 5:22,23). The Spirit resides in you at the very instant you receive eternal life and since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other (Galatians 25, 26). By the Spirit existing in you, you are given opportunities to make the Body whole. Without you, the Body is not complete. There is one thing that God gives to all Christians and that is the gift of freedom. We are no longer a slave to sin. And when we acknowledge this gift and let it manifest through us it is shown through our actions and our character.

Let your prayers flow to the Lord. Ask for guidance and understanding. Seek Him and He will answer.

- Jessica Dearth

*(Your Child—Continued from page 1)*

my every storm.

I use my hands and feet to show the love you graciously give,  
In hope to reach just one more soul to decide for You they'll live.

Without You, there'd be no reason to go on from day to day.  
You see every ugly thing we do, and yet You chose to stay.

You say that people will judge us; they'll criticize all we do.  
Please remember I'm using my talent, seeking to give back to You.

Tonight I dance before You, Lord, giving my everything to you.  
I pray your vision will reach the eyes that need to see the truth.

With love, from all that I am, and all that I hope to be.  
Your child

Thank you for all your support and prayers.  
Peace in Christ,  
Jami Lavin

# Musings on Martin's Message

This month we feature a response and reflection on Pastor Armstrong's sermon of January 21, 2007, "The Holy Body". It was written by Jessica Dearth.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." (1 Cor 12:12) All believers have a function to perform within the church and it is our duty to perform that function out of our faith to God. What function has the Lord called you to do? Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speak in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. These are the nine spiritual gifts that Apostle Paul wrote about. He said, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

To be a part of the Body of Christ means you need to use your spiritual gifts to enhance the Body. When you fulfill your purpose that God has given you, you are enriching your own spiritual life and you will grow but if you sit on your hands and ignore God's plan for you, you become stagnant. Not only are you hurting yourself but you are letting your fellow brothers and sisters down. You are not holding your end up; you are slacking, and dragging the rest down with you. There will be a time when you can't perform due to various reasons or it may be because God is causing you not be able to perform so He can work on someone else but that is the wonderful thing about God. He is able to

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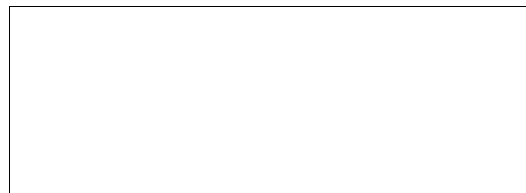


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