

NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

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by Pastor David Rohrer

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” (1 John 1:5-7)

Light is something we often take for granted, but at this time of year when the mornings linger in darkness and evening bears down on us earlier each day, we are

reminded of how precious light is. It enables us to see things, of course, but variations in the intensity of light can also change the way we see things. In bright sunshine we see clearly and in great detail. When the light fades, so does the clarity with which we see. Autumn is a reminder of this for all of us. It can be a beautiful time of the year, especially when the sun is shining brightly and the leaves are in full color. However, there are also dark and damp days. It's a little bit like our relationship to God, a mixture of good and bad days. As long as we walk in the light of our Lord we see things clearly. We feel upbeat and able to cope with most of life's challenges.

It's when we get out of step with the Lord that our dark and down days occur. The light is missing and the storm clouds are passing overhead.

When you face a situation like this, remember that God wants us to be the best people possible, imitating his son Jesus Christ, because he needs us to shine His light into the world. He needs us to shine that light into the lives of others who live in darkness. He needs us to shine that strong, bright light that will help others to see with great clarity the beauty of the gift that we have been given.

God has put us here for that very purpose. Always remember that there is someone out there who needs you to pass on the light of the Gospel. So, like the extraordinary colors in the autumn trees, be bold and shine the light for Christ. Let it shine into the darkness. Trust that when the Son comes out the darkness disappears. Because, after all, he is the light of the world.

**New Hope
Worship**

Sunday School: 9:15 am
Church Service: 10:30 am

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We would love to include your contributions so please submit any comments, articles or photos if you would like to have them included in the newsletter.

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(or just hand it to Andy Ellinger at church)*

Simple Steps to Scripture Study

The Bible is not difficult for the believing heart to understand. The more you study it, the more you want to know. Here's a simple process to get you started:

Step 1 - Reading

Begin by developing a plan on how you will approach reading through the Bible. Just by reading the Bible you become familiar with its themes, history, and contexts. There is simply no replacement for Bible reading. Try to read through the Old Testament at least once a year but follow a different plan for reading the New Testament. Read one book at a time repetitiously for a month or more. If you want to try that, begin with a short book, such as 1 John, and read it through in one sitting every day for thirty days. By the end, you will know the book.

Step 2 - Interpreting

As you read Scripture, always keep one simple question in mind: "What does this mean?" To answer that question requires the use of the most basic principle of interpretation called the analogy of faith-interpret the Bible with the Bible. Search the Scripture He has authored, using cross references, comparative passages, concordances, indexes, and other helps. For passages that remain unclear, consult your pastor or godly men who have written on the issues involved.

Step 3 - Evaluating

Read Bible introductions, commentaries, and background books that will enrich your thinking. As you evaluate, be a true seeker. Be one who accepts the truth of God's Word even though it may cause you to change what you have always believed, or alter your life pattern.

Step 4 - Applying

You must let God's truth change your life. Studying Scripture without allowing it to penetrate to the depths of your soul would be like preparing a banquet without eating it. The bottom-line question to ask is, "How do the divine truths and principles contained in any passage apply to me in terms of my attitude and actions?" If there is a command to be obeyed, obey it. If there is a promise to be embraced, claim it. If there is a warning to be followed, heed it. This is the ultimate step: submit to Scripture and let it transform your life.

Step 5 - Correlating

This last stage connects the doctrine you have learned in a particular passage or book with divine truths and principles taught elsewhere in the Bible to form the big picture. Now, get to work! As you dig in to God's Word using those five simple steps, you'll be amazed at the rich treasure your study yields.



The Lord will use this plan to revitalize your Bible study, increase your appetite for knowing and understanding His Word, and further conform you to the image of His beloved Son.

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.... A Place for Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:30 pm.

This weekly study of the Bible aims not only to increase one's spiritual knowledge, but through discussions of life applications to nurture Christians to become better disciples.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

New Hope Members On the Move:

Harold and Rena Alexander

New Address (send them a card or note):

42839 VanderHoof Road

Coolville, Ohio 45723

Phone: 740-667-7343

Email: renaha@hotmail.com

Good luck to Harold and Rena, Coolville UMC (or another church) will be happy to see you but we are saddened to see you leave.

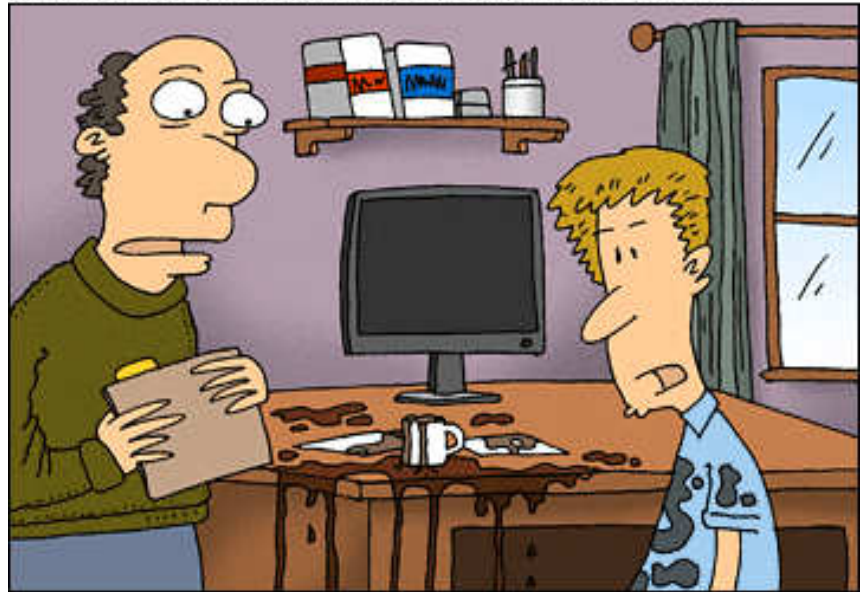
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HISTORY

