

NEW HOPE NEWSLETTER

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A New Year's Message

"Plane crashes, automobile wrecks and other tragedies remind us how quickly life can end. The Bible tells us that life is extremely brief; that 'we spend our years as a tale that is told'; that it is 'swifter than the weaver's shuttle'; that it is like 'grass that withers' and as 'flowers that fade.'

As we turn the calendar to a new year, we once again come face-to-face with the reality that our days on this earth are numbered. Yesterday is past. Its events are already in the books of God's remembrance. . .

The older we become, the more insistent the clock seems to be. Millions of people go to work every day by the clock. There seems to be no pity and no mercy from the clock. People know the pressures of time: racing from engagement to engagement, fitting this in with that, giving five minutes here and 15 minutes there. Time haunts us all.

The Bible speaks of time this way: 'What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.'

No thoughtful person can approach the new year without some introspection. We look back over the failures, the mistakes, the missed opportunities, and we vow that we will make better use of our time during the new year. . .

The prayer request that all of us should make as we stand on the threshold of the new year is this: 'Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.' . . .

The only time we have is now. God's forgiveness is now. The trouble is that although God says, 'Today,' we so often respond, 'Tomorrow.' We say, 'Tomorrow I will begin a new life,' or, 'Tomorrow I will walk with God.' Then when tomorrow comes, we are still saying, 'Tomorrow'—and so the years pass. Will death come and find us still saying, 'Tomorrow, tomorrow'? Don't say, 'Tomorrow'; say, 'Today I will receive Christ.' . . .

God has promised not only to live with us, but in us. God the Holy Spirit will come and dwell in our hearts now. Anyone who truly desires him, who will meet his conditions, may receive him. And he will take up residence now—today—in your hearts if we will obey the Scripture: 'Harden not your hearts.'

What a glad farewell to the old year, knowing that all our sins and all our failures are gone! What a fearlessness is ours when we realize all that the future may have in store!"

Article written by Billy Graham that was published in the January 1992 issue of [Decision Magazine](#)



MEETS WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS AT 6PM
IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROOM
RESUMING JAN 13TH
CONTACT DEANN SUTTON: 903-312-1541



EVENTS IN JANUARY

- 3 Men's Breakfast 8AM
- 6 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 8 Trailblazers 6PM (Location is to be announced)
- 9 Senior Adults Game Day 1-4PM in the fellowship hall
- 10 Hospitality Luncheon 12PM
- 11 GMAs & Sunbeams 4PM
- 20 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 23 Senior Adults Game Day 1-4PM in the fellowship hall
- 25 GMA Lunch Fundraiser following 10:50AM service
- 25 GMAs & Sunbeams 4PM
- 25 Leadership Meeting 5PM, Business Meeting 7PM

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- JAN 7 & 21 AT 7PM
CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

TECHNOLOGY- WORK DAYS AS NEEDED
CHAIR: MARK MYERS

BUILDING & GROUNDS- JAN 11 AT 4:30PM
CHAIR: PHIL STEPHENS

SAFETY- JAN 4 AT 5PM
CHAIR: FRANKIE SPENCER

MISSIONS- JAN 11 AT 5PM
CHAIR: CODY FRANCISCO

DEACONS- JAN 18 AT 5PM
CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY STUDIES

MON 6PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME

TUES 6PM- GRIEFSHARE

WED 6PM- ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

WED 7PM- CHILDRENS & YOUTH

THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available. Please feel free to reach out to our deacons, Hospitality team, and Helping Hands:

Deacon: Bunky Fortner: 903-258-2375

Hospitality Team: Diannea Stephens: 616-617-3864

Marci Curry: 903-283-5482

Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Annalee McCallum
- 4 Gary Love
- 4 Judy Stine
- 4 Judson Clamon
- 5 Kim Sauceman
- 6 Larry Allbritton
- 7 Jay Williams
- 8 Michael Holland
- 11 Cavin Taylor
- 15 Barbara Borrego
- 15 Stephanie Margos
- 15 Matthew Scott
- 16 Mike DeLong
- 17 Pat Dulin
- 18 Cindy Cain
- 18 Tim Hubbard
- 19 Shana Kovic
- 20 Colby Francisco
- 21 Tommy Stephens
- 21 Star Chreiman
- 22 Emily Fortner
- 23 Debbie Scarberry
- 23 Phil Stephens
- 23 Gail DeLong
- 24 Versie Aycox
- 24 Mary Osborne
- 25 Lincoln Davis
- 25 Lilah Davis
- 27 Jerry Coley
- 28 Sherry Patterson
- 29 Joyce Willard

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Cody & Stacy Francisco
- 7 Tim & Vickie Williamson
- 11 Jim & Shara Hanson
- 11 Steve & Gail Turner
- 16 Jerry Bruce & Sheree Mize
- 19 George & Alayana Hutton
- 20 Trenton & Emily SirLouis
- 27 Claude & Judy Stine
- 28 Pat & Janice Dulin

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