

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Oliver Akers Bill & Valerie Duniap Evening Services, 6pm Youth, 6-8pm	2 Kingdom Builders, Bus leaves at 6:30pm	3 Sue Harris Bill Duniap	4 Jessi Bowler Brayden Hunt Carson Rinsch Kyle Ophem	5 Erin Bowler Sue Schultz Luke Farrar Carin Pedigo Kierstin Weiss	6 AJ Cornwell Sharlene Howard	7 Oliver Akers Bill & Valerie Duniap Evening Services, 6pm Youth, 6-8pm
8 Bryer Duniap SOLAR Eclipse Day	9 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	10 Dee Stout Diann Grimes Donna Preston Allan & Glenna Engel Senior Saints Outing, Bus leaves at 4:30pm	11 18 Edith Miller Greg & Kylee McKinney	12 Bill Cox Dennis Brashear Kyle & Janie Brunson Dennis & Deana Brashear	13 Wabash Valley Christian Institute	14 Lylah Seed Evening Services, 6pm Youth Nerf Night, 6-8pm
15 Driven, 6-7:30pm	16 Brenden Mattingly	17 Brenden Mattingly	18 Edith Miller Greg & Kylee McKinney	19 Trevor Lockhart Lance & Jennifer Grimes Spotlight Night, 6:30pm	20 Kerry Hill Lonny Bellville Diana Hunt Trent Masterson Donnie & Jane Gray Spring Cleaning, 9am-3pm	21 Evening Services, 6pm Youth, 6-8pm
22 Joyce Scofield Dan & Robyn Shields	23 Terri Combs	24 Brandon Young Eli Gardner Jordan & Sarah Venema	25 26 Deanna Brian Cassie Mills	27 FOOD PANTRY ITEMS OF THE MONTH: Ketchup Brownie Mix Chef Boyardee		28 Kal Seifert Red Hill Baccalaureate Service here, 6pm
29 Joyce Scofield Dan & Robyn Shields	30 Gloria Kelly Janie Brunson Jason & Melinda Young Aaron & Taylor Seed					

The Kingdom Builders Men's Fellowship will meet at the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church on **Monday, April 1st** at 7:00 pm. Men from New Hope will leave at 6:30 pm.



Senior SAINTS

The New Hope Senior Saints will travel to the Log Inn in Warrenton, IN on **Wednesday, April 10th**. The bus will leave at 4:30 pm. Sign up in the hallway.

Our monthly Children's Program will take place **Monday, April 15th** (new date due to the Eclipse) from 6:00-7:30pm. As on a typical night of Driven, we will start with a meal followed by games, songs, Bible Story, and lots of fun! Driven is for all PreK-5th grade students. We hope to see your students this month!




MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mother Daughter Banquet
Saturday, May 11th
5:00pm

The Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on **Saturday, May 11th** at 5:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted this month for ladies who would like to attend and for guys who are able to help cook & serve the meal.

Graduation Sunday will be **Sunday, May 19th**. If you have an 8th grade, High School, or College student graduating this school year then please let the NHCC Office know by April 28th.



LIP SYNC BATTLE
Sunday, June 9th
6:00pm
Special performances by our New Hope Small Groups & More!

The Annual Lip Sync Battle will be held on **Sunday, June 9th** at 6:00pm. We are looking for talented individuals & groups who would like to perform. If that's you then contact Jennifer Grimes or Audra Caldwell in the NHCC Office today.

STUBA
Living into friendship with God

Sign-up to volunteer at VBS this Summer!
Check it out online at www.newhopegps.org/vbsvol

BILL'S BILLBOARD

Bob Russell recently wrote on his blog the following, entitled, **REPENT & REVERSE YOUR THINKING.**

John the Baptist paved the way for Jesus by proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2).

Jesus Christ Himself preached: "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15).

Simon Peter concluded the first gospel sermon with the command, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you..." (Acts 2:38).

The final book of the Bible opens with, "If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place" (Revelation 2:5).

I'm convinced the first message that our spiritually rebellious culture needs to hear today is not, "God loves you." While that is certainly true, it can leave the impression that our sin is trivial and that God loves and accepts us with no strings attached. For instance, when confronted with his wicked ways, Heinrich Heine, the 19th-century German poet, flippantly responded, "God will forgive me. That's his job!"

A mother who sees her toddler wandering onto a busy street doesn't call out, "Mommy loves you!" She screams, "Stop! Turn around! Get back here!" The primary need of our lost world is to be convicted of sin and understand the dire consequences of their rebellion against God. Jesus warned, "...unless you repent, you too will all perish" (Luke 13:3).

