



# The Bell



It's that time of year again. Summer Vacation! The next issue of the BR will be September. Have a great summer and remember...do not take a vacation from worship.

Hebrews 12:18-24 tells us that worship is more than just the gathering of saints in an earthly sanctuary. When we praise God alongside His people we actually enter heaven itself, bearing witness with the angels to our Lord's holiness and beauty. We should, therefore, never consider worship as something dull and dreary, for we enter into the gates of heaven and join the angels in God's throne room singing praises of His majesty.

(taken from *Tabletalk*)

The Bell Rope Staff

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**OUR MISSION IN WORSHIP**

*To glorify God by exalting Christ while using Biblical elements as interpreted in the rich tradition of the Reformed Faith. By Reformed, we mean that we are of the Calvinistic heritage and ever seeking to conform our beliefs and lives to the Word of God.*

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN?**

*Submitted By: Pat Hodge*

**A**s I write this article, I am excited about our upcoming congregational meeting to hear a recommendation from the Pastoral Search Committee. Where are we headed, will there be a call extended to God's man that will lead us to the next season in the life of New Hope?

What are we expecting: Someone to preach and teach God's Word; Someone to be a pastor and shepherd to our members; Someone to be an evangelist and grow the church--(Spiritually, numerically & financially); Someone to be a church administrator? Are we looking for an all-in-all?

All of the above are good! But, we cannot expect one person to do it all. I have heard the statement that "we need to do something soon or New Hope is going to be in trouble as a church." That is probably a true statement. But, the key word in that statement is "We." So, my question to me and you is, "What can I do to help turn New Hope around and make effective change for God at New Hope? This is God's church and we are mandated to be faithful to Him and seek to glorify Him in all we do at Church and in the world. There are a lot of good things to be involved in at New Hope: Worship Service; Sunday school; Prayer Meeting; MOC & WIC meetings; Fellowship lunch on Sundays and Choir. What are you involved in? What are you missing out on? If new ventures are tried, will you support them?

Sometimes, it is disheartening to see so many of the above not attended. The lack of attendance in Sunday school and Sunday afternoon prayer meeting is hard to grasp. It seems it is the same few. Is collective prayer not important? Our present Sunday schedule was adopted because we have a number of families that have some distance to travel and it enables them to make one trip for the day. Maybe there needs to be a change, maybe not.

I would encourage all of us to read 1 Peter 5:1-11. Examine what it says to you. Let's not put blame on others, let's not expect a new minister to be the answer. But, let's ask ourselves, "What can I do to help New Hope become the Church God expects it to be?"

*All of the above is for Pat Hodge. If it speaks to you, God bless.*

**From the Book of Church Order Chapter 57– Paragraph 5**

*The time having come for the making of a public profession, and those who have been approved by the Session having taken their places in the presence of the congregation, the minister may state that:*

**Of the number of those who were baptized in infancy as members of the Church of God by birthright, and as heirs of the covenant promises, the Session has examined and approved (call them by name), who come now to assume for themselves the full privileges and responsibilities of their inheritance in the household of faith.**

*If there be present any candidates for Baptism, the minister may state that:*

**As applicants for admission into the Church of God by Baptism, which is a sign and seal of our engrafting into Christ, and of our engagement to be the Lord's, the Session has examined and approved (call them by name), who are cordially welcomed into the fellowship of the household of faith.**

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### Pray without Ceasing

First and foremost, when we pray God says to “keep asking the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, that He may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, SO THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM BETTER.” Ephesians 1:17

**Pray for our nation and its leaders;** for true spiritual revival; for conviction of sin; and turning back to God.

**Pray for our missionaries:** Guillermo Salinas, Gary Alward, Rick Brawner, Stephen Speaks, Rob Hamby, Will Faires, Gary Watanabe, Paul Henry, Mo Montenegro, Ryan Culbertson, Brooks Cain, Mark Faires. Ministry of Calvary Home for Children.

**Pray** for Lillian Evans, Shirley Riggles, Terry Love, Joel Bailey, Rev. George Busch, Jimmy & Judy Copeland and Dr. Benson Cain in their various struggles.

