

March hope

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Do Not Worry About the Future

And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it. Daniel 8:27 (ESV)

This one verse gives us a description of how overwhelmed Daniel was when God gave him a glimpse of the future. It made him sick and he had a hard time functioning.

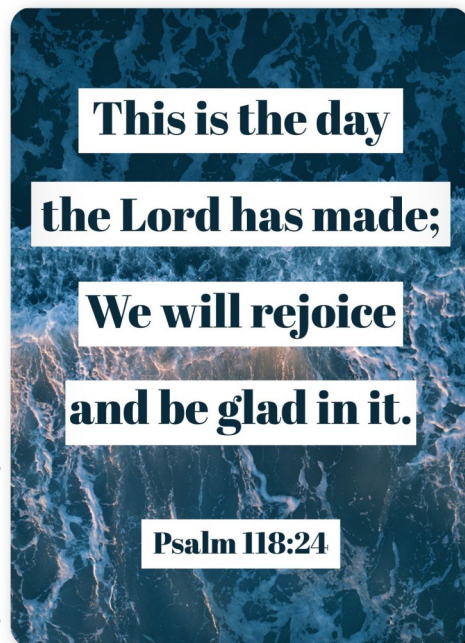
My father-in-law had a saying that I have come to embrace over the years. "I'd no more want to know the future than the man on the moon." There is a lot of wisdom in that simple statement. From the time I was a young boy I always wanted to

—Pastor Josh Huisman

know what my future held. Where would I go to school? Who would I marry? How many children? What job would I have? How would I live? Once those questions

were answered for me I began to ask the same questions for my children. Which led to nothing but anxiousness, worry, and me trying to control a future that should be left to God alone. I also realized that my desire to see the future and control it made me worry about it even more, and that would rob me of the joy of the present moment.

The truth is, if God revealed to us what our future held we



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probably wouldn't be able to handle it. We would be so overwhelmed we would cry out to God for mercy! This was the problem Daniel had when God gave him a vision of the end of times. Daniel couldn't understand what he was seeing, and the disturbing images were too much for his human mind. He became physically ill from the whole encounter.

I believe in my heart that God protects us from knowing too much. His desire is not for us to focus on what will be, but to give thanks and cherish what we have today. Are you giving too much time and attention to something that only the future holds? Why not take a break from that and enjoy the day that the Lord has given you? After all, **THIS** is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Daniel needed time to recover from the vision God gave him of the future. Even as he tried to get on with his life, thoughts of the vision haunted him. Let that be a lesson for those who want to see too much of what only God should know. Embrace the fact that God graciously withholds many things from you. All He asks is that you trust your future, your family's future, and your children's future to Him!

In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus perfectly

explains this to us. He encourages us not to worry about the future. What we will eat or what clothes we will wear. God the father takes care of the flowers and the birds, how much more will he take care of you? With that in mind, what is the solution Jesus gives? *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Matthew 6:33-34
(NIV) God is not worried about your future, and neither should you be.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you placed the stars in the sky one by one. You hold the whole world in the palm of your hand. It shows beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are vastly more qualified to determine than I

am. Even if I don't know what the future holds for me I put my complete trust in you. I realize that seeing it would be too much for me anyway. So Lord, I turn away from my anxious thoughts and give my full trust to you. Thank you for caring for me enough to give me a hope in the future you have prepared. In Jesus Name, Amen.

—Pastor Josh



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS



The New Hope Missions Team would like to highlight a couple key events regarding our missions. First, the New Hope Bible College celebrates the 22nd Commencement Service on Feb 24th, 2024 at their campus in Palunda, India. 21 students are stepping out into full-time Christian ministry in a country where our faith is persecuted. Christianity ranks a distant third, behind Hinduism and Buddhism, with only 2.3% of the 1.3 billion population professing faith in Christ. We pray blessings on each of these new graduates for strength, courage, and encouragement as they face certain trials in the months and years ahead. Thank the Lord for New Hope Bible College!

Second, First Priority of Greater Nashville announces their annual fundraiser at Nashville's Top Golf. First Priority is a student led

high school ministry designed to bring faith into the lives of students who unfortunately are growing up in an increasing perilous world and apathy towards the Church. Thank the Lord for raising up a new generation of brave warriors who are willing to put on the Armor of God to defend their faith. From Steve Cherrico, "It's been a banner year on campus in Middle Tennessee already this school year. We have trained 145 student leaders inside 30 local schools to lead their FP Clubs. 750 students are attending each month and so far 52 students have made the choice to put their hope in Christ during club time. We continue to hear stories beyond the club of families, local churches and friends of FP Students experiencing the good news of Jesus and placing their trust in Christ. Praise God!" Please consider joining them on March 25th.