Once convicted of sin, hopefully, in a spirit of contrition, lost souls will be ready to hear the good news that God loves them despite their sin and that He sent Jesus as an atoning sacrifice for sin. But the Lord requires they reverse the way they think, feel, and behave and take up their cross daily and follow Jesus.

The Greek word for repentance is (μετάνοια) "Metanoia" – from the root words "meta," which means change, and "nous," which refers to the mind. Once we change our mind, we are in a position to receive God's forgiveness and for the Holy Spirit to help us change our behavior. But repentance begins with changing our worldview, reversing the way we think about our existence.

The Amplified Bible paraphrases Matthew 3:2 as, "Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God's purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Bob is right! Our culture needs to know that God loves them, but even more importantly, they need to know that repentance is essential!

When King David repented, he focused on three things in Psalm 51. (1) He accepted personal responsibility for his sin [vs. 1-4], (2) He asked God for a new start [vs. 7-12], and (3) He committed himself to greater service [vs. 13-15]. Repentance is absolutely essential. You cannot become a Christian without knowing how to repent, and you cannot remain a Christian without knowing how to repent.

Let's be willing to change our inner self, our old way of thinking, and seek God's purpose for our lives.

---Bro. Bill

New Hope Food Pantry



APRIL ITEMS OF THE MONTH

- Brownie Mix
- Ketchup
- Chef Boyardee

Items can be brought to New Hope, Monday-Friday 8am-12pm, or on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping keep the pantry shelves full so we can continue to support our community.



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 7th & 21st: Youth Group | 6-8pm

Join us in the youth house from 6-8pm. We will start with prayer at 5:30pm.

April 14th: Nerf Night! | 6-8pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for pizza and all kinds of Nerf battles. Bring your own Nerf guns! Eye protection and darts will be provided.

April 28th: No Youth Group

We will not have a regular youth night, but will instead meet in the church for the Red Hill High School Baccalaureate Service at 6pm. We will hang out in the youth house until 8 once the service is over.

Mystery Dinner Sign-Ups

Sign-up for the Mystery Dinner! You don't want to miss out on this Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on May 5th! Roles will be assigned as soon as we have enough students to fill them. Sign-up online by April 14th at www.newhopegpps.org/mysterydinner.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming Youth news:
Text: NHYOUTH to 970-00
Facebook.com/groups/newhopeccyouth
Pickup a monthly Youth Calendar in the hallway

SERVING IN APRIL

Traditional Service 8:30am:

CALL TO WORSHIP
APR 7 David Green
APR 14 Greg Smith
APR 21 Larry Bellville
APR 28 Mike Leighty

AT HIS TABLE
APR 7 Steve Williams (c & o)
APR 14 Randy Smith (c & o)
APR 21 Allan Engel (c & o)
APR 28 Greg Smith (c & o)

GREETERS
APR 7 Jordan Venema Family
APR 14 Ed & Deanna Brian
APR 21 Jim & Gloria Kelly
APR 28 Shirley Bates

SONG LEADERS
APR 7 Allan Engel
APR 14 Dave Logan
APR 21 Susan Newell
APR 28 Dave Logan

1ST SERVICE NURSERY
APR Sue Schultz

Sunday School 9:50-10:30am:

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY
APR 7 Sarah Venema
APR 14 Cindy Greentree
APR 21 Sarah Wattles
APR 28 Emily Combs

Contemporary Service 10:45am:

GREETERS
APR 7 Dan Shields Family
APR 14 Michael Hunt Family
APR 21 Chris Seed Family
APR 28 Kerry Hill Family

COMMUNION
APR 7 Kerry Hill
APR 14 Luke Brown
APR 21 Jeannie Vaughn
APR 28 Andy Millis

