

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP

Cliff's Notes

March is all about Missions! Our theme for the month is "The Church has Left the Building." I believe that is the ideal theme for the church today. It is indeed time for God's church to leave the building and begin fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ. Jesus said, *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Matt.28:19-20) I am both excited and thankful for the numbers of people we have seen accept the Lord and then be baptized this year. We celebrate the fact that God is moving in our church but did you know that in the United States and Canada, there are 255 million people living without Christ? That is three out of every four people you meet. It's time for the church to leave the building!

During the month of March we will be enjoying special weekly emphases, speakers, testimonies, and receiving a weekly World Missions Offering. I ask that you join in and give liberally to this offering opportunity. All of our giving that is designated World Missions or given in a Mission Offering envelope will go directly for mission projects around the world. March is always a great month at New Hope and our mission program helps make it so.

I am so thankful for a church that is not afraid to leave the building and hit the streets for Christ. Our church is blessed with many great "inviters" who readily share their faith and invite new people to Christ and to the church. How are you doing outside the building these days? Make attending every Sunday in March a priority and find out how we are "leaving the building."



March Mission Month Highlights

- March 1 ~ Alan and Sarah Damron, our mission evangelists
- March 8 ~ Pastor Avelino Berroa will share a report about Jehovah Jireh Baptist Church, our Hispanic mission.
- March 15 ~ Harry Black, our Associational Director, will share concerning many of our denominational activities.
- March 22 ~ Brandon Carroll will share about our Amazon emphasis in Peru.
- March 29 ~ Josh Jenkins, our Student Pastor, will share about our mission efforts in Iowa and also about our recent trip to Mexico.

Each Sunday in the month of March, there will be a Missions Offering envelope in your chair so that you may have the opportunity to participate in giving to Missions through New Hope Fellowship.

Eleven Truths about Lifestyle Worship

by Lewis Clark

Truth #6: The Bible declares God, our Creator and Redeemer, to be the One Who deserves our worship.

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to Him Who sits on the throne and Who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sits on the throne, and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being."

He alone is truly worthy.

Our primary goal in corporate worship and in life is the exaltation of God's worthiness in our minds and hearts. *"Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness."* Ps 29:1-2

We must not allow ourselves to be satisfied with vague ideas of the love of Christ which present nothing of His glory to our minds. (John Owen, The Glory of Christ, pg.54)

If we've really encountered the person of Christ, it will cause us to fall humbly before Him and worship. It's not just about a church service, or a devotional, or a Bible study, or a praise song.....it's a lifestyle built around a relationship with the Creator and Redeemer Who deserves our worship!

"There is no more important activity of the human heart than to praise and worship God.
This is the reason we exist. This is our purpose." Michael Coleman

2009 Summer Mission Trips to the Amazon

New Hope Fellowship will host two mission trips to Iquitos, Peru this summer. The first trip is scheduled for June 22-July 2 and the second trip is July 14-24 (this trip is full). If you are interested, call the church office or sign up at the information table on Sunday morning. There will be a brief informational meeting immediately following our worship Sunday, March 1.

What is PS.100?

Psalm 100 says, "...His faithfulness continues to each generation." Because we believe that to be true, we are planning for our next generation. We are trusting God to speak to the hearts of 100 people who will give \$100. a month beyond their regular tithe to PS.100. These funds will go into our restricted building fund account. During the first few weeks we have had 60 sign up and participate. The Pastor is keeping a prayer list of PS.100. participants on his desk and praying for this group daily. In addition, he will be sending out regular updates to the group about the progress of PS.100. You can sign up today at the information table in the rear of the auditorium. Get onboard!

Important Events

⇒ ***B.A.S.E. 201***

March 1 we will offer B.A.S.E. 201 at the RAC from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM. If you have completed B.A.S.E. 101, then you are ready to move around the bases. Please sign up at the information table or call the church office.

⇒ ***Men's Meeting***

Thursday, March 5, all men are invited to a Men's Bible Study, 6:00 AM at the RAC. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

⇒ ***Time Change Sunday***

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday, March 7 before you go to bed.

⇒ ***The Great Giveaway***

Sunday, March 8, 2 PM we will meet at Parson Hills Elementary School for the Great Giveaway.

⇒ ***Men's Meeting***

Thursday, March 19, all men are invited to a Men's Bible Study, 6:00 AM at the RAC. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

⇒ ***B.A.S.E. 101***

March 22 we will offer B.A.S.E. 101 at the RAC from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM. This class is designed to tell you every thing about our church, our beliefs and our priorities. Each participant receives a binder that serves as a church handbook. Completion of this class is required for church membership. Please sign up at the information table or call the church office, 750-4673.

⇒ ***Baptism Service***

Sunday, March 29, we will baptize during our morning worship. If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office and someone will be happy to share with you about baptism and the details of that morning.