If you have an idea for the subject of a history column or are just curious, please write it down and give it to Rose Ann Edwards in church or as an email to andy@newhopelogan.org

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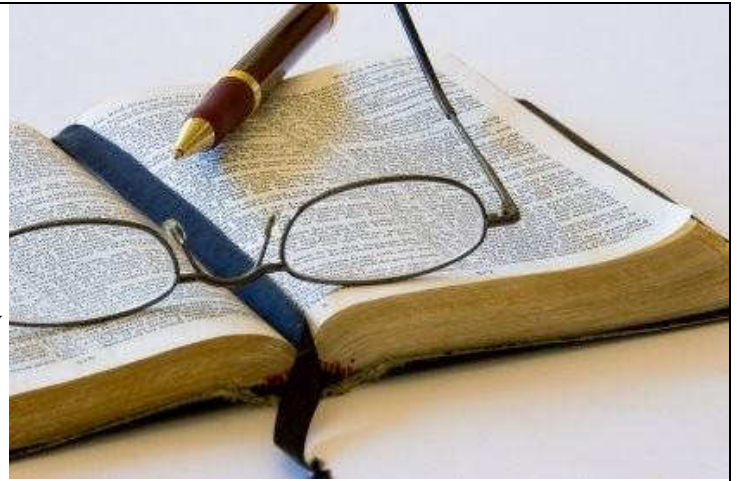


The Birthday List is a work in progress, please let me know if you were omitted or included erroneously.

Cindi Bentley	September 24	Jimmy Stimmel	September 20
Meghan Bauman	September 1	Seth Stimmel	September 19
Rachel Bentley	September 7	Cody Stumbo	September 10
James Robert Fink	September 26	Elaine Thompson	September 18
Anna Gerken	September 2	Buna Nutter	September 8
David Inboden	September 7	Conner Stimmel	September 14
Kyle Inboden	September 23	Wyatt Vollmer	September 26
Samantha Johnson	September 14	Anna Walter	September 9
Dallas Kaufman	September 15	Chase Walter	September 24
Lloyd Nixon	September 17	Kristy Walter	September 27

Five Excellent Bible Study Websites

The Internet offers a vast array of websites for those wanting to study the Bible. You can find everything from devotional studies to outlines to sermons to Greek and Hebrew exegesis. Thousands of public domain Bible commentaries are now available. Today you can find most of what you need online no matter what Bible passage you are studying.



Five recommended Bible study websites:

1. **Bible Outlines** (<http://bibleoutlines.com>)

Paul Apple has a gift for creating usable teaching outlines that help you organize passages of the Bible for teaching and preaching. You probably won't use these outlines verbatim, but they will definitely prime the pump as you develop your own messages.

2. **Precept Austin** (<http://www.preceptaustin.org>)

An encyclopedic gathering of links to Bible studies covering every passage in the Bible. Preaching on Mark? Start here. Zechariah? Start here. Lamentations? Start here. It's all free. Whoever maintains this site is providing a great gift to Bible students around the world.

3. **Biblical Studies Foundation** (<http://www.bible.org>)

Vast collection of Bible expositions covering every book of the Bible plus a huge section of answers to questions about the Bible and theology. Also home to the amazing NET Bible.

4. **Tom Constable's Notes** (<http://www.soniclight.com>)

These free notes amount to a complete commentary on the Bible. And because Dr. Constable constantly updates them, the notes just keep getting better and better.

5. **Online Translations of the Bible** (<http://rockhay.tripod.com/worship/translat.htm>)

There was a time when you had to go to the bookstore to get a new translation. Not any more. Virtually every translation is now available online for free. No website I've found offers more translations than this one. Besides the usual ones, here you can find links to J. B. Phillips, Clarence Jordan, and Jewish translations of the Old Testament.

Fall Family Festival



The 2nd Annual Fall Family Festival will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church 11 AM-5PM, Saturday, October 16. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things, so please see Sharon Stimmel if you would like to help.

11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday, October 16
Volunteers Needed!
See Sharon Stimmel.

Activities for the adults and kids include crafts, games, lard rendering demonstration, quilt show, contests and crafts. Lots of delicious food is on the menu including chicken and noodles, sandwiches, bean soup, fried biscuits w/apple butter and much more. Entertainment will be provided by many gospel musical acts beginning at noon. This year's fun-filled family event promises to be better than ever.