



## ***Cliff's Notes***

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### ***DON'T MISS THE NEXT TWO LIFE CHANGING SUNDAYS!***

If you had the chance to attend just two more Sundays this year, the first two Sundays in April would qualify to be those two days. Not often do I declare a Sunday to be an absolute must but these two Sundays really are a must, not only for you but for all of your family members and friends. The Easter season is here and we believe the Lord is going to make an impact in each of our lives so significant that the change will be of a glorious proportion. For the next two Sundays my prayer is that we feel the pain of His death and experience the glory of the resurrection. This Easter season will be the most unique celebration in our history. Do what you must to be present and bring as many people as you can. A recent survey says that 82% of respondents said they would attend church on Easter if they were invited. Let's get to work and invite everyone we know and everyone we meet to join us on these two important, life changing Sundays. I continually thank the Lord for your faithfulness in inviting people to our church.

## ***Please, Don't Call It Camp***

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***by Josh Jenkins***

Have you struggled with your teenager? Does your student ever display an attitude that is self-centered? Does he or she refuse to share their things? Does your student envy what other people have – beg for gadgets or designer clothes as if his/her life depends on it? Has your teenager recently been more isolated, or pulled away from your family life? If any of these sound familiar, I have some answers.

Some youth ministries do summer camps. We don't. Please don't think that I'm against a camp, I'm not. Summer Camp can be great for some kids. The opportunity for team building, healthy competition, and plenty of fun are great for teenagers. If you have a teenager, and would like them to have a camp experience, there are plenty of options available.

So why doesn't the youth ministry at New Hope do summer camp? Because we're a church, and God calls churches to minister to others – to reach out. Each summer, we take a mission trip in youth ministry. It's an opportunity for students to practice living their faith in the real world. It's a chance for them to learn to serve those less fortunate, and to appreciate the life they have.

I do think some parents misunderstand mission trip. They may think it's just a time when a bunch of kids get together to have fun for a week. They're wrong. Mission trip is about experiential teaching. Students learn to see life from a very different perspective. They gain a self-less look at the world as they practice living with humility, and supporting those who have very little.

Mission trip is an opportunity for your child to gain an eternal perspective on the reality of life in this world. Camps are great, but no camp can teach this vital life-lesson. Jesus commanded us to go and serve. We're on mission for God, and whatever you call it, please don't call it a camp.

# ***My First Year at New Hope***

*by Lewis Clark*

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I'm taking a break from the Worship Series to stop and reflect. I'm now finishing up my first year as the worship leader at New Hope and I would like to share a few observations.

First of all, I don't consider myself a worship leader. I help coordinate the music at New Hope and facilitate as one of the lead worshipers. I am blessed to work with an incredible team of talented musicians, technicians, and all-round smart people. I am also blessed to work with folks who are seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are all at different places in our spiritual journey, but we are all growing together nonetheless. That's important. As we provoke worship on Sunday morning I hope it is a reflection of our own dedication and commitment in our daily lives. But don't be too critical, sanctification is a process and we're all a work in progress!

Secondly, I have grown to realize there are some very authentic and sincere folks in our church family. We come together bringing our real life experiences, every day struggles, with a bunch of challenges, looking forward to the encouragement we draw from each other. From little comments said as we brush against each other on Sunday morning, to the relationships being cultivated in Lifebuilder groups, the Holy Spirit is at work in each of us! Now that's real ministry! Thank you for ministering to me and Jan!

Thirdly, I couldn't have taken on the music responsibilities at New Hope without the strong, constant support, and encouragement of my best friend and soul-mate, Jan. She is my constant source of strength and often very wise suggestions. Her loyalty to her faith has been tested many times through her life and she has come out unscathed and faithful. She defines God's mercy and grace in my life every day. I obeyed the first guy-rule of relationships..... "out-marry yourself!"

Last and most important, I want to thank Jesus Christ for dying on the cross for our sins. He is the reason we can sing. He is the reason we clap our hands. He is the reason we wake up and smile knowing that no matter what comes across our path, He loves us and will get us through it. I love Him with all my heart and I will continue to praise Him for the rest of my life. He has chosen New Hope to pour His message to the lost and allow others to grab hold of the incredible life in Christ that we experience everyday!

So with all that, let's come together and take advantage of the freedom we have to worship together. Let's use each Sunday morning as a safe harbor to allow God to message our hearts with his Way, Truth, and Life. Then, we pull up anchor and sail out to ride the stormy seas, telling others that there is hope in nothing or no one else but the person of Jesus Christ!

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## ***Important Events***

### ⇒ ***Ironmen's Meeting***

Thursday, April 2, all men are invited to a Men's Bible Study, 6:00 AM at the RAC. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

### ⇒ ***Palm Sunday, April 5***

### ⇒ ***Children's Easter Event-Sunday, April 5***

Immediately following church all preschool and elementary children and their families are invited to Harlon and Jean Earp's home at 149 Ireland in Springdale. There will be fun games, Easter crafts and a Bible lesson time. Lunch will be provided.

### ⇒ ***Lord's Supper***

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn we will observe the Lord's Supper.

### ⇒ ***Easter, April 12***

Be sure to invite a friend for this special Easter Sunday.

### ⇒ ***B.A.S.E. 101***

Monday, April 13 we will offer B.A.S.E. 101 at the RAC from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. This class is designed to tell you everything 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 on Sunday morning or online at [www.newhopefellowship.com](http://www.newhopefellowship.com).

### ⇒ ***Ironmen's Work Day, April 18***

All men are invited to attend breakfast, 6:30 AM at the RAC. After breakfast we will divide into small groups that will go to the homes of some of our more mature adults, single parents and widows to assist with odd jobs.

### ⇒ ***Golf Tournament and Picnic***

April 19 is our spring Golf Tournament. We will begin at 1:00 PM with a shotgun start at The Creeks with a church-wide picnic to follow at 5:00 PM. Bring the whole family for burgers while the little ones jump in the bounce house. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Our Lifebuilder groups are bringing the side dishes and desserts. Stop by the information table to sign up for the Golf Tournament or call the church office at 750-4673, the cost is \$45. Remember to bring a blanket or some lawn chairs!

### ⇒ ***Dave Ramsey, "Town Hall for Hope"***

Thursday, April 23 at 7PM at the RAC. This is a nationwide town hall meeting led by Dave Ramsey. Dave will offer straight talk about the economy, recession, foreclosures and more. This live broadcast is a free event.

### ⇒ ***Women of Hope Retreat***

Our Women's Ministry is having it's annual retreat April 24-25 at Sonshine Mountain Retreat Center. Sign up at the women's table or call the church office, 750-4673.

### ⇒ ***Baptism Service***

Sunday, April 26, 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.