—Randy Malchow, Missions Deacon



The first weekend of February we had the opportunity to go to Cedar Lake Camp in northern Indiana for a winter retreat. There's something about attending retreats and camps with other believers that grows a person in Christ in a unique way. It's the mountaintop experience that, not only provides precious memories and binds the kids together in a special way, but it gives the strength and wisdom for walking through the valleys which will inevitably come. The theme of our retreat was Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." The speaker encouraged them to really dive into God's Word in their quiet times and immerse themselves in it. We had wonderful small group discussion that would have made all our parents so proud of their kids, and watching the kids worship wholeheartedly with the band would bring tears to your eyes. The Holy Spirit is moving in each generation. Please continue to pray for our

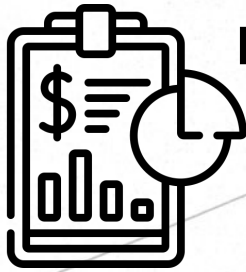
young people, especially as summer camp approaches! It's an important time in their lives!

Luis Palau, the world evangelist who spread the love of Jesus to millions of people across 75 countries and witnessed through 5,000 radio programs in 48 countries, received Jesus as his Lord and Savior at a Christian camp when he was 12 years old. His thoughts on camp, "So many people grow up spiritually and have tremendous change in their life toward the Bible, toward devotions, toward supporting evangelism, toward missions. It is a powerful tool—both camps and conference centers—that, to me, we must never let die."

I encourage you to send your child to camp this summer! And please don't let the cost stand in the way! And if you feel led by the Holy Spirit to donate towards the cost of a student's camp experience, please let a staff member know! Great will be your reward in the kingdom of God! You would be planting eternal seeds for the Lord!

—Sarah Huisman, Middle School Director





Financial Report

You can also view weekly updates on the giving page of our church website!

New Hope Community Church Report to Congregation for the Period Ending January 31, 2024

	Month Ended 1/31/2024		Year to Date 1/31/2024		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	1/31/23	1/31/2023
REVENUES:						
Tithes and Offerings	131,443	68,226	580,860	528,755	544,091	512,692
Rental and Other Income	26	125	2,791	1,975	1,925	1,050
Create Hope Studio Income	2,700	3,797	19,827	23,566	12,534	14,750
Total Revenues	134,169	72,148	603,478	554,296	558,550	528,492
EXPENDITURES:						
Personnel Costs	35,988	36,880	287,996	290,307	271,728	281,075
Outreach and Missions	13,144	7,533	58,086	52,733	55,185	51,269
Ministries:						
Adult	718	942	4,730	6,592	7,662	4,606
Children	912	875	5,484	6,125	4,451	5,058
Nursery	150	375	774	2,625	981	1,373
Pastoral Care	0	0	0	0	0	100
Worship Arts	2,983	3,058	19,731	21,408	16,536	15,375
Youth Middle School	513	492	3,819	3,442	3,511	2,575
Youth High School	293	633	4,727	4,433	2,579	3,379
Create Hope Expense	1,081	3,033	16,964	18,904	12,708	11,410
Administrative & IT	5,327	4,124	30,992	28,869	29,378	26,372
Building, Maintenance & Utilities	11,448	12,412	89,337	86,882	81,938	85,429
Church Activities	1,711	1,742	10,450	12,192	9,385	11,292
Communications	244	300	5,369	2,100	2,650	2,533
Insurance	2,577	2,141	25,298	22,754	15,399	16,473
Rental Expenses	0	83	1,200	583	0	875
Total Expenditures	77,089	74,623	564,957	559,949	514,091	519,194
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	57,080	(2,475)	38,521	(5,653)	44,459	9,298

Restricted Accounts

Due Artful U	0.00
Endowment Fund	68,120.76
Benevolence Fund	15,629.66
Maintenance Reserve Fund	23,940.11
Beautification Fund	61,109.78
Project Fund	0.00
Worship Arts Equip. Reserve Fund	2,485.55
Furniture/Office Equipment Fund	155.39
Camps - Youth	500.00
CHS Scholarship	500.00
Unspent Budgeted Missions	13,799.37
Designated Missions	4,080.00
Women's Ministry	2,500.00
Credit Card	(132.71)
Staff Education Fund	3,456.26
Kitchen Insurance Claim	6,711.33
Total Restricted	<u>202,855.50</u>
Pinnacle Bank Balance and CD's	327,876.26
Restricted Funds Total	<u>202,855.50</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>125,020.76</u>



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

The Children's Ministry of New Hope Community church is always looking for new people to join our team!

