



News of New Hope

New Hope United Methodist Church
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2008

Upward® Soccer Ministry

Mission Statement:

To introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports.

For the past year, the Transformation Team of New Hope United Methodist Church as been studying the mission and the vision of the church. It became clear that the primary mission was to spread the news of Jesus Christ into the neighborhood and community.

When the opportunity to participate in a growing sports ministry sponsored by Upward surfaced, it presented a new path for the church to reach outward into the local neighborhood.

This program is a ministry to people who do not know Christ as their Savior. The target group is children, as well as the adults who are a part of their lives, such as parents and other relatives.

The first challenge is to get NHUMC to lock into the prayer ministry of Upward. Jessica Dearth is the Upward Prayer Commissioner. The Upward Soccer ministry is not just for the children. It involves the entire church community as the program is volunteer intensive. Currently, she is inviting the members of the congregation to be a part of her team to participate in daily prayers for the program, the leadership, the families, and most of all the children.

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Apportionment Update

Goal for December:	\$19,614.00
Contributions	
12/2	2,875.00
12/9	805.00
12/16	330.00
12/23	2,450.00
15% of offerings	<u>3,674.00</u>
<u>Due by Jan 15</u>	\$ 9,480.00

Memory Verse for January

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

-Deuteronomy 31:6



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- Jan. 3 – Admin. Coun. @ 7 pm
- Jan. 7 – Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm
- Jan. 14 – Upward Soccer evaluation 4-7 pm
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- Jan. 16-Upward Soccer evaluation 4-7 pm
- Jan. 17 – UMW/ UMM @ 7
- Jan. 19 – Friends & Family Breakfast 7:30-10 am
- Jan. 21-Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm
- Jan. 22-Upward Soccer evaluation 4-7 pm
- Jan. 24-Upward Soccer evaluation 4-7 pm
- Jan. 27 – Praise Service @ 7 pm
Newsletter deadline
- Jan. 28 – Disciple 1 & 2 @ 7pm
- Jan. 31-Upward Soccer evaluation 4-7 pm

Church Teams

United Methodist Men

Saturday, the 10th we welcome all to join us for **Friends and Family Breakfast**. Invite a friend!

All men of the church, including visitors, are welcome to join in the activities. The UMM meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

—Mike Acree, President

United Methodist Women

The January meeting of UMW will be on the 17th at 7 pm. We invite all women of the church to join us in fellowship, worship, and missions.

—Iris Cox, Treasurer
Jane Fields, President

Trustees

Many thanks to Larry Filion and his team who replaced the ceiling tiles and installed florescent lights in the Fellowship Hall. The 20 year old chandeliers were showing signs of their age. This is one more project to help in being good stewards of energy.

The trees are down and soon the fence for the soccer field will be in place. God be with you,

—Dan Cox, Chair

UMYF

UMYF meets at 5:30 on Sunday Evenings and continues the study in *Rings of Fellowship*.

Scouts

The scouts of Venture Crew 8 had an exciting time visiting their "adopted grandpa", Mr. Dennis

Cheeks, at Goldsboro Assisted Living Facility and sang carols for Christmas.

The Crew and Troop 8 plan a joint campout in January to Homestead Girl Scout Camp to use the ropes course.

The scouts are looking forward to assisting with the Upward soccer program. One scout, Andrew Filion, will be supervising the construction of the fence and setting up the fields. While Chris Gustafson will supervise the construction of a storage shed to house the soccer equipment. Both boys have planned these projects as part of their Eagle Projects. If you see the soccer bay in the Narthex, please put your pocket change in. Change is good!

Cub Scout Pack 8 received their Pinewood Derby kits from Santa and are now looking forward to designing their blocks of wood into a car to race in the Derby.

The Upward soccer program was presented at their Christmas Party and many seem very excited about this new ministry and playing soccer!

—Doris Offield,
Scouting Coordinator

Outreach

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Other families and individuals "adopted" a grandparent for the holiday.