**Pray for New Hope :** Session, Deaconate, Pastoral Search Committee and other various committees.

### NOTE FROM THE SESSION

F.Y.I.

The Session and Deacons will meet June 21, July 19 & August 16, 2017 at 7 pm. Please let the officers know of specific prayer request or any spiritual needs you may have.

### A Note From The Heart,

It's a blessing to be in God's house worshipping with my New Hope Church family. Since that hasn't been possible for several months, I still feel that closeness with my Lord and all of you on the Sabbath. Every Sunday morning Rick brings me a bulletin and the CD from the previous Sunday's service. With my Bible and hymnbook I worship with you, thinking of where each one of you sit in the Sanctuary. I follow the order of worship from the Prelude to the Benediction. I am just Providentially unable to join in corporate worship with you. Also, I pray every night for all of you and thank you for your prayers for me. The Lord has sent godly men to New Hope Church to share His Word, and I also pray for them. God can use each one of us wherever we are. I'm very grateful that I can serve Him right here in my home, covered by His love and presence.

Because of Him, Frances Culbreth

Lake Greenwood will be celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks over the lake on Saturday, July 1st. You are all invited to our home:

(508 Sparrow Rd., Greenwood, 29649)  
from 4:00 pm until.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, cups, plates, utensils, ketchup, mustard, mayo and pickles will be provided. Please bring go-alongs and your lounge chair.

Please let us know by June 25th if you plan to come.

See you there. *Rod and Jane Block*

### A Monthly Devotion

by John Latham

### “WHEN YOUR LOVE GROWS COLD”

*Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*

JOHN 15:13

As human beings we go through an enormous variety of emotions. Feelings are part of life's color; when we don't feel anything, life can seem flat and drab.

As tough as it is to admit, loving our Lord falls in this category. While His love for us is constant and eternal, some days, because we are human and sinful beings, we don't naturally feel a sense of love overflowing toward Him.

When we find loving our Lord cold, how do we renew our love for Him? We do this by reading His Word, by remembering His suffering for us. I am amazed at how glibly we repeat those words, “Christ died for my sins,” without considering the incredible truth contained therein. When we remember Christ's anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, the agony He suffered at the hands of the high priest and Pontius Pilate, the separation from His Father, the excruciating death He endured on the cross, then love for our Lord and Savior should flood our hearts. This is why the Lord's Supper is vital. It reminds us of His sufferings on our behalf. When we fix our minds on that thought ~ that our Creator died in our place ~ our love for Him will be renewed.

Whenever you feel that your love for the Lord has grown cold, climb the mountain of Calvary and breathe in the fresh air from Heaven This will renew your soul and increase your spiritual vitality. Spend time with Him daily in His Word.

*I love Thee, because Thou has first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, My Jesus 'tis now.*

CORRIE TEN BOOM

### Cont'd from page 1 *BOCO Chapter 57 Paragraph 5*

*The minister may then address those making a profession in the following terms:*

**(All of) you being here present to make a public profession of faith, are to assent to the following declarations and promises, by which you enter into a solemn covenant with God and His Church.**

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?**
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?**
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?**
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?**
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?**

*The minister may now briefly admonish those making a profession of faith as to the importance of the solemn obligations they have assumed; then baptism may be administered, if there be present any candidates for the ordinance, and the whole concluded with prayer.*

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WITHOUT MIXING IT WITH  
ANY OTHER THING WHICH  
MIGHT BE DEvised BY THE  
OPINION OF MEN APART FROM  
THE WORD OF GOD."  
*~ The Geneva Confession*

<b>Session</b>	<b>Class of</b>
John Cook	2019
Pat Hodge	2021
Barry Jones	2021
Wayne Sears	2019
Don Leslie	2021
<b>Deacons</b>	
Glenn Ellis	2017
Justin McCurry	2019

*Opportunities for Worship & Service*

*Sunday* 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
12:00 noon Church-Wide Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Prayer Ministry  
*Wed.* 6:30 p.m. Various Meetings & Ministries

