

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



MAY 2024

Search Team Announces Pastor Candidate!

We have good news! The Pastor Search Team is now, hopefully, in the final stages of finding our new Pastor! Of the seven candidates we had to consider, **Jacques Van Rensburg** has won our team's unanimous vote of confidence. Tim Cole and our team



have carried out a thorough vetting process, and we feel Jacques is the best man for the job. He fully meets the qualifications of our job description and has demonstrated strong leadership skills in his current pastorate over the past 14 years, as well as in his previous ministries. Jacques is an evangelist at heart, a deeply-committed pastor, and a great husband and father. He genuinely desires to serve Christ and his church through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Jacques and his wife, **Lizelle**, first learned about the pastor search at New Hope through their friendship with Steve and Christina Morales. The Van Rensburg's are from South Africa and are doing a great job for the Lord there, but for some time now they have felt the Lord calling them to come to the United States to either start a church or to help an existing church reach more people for Jesus. Our search team has been asking God to make it absolutely clear who should be our next Pastor here at New Hope, and we believe God is doing just that. After fervent prayer, the search team is confident that **Jacques and Lizelle** are the people God wants to serve here.

This is a big decision for us all, so we are flying the Van Rensburg's to the U.S. to be with us from **May 28th to June 14th**. They will worship with us on **June 2nd** and then Jacques will preach for us on **June 9th**, the day of our church picnic so we can all get to know them better. We will also have a couple of informal Q&A Sessions to give everyone the opportunity to feel as solid about Jacques and Lizelle as we do. The members of New Hope will vote on Jacques's candidacy on June 16th. Both the Van Rensburg's and us need to know that New Hope is the Church that God is calling them to serve with. We thank you for your prayers and ask you to keep seeking the Lord's will with us. Please pray for Jacques and Lizelle by name because this is a very big change for them and their family.

Blessings, Steve Morales and the Search Team

Sunday Services

Bible School for adults
9:15 A.M.
Worship Service
10:30 A.M.

Staff

Jon M Ulm
Pastor

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Helping
People
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New Hope
in Jesus!



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Pastor Jon's Musings

Pray First has been an amazing experience, hasn't it?! I am pleased that so many of you are participating the way you are! We ran out of the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting books two times and had to order more! Since then, many of you have said what a positive and helpful time this effort has been for your faith and a deepening relationship with God. I have loved hearing the testimonies some of you have shared with everyone in our worship services. We will take time for them again next Sunday. We need to finish strong this week and rejoice together in what the Lord is showing us and teaching us. If you are running behind on the 21 Days (or maybe haven't even started), you can continue at your own pace and finish it up soon. When you do, you will receive a great benefit from devoting this extra time to the Lord.

I was very excited that Steve Morales and the Search Team announced our new Pastor Candidate on Sunday, Jacques Van Rensburg! I have read everything I can on Jacques and his wife, Lizelle, and watched his sermon video and even Face-Timed with the two of them last week. I fully support the Search Team's recommendation to bring Jacques and Lizelle here at the end of May to see if God wants to put New Hope and the Van Rensburg's together in ministry. I was impressed with Jacques's answers on the questionnaire we gave our candidates and also the theological interview Tim Cole had with him on video. Even though he is not from our same fellowship of churches, Jacques is a non-denominational pastor who is true to the Lord and bases everything he does