And, a wonderful Christmas party was held for Parents Anonymous with a feast and lots of presents. Thanks to the all in the church family who contributed to the special time for the families of children in foster care.

—Rebecca Lancaster,
Outreach and Visitation

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Contacts for other opportunities are through the Commissioners identified on page 5. Upward programs across the nation have been successful in not only touching the lives of children, but also of the volunteers. We've heard many stories of coaches, referees, prayer partners, and others who have thought they were just "volunteering" for a league, but in the end found themselves being ministers to children and families.

Is Upward going to require work? You bet! But transformation of our church members and our community takes that kind of work. With Upward, it is effort well spent.

Upward promotes character and self-esteem in every child in a program of scheduled practices, equal playing time, and learning lessons of life. Boys and girls in kindergarten through 4th grade may participate in the program. Registration forms are available at many local schools as well as at the church.

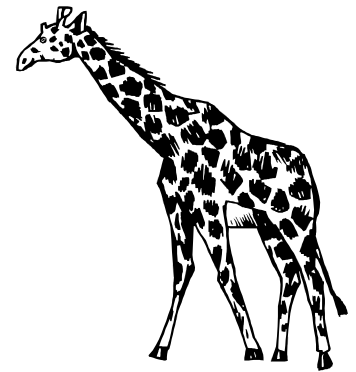
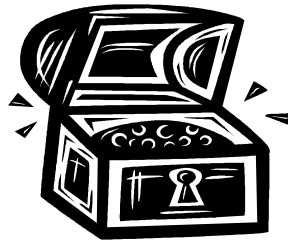
Evaluation for team placement will begin on January 14 and continue through February 8th. The Evaluation schedule for age groups is in the brochure as well as in the calendar on page 1.

"Upward® defines winning as learning and/or teaching lessons in the game of life. The emphasis is on having fun and good sportsmanship."

Date	Upward® Soccer Activity
Jan	Early registration
Jan 14-2/ 8	Evaluation
Feb. 8	Registration Deadline
Feb. 18	Practices begin
Mar. 15	First game
May 30	Awards Celebration

Store Your Treasures Up in Heaven

By
Jessica Dearth



What do you collect? Some people collect coins, stamps, baseball cards, or even rocks. For me I collect hummingbirds and giraffes. But there is a downside to collecting these things, this stuff. Your house can be broken into and these special things might be stolen. Your house could catch fire and everything might burn. Or in my case, our cat broke one of my hummingbirds. I had to throw it in the trash because there was no way to fix it. It is now considered garbage. But did you know that you can collect something that will never be stolen, broken, worn out, or thrown in the trash? It can never be taken away from you and the value will always grow. It is simply a 'heavenly savings account' and the only thing you have to do is open it.

So how do you open this account? Well, just like any account here on earth you have to give the institution something. But does this mean that I have to give God something? Yes. You have to give God yourself. By giving to God that which is already His, you are submitting to Him. You are telling Him that you want Him to take control of your most valuable assets, your heart, your mind, and your soul. The most important aspect of your spiritual life is the condition of your heart. It will determine how you understand things. If your heart is right with God, He will make sure that you have the

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right spiritual perception. If heaven is your desire, make sure your heart is set on it! If you are not sure whether it is then ask yourself this important question: When I decide to do something, is it for me or for the Lord? If it is for the Lord, then you are investing in God's causes and doing His will and that is where your heart needs to be.

Once you know your heart is right with God then you will want to give of yourself, for your treasures are the blessings that God gives to you. When we receive these treasures it makes us want to obey God. To obey God all you have to do is know that you are a sinner and confess your sins to Him, have a need for and a want to desire God, praise Him with your whole heart, and then promise God that you will move toward Him. When you receive God's blessing it should make you want to start walking in a new direction, and that direction is both towards God what God wants. So wherever your heart is, that is where your treasure is. Wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart is.