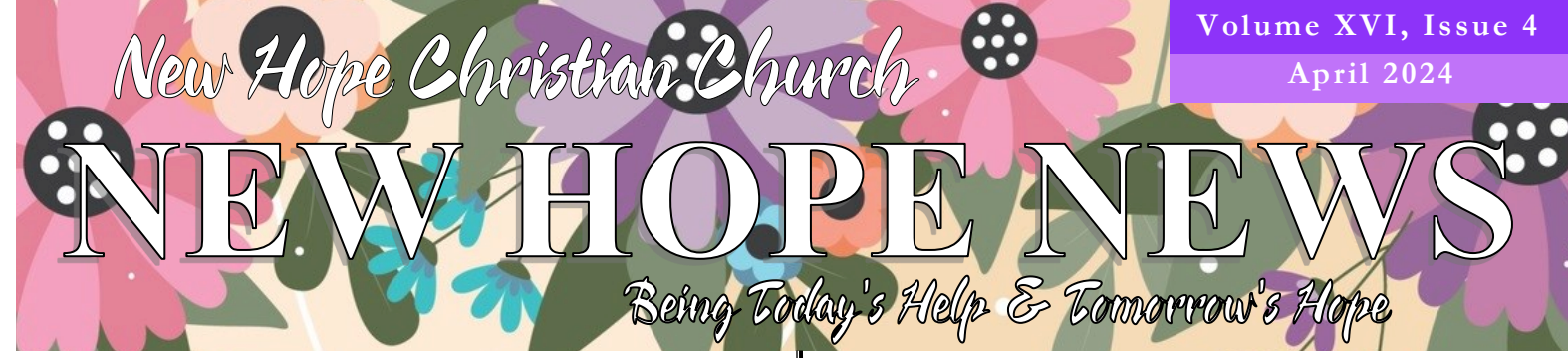
ELEVATE JR: PreK-K
APR 7 Kyrstin Hotchkiss (Kyia Hotchkiss & Carin Pedigo)
APR 14 Vicky Johnson & Cindy Greentree (Gage Wattles)
APR 21 Abbie Vaughn (Levi Combs & Willie Silverthorne)
APR 28 Vicky Johnson & Whitney Millis (McKinlee Grimes)

ELEVATE: 1st-3rd
APR 7 Kendahl Clevy (Elijah Caldwell)
APR 14 Lindy Parkes (Grace Hunt)
APR 21 Lily Combs (Chloe Seed)
APR 28 Cindy Greentree (Brenden Mattingly)

ELEVATE: 4th - 5th
APR 7 Audra Caldwell (Bradley Buchanan)
APR 14 Jamie Johnson (Olivia Johnson)
APR 21 Andy Millis (Sammy Combs)
APR 28 Audra Caldwell (Olivia Hayes)

ELEVATE & ELEVATE JR CHECK-IN/OUT
APR 7 Beth Buchanan
APR 14 Audra Caldwell
APR 21 Stacey Stout
APR 28 Kaeli Bell

NURSERY
APR 7 Jessica Tully (Hallie Tully)
APR 14 Whitney Millis (Abby Hunt)
APR 21 Emily Combs (Susie Silverthorne)
APR 28 Allison Gardner (Norah Gardner)



We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive here at New Hope in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, April 9th** from 1:30-6:00pm. You can schedule your donation appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org.



The April Spotlight Night will be on **Friday, April 19th** at 6:30pm. Join Cassie Schultz as she leads "Praise & Random Thoughts". This will be an informal worship night that you won't want to miss. It will be held in the NHCC Auditorium. Come join her!



Our annual Spring Cleaning Day will be on **Saturday, April 20th** from 9:00am-3:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come serve with your church family while we give NHCC a deep cleaning. There will be a task for everyone, young & old. Lunch will be provided.



The Wabash Valley Christian Institute will be held **April 5th - 6th** here at New Hope. Terry Carter, President of Summit Theological Seminary in Peru, Indiana will be with us to teach the Book of Daniel. Bob Beckman, of Grayville, Illinois, will also teach on Systems Driven Preaching. If you'd like to attend, see Bro. Bill for registration information.



Students from Kindergarten all the way to College can participate in Summer Camp! New Hope helps students who attend our church by covering registration costs at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in Flora, IL and Camp Illiana in Washington, IN. Registration to these camps must be completed on their webpages. Please talk to Andy Millis or Audra Caldwell, in the NHCC Office, if you have questions.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

TRADITIONAL: 8:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:50 AM
CONTemporary FUSION: 10:45AM
SUNDAY NIGHT: 6:00PM

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New Hope Staff:

Bill Cox.....Preacher
Audra Caldwell.....Children's Minister & Small Group Coordinator
Andy MillisYouth Minister
Jennifer Grimes.....Administrative Assistant

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Weekly Numbers

3/3/24	3/10/24
A.M.....206	A.M.....216
GENERAL FUND.....\$4221.82	GENERAL FUND.....\$5995.82
BLDG FUND.....\$427.50	BLDG FUND.....\$512.50
MISSIONS.....\$1395.00	MISSIONS.....\$992.00

3/17/24

A.M.....202
GENERAL FUND.....\$5384.82
BLDG FUND.....\$527.50
MISSIONS.....\$2380.00

HE MAKES ALL THINGS beautiful IN HIS TIME.
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