Ways you can serve

- Nursery - preschool rotation
Serving once every 4-6 weeks in one of our nursery, toddler, or preschool class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- New Hope Kids Church
Serving once every 4-6 weeks with Ms. Lauren on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- Superbook Academy
Join the fun with Ms. Lauren on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Jesus said, let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.
Matthew 19:14

BABY DEDICATION: Sunday March 17th

A parent's commitment to raise their child in the Lord. For more information on how to participate in this special day or to learn more about serving in our children's ministry please email lauren@newhopechurchtn.org



This Summer Create Hope Studios is offering an ALL-IN-ONE creative arts camp themed:

*"Let Everything that has
breath praise the Lord."*
Psalm 150:6

June 24th – June 28th your child aged 5-12 years old can join Ms. Lauren, Ms. Celia, Ms. Kyla, and Ms. Renee for an exciting week of ART, DANCE, and MUSIC with a VBS style.

Each day kids will enjoy an opening and closing time with Ms. Lauren that will include worship and a daily bible lesson.

They will also be divided into age groups and have a daily rotation of art, music, and dance along with lunch and outside time.

SPOTS FOR THIS CAMP ARE LIMITED!

Sign up today @ createhopestudios.com

On Good Friday, March 29th:

come and experience a theatrical performance set to music, of the final week of Jesus' life on earth. Come and see the lives that were forever changed. **Come and witness the greatest love story of all time; a story of friendship, betrayal, sacrifice, and victory!**

BEHOLD

THE STORY OF SALVATION

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A story written for you and for me.

Come and BEHOLD!



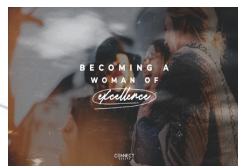
There are TWO 45-minute showtimes on 3/29/24: one at 6pm and another at 7:30pm. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to each showing. Please visit our website and click on the events tab to register for your seats to the show, or scan the QR code!

Women's Ministry Corner!

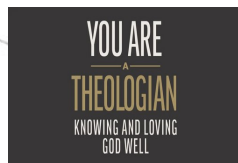
Women's Winter Semester Connect Groups:



4 Priorities: Sunday Mornings at 8:30 in Room 103 with Sandy Kramer



Becoming a Woman of Excellence: Sunday Mornings at 8:30 in Room 101 with Kate Malcow, Jeanna Murray and Kelly Wegner



You are a Theologian: Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 in Room 5 with Janet Wright and Elaine Lovelace

Weekly Prayer Meeting:

- Tuesday mornings @9:30am in Room 6 (Leader: Sheri Hutchison)

Monthly Single Ladies Lunch:

- 3rd Sunday's: Meet at the Welcome Desk immediately following worship service (Leaders: Lynnea Sharp and Tracy Collom)

SAVE THE DATES!

- Ladies Tea: May 18th 12-2pm
- Women's Fall Retreat: September 20-22

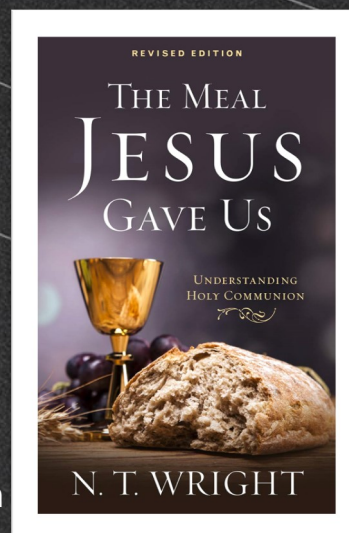


A Book You Should Read

theologian and writer N.T. Wright. He explains in clear and vivid style the background of the Last Supper, the ways in which Christians have interpreted this event over the centuries, and what it all means for us today. If you would like to know the historical context, purpose, and power of Holy Communion, this is a great book to get you started.

This introductory book to a complex subject is written by acclaimed

—Pastor Josh



Here are our current favorite worship songs!

Josh: Worthy One by CLINE

Sarah: Run to the Father by Matt Maher

Lauren: Don't Stop Praying by Matthew West



Karyn: God You Are by We Are Messengers

Gavin: Hurry by Kim Walker-Smith

Sutton: Another One by Elevation Worship

Austin: COUNT 'EM by Brandon Lake

hope at home

The Easter season is here, and the Hope at Home Ministry would like to help you celebrate Easter in your home with your family.

The Hope at Home Ministry is where church and home unite by providing tangible ways for parents, grandparents, couples, and singles to bring your faith home. This month's special resource is our Easter @ Home "Family Guide for the Holy Week."

This handout will walk you through the Holy Week using a daily scripture reading along with age-appropriate ideas and activities for kids and teens. There is even an Easter Day Egg Hunt guide included to help even our smallest children understand why we truly celebrate Easter.

What a blessing it is to pass on your faith to your family!

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

Psalms 145:4