You have two decisions to make and no one can make them for you. The first is what are your treasures? The second is who is your master? If your treasure is something here on earth then your master is yourself. If your treasure is in heaven then God is your master. Everyday, you must reaffirm this to yourself and to God. Everyday, God will bless you and you will receive said blessings. In return, you must give yourself completely to God. Your treasures are your heart, mind, and soul and they all belong to God. Give them to God to handle, give them to God for security, and give them to God for your own well being. Give them to God, who is in heaven.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

-Matthew 6:20-21



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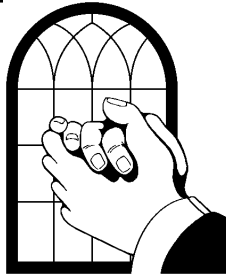


***Sunday Schedule**

8:45 First Hope
 9:30 Fellowship
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 5:00 Hand bells
 5:30-7 UMYF (Rings of Fellowship)
 6:00-7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office closed	2 7pm-Choir practice	3 7pm-Administrative Council	4	5
 EPIPHANY	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	7pm-Choir practice			12
* 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	4-7pm~Upward Soccer Evaluation 6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	4-7pm-Upward Soccer Evaluation 7pm-Choir practice	7pm-UMM & UMW		7:30-10am~Friends & Family Breakfast
* 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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* 27	28	29	30	31	Additions to the calendar of events may be found in Sunday's bulletin or posted on the church bulletin board.	
7pm-Praise Service	6:30pm-Cub Scouts 7pm-Disciple 1 & 2	7pm-Boy Scouts	7pm-Choir practice	4-7pm~Upward Soccer Evaluation		

Remember your church in your will.



Prayer for Healing

- † Aline Lavin
- † Alma Andrews
- † Ann Locklear
- † Anne Anderson
- † April Taylor
- † Bob Jennette
- † Cooper Bryan
- † Darlene Thigpen
- † David Herring
- † Dee Meadows
- † Eleanor Porter
- † Frank Beach
- † Harold Coltrane
- † Haywood Harrell
- † Joe Turner
- † Josh Scott
- † Keith Reed
- † Lisa Huff
- † Lois Capps
- † Mac Yates
- † Marge Reynolds
- † Myrtle Woodard
- † Ray Hicks, Sr.
- † Rebecca Lancaster
- † Rob Withey
- † Sue Wallace
- † Teresa Miller
- † Travis Carlson
- † Will Davies

Prayer for Bereavement

- † Family of Ethel Boyette
- † Family of Irene Barrow
- † Family of Raymond Creer
- † The Vinson Family

Prayer for Thanksgiving

- † Our church family
- † Our Pastor & His Family
- † Our Music Ministry lead by Hope Hicks
- † Our Youth at New Hope
- † Christian friends

Prayer for Intercessions

- † Our Conference apportionments
- † Our church family at New Hope
- † Our Youth at New Hope
- † Rings of Fellowship
- † Members of our armed forces
- † Upward® Soccer
- † Our sister church in Pascagoula, MS

Upward Opportunities

- **Lead Director:** Mike Acree
- **Advertising Commissioners:** Doris and Dewey Offield
- **Devotions Commissioner:** Ed Porter
- **Referees Commissioner:** Mike Smith
- **Division Commissioner:** Steve Jack
- **Prayer Commissioner:** Jessica Dearth
- **Follow-up Commissioner:** Gina Harr

Contact a commissioner to learn how you can be involved!



A Note From the Keys

The Chancel Choir and the Ringers of New Hope were pleased to bring the marvelous story of Christmas to the services in December. It was a wonderful ministry of music for the singers and ringers as well as to the congregation.

*- Hope Hicks,
Director of Music Ministries*

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Administrative Council Meeting

ETHEL S. BOYETTE

March 30, 1910-Dec. 16, 2007

Highlights from the meeting on December 1, 2007

- † Presentations by the Transformation Team
 - Who is NHUMC?
 - Average attendance = 70 worshippers.
 - Average tenure of a pastor = 6 years.
 - Over half of regulars live within 3 miles.
 - Almost 37% of regulars were born before 1946.
 - 2006—107 giving units of which 45% contributed \$20 or less a week.; 32% gave \$20-\$40/week; 8% contribute \$95+ a week.
 - Strengths= location, friendly, family oriented, attractive building.
 - Weaknesses= commitment, finances, lack of variety in programs, aging out
 - Opportunities = expanding population in area.
 - Where is NHUMC?
 - 8,517 people in 3,723 households within a 5 mile radius.
 - Where are we going?
- † UMW: 23 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child
- † Upward: Spaghetti lunch and presentation to be held
- † Worship: Poinsettias have been ordered
- † Outreach: Adopt-a-Grandparent for Christmas
- † Calendar of events for 2008 was distributed

Ethel Smith Boyette, 97, of 2002 N. Berkeley Blvd., died Sunday, at her home. Born in Wayne County, she was the daughter of the late Fennel S. and Mattie Virginia Smith. A homemaker, she was the wife of the late Ben R. Boyette Sr. She was a charter member of New Hope United Methodist Church and a previous member of Daniels Memorial Methodist Church.

The celebration of her life was held Wednesday, December 19th at 7 p.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clarence "Bo" Padgett officiating. Ray Kennedy spoke of his memories of "Queen Mother". He and Marian Kennedy provided music for the service.

"Miss Ethel" is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Virginia "Sue" and Harold Coltrane of Goldsboro; two brothers and sisters-in-law, G.B. and Thelma Smith, of Goldsboro, Linwood and Audrey Smith of Goldsboro; six grandchildren, Lynny Coltrane and wife, Shelia, Debbie Sutton and husband, Frankie, Glenn Coltrane and wife, Carol, Ben "Bob" Boyette III and wife, Charlotte, Langdon "Bitsy" Boyette, Herndon Boyette and wife, Cathy; seven great-grandchildren, Tessa C. Denton and husband, Jeff, Jackie Sutton, Frankie Sutton and wife, Holly, Ginni Jo Sutton, Joshua Coltrane, Bryan Coltrane, Carly Coltrane, Jordan Boykin, Herndon Boykin, Hutchinson Boykin, Erica Rheinguber and husband, Morgan, and Michael Paxinos and wife, Lauren; great-great-grandchildren, Ben Miller, Anna Miller, Claire Denton, Brittany Sutton and Natalie Rheinguber.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ben R. Jr. and Quinn Redwine Boyette; two brothers, George R. Smith and Brutuso Smith; three sisters, Lillian Moye, Beatrice Corbett and Mabel Coltrain.

A memorial fund has been established at New Hope United Methodist Church or contributions may be sent to The Gideons International, Goldsboro South Camp, P.O. Box 509, Goldsboro, 27533.

The Boyette family sincerely thanks Louella Garrou of Community Home Care & Hospice and ShaReva Davis for the special loving care they provided to Mrs. Boyette.



Celebrations!

Birthdays

1/6 Lynn Collins
 1/10 Jennifer Bowen
 1/11 Sharon Mumford
 1/20 Robert Adair
 1/21 John Collins
 1/21 Andrew Wiebe
 1/22 Shorty Lewis
 1/26 Kelyn Young
 1/27 Hope Hicks
 1/31 Dan Cox

Anniversaries

1/1 Sheila & Lynny Coltrane
 1/8 Rebecca & Kevin Lancaster
 1/23 Debbie & Frankie Sutton
 1/25 Betty & Don Wallace



Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey: Special Pilgrimage Opportunity

In November 2008 Bishop Al Gwinn, along with Chuck and Glenda Cook, will lead North Carolina Methodists on a very special pilgrimage. It will retrace the final missionary journey of St. Paul. Like Paul, much of the journey will be onboard a ship. It will serve as the hotel as the group travels to Athens, Rome, and Corinth, all places that figure prominently in the ministry of Paul and the writing of the New Testament. In each of these places Bishop Gwinn, or another expert will lead in Bible studies focusing on the places visited.

This is more than a trip, it is indeed a pilgrimage. Those who have traveled to Athens, where Paul preached on Mars Hill, or to Corinth, where Paul founded a church, know that to see these places transforms one's understanding of the Bible. These places become actual locations—cities we know—rather than merely names on a page. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith.

In January the district churches will be studying the Book of Acts.

Epiphany: The revelation of Jesus to humanity with the visit of the magi

This act of worship by the Wise Men, was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people.



The CHURCH MOUSE

Dear Church Family —

Pastor Martin really enjoys the children in the church. He lead them in a march around the church just as Joshua marched around Jericho. Another time they turned on a light for Jesus. Finding all the different symbols on the tree was fun and they almost spotted me up by the crown at the very tip-top!

One Sunday he talked about firsts. The question was, "Are you ready to make Christ #1 in your life?"

And the preparations for the coming of Jesus continued from the blessing of the greenery and tree on through Christmas Eve.

We learned there was a street preacher back long ago. I think Pastor Martin called him "John the Baptist." He told of the coming of Jesus and something called "repentance." He said it must be sincere, is not optional, and makes us able again. The question then was, "What are some things in your life that you need to repent?"

The special music all month all told about the coming birth of someone named E man you al. I finally figured out it meant that Jesus was soon to be born.

One day Pastor Martin told us all about the mother of Jesus—how she trusted in God in a very stressful time. We must learn to trust God.

And then, just before the birthday, Miss Hope had children ringing chimes and the big people ringing bells. Of course, the choir was singing—It was all about Jesus, born to us this day!

Finally, on Christmas Eve, we had the birthday candles and celebrated together.

—I'll see ya' in church Sunday.

A. Churchmouse

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God as a serious spiritual activity. After all it is God, that the vow maker and keeper is dealing with.

God really cares about us. That is why He takes His relationship seriously with us. That is why some things we have to do are hard. Behaviors and attitudes that are worth changing are probably going to be hard to change. Many of our behaviors do not honor or glorify our Creator, the One who really loves us. Scripture provides us a vehicle to make effective change that works and sticks. The reason vow-making and vow-keeping works is that the vows are made to God. Old Testament people of God understood that thus their vows were well-thought out and taken seriously with the intent to glorify God. A question may be: Do we care as much about ourselves as God does so that we seek to have our behavior honor Him?

Would it help to enter into a new, new year's activity with a new name? Maybe we could call making new year's resolutions making new year's vows to God. Does that put a new spin on it? That now seems to make vows as serious for us as vows have been for God forever. Remember vows, resolutions, done using God's method is serious business. The difference is that He will be in it with us and will seek success for us, for it will honor and glorify Him.

—Martin

Martin's Musings

Vow Making and Vow Keeping

One of the most popular activities at the beginning of a new year is the making of resolutions. Resolutions are usually intended to help one change a condition or behavior that is undesirable. The hope is that in making the resolution or declaring our intent to change and trying really, really hard the goal will actually be reached. The need for weight loss or breaking various bad habits are usually the most popular resolution subjects addressed. Resolution-making sometimes works and many people feel personally gratified and built up by the experience.

Long before popular culture decided that new year's resolutions were a great idea there was another way to deal with changing human behavior. It actually was a Biblically-based idea. In the Bible it was called vow-making and vow-keeping. Making vows to God were common and evidence is all over the Old Testament. It was serious business. Deuteronomy 23:21-23 discusses the serious nature of making vows to God and how that vow-making activity was seen by God. It is sin not to keep a vow made to God, but it is not sin to refrain from vow-making. The message there is that vows made to God and asking His help in keeping them, is seen by

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The Expectation of God-Moments

We believe that God is at work all around us.
*For we are God's workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to do*
.—Ephesians 2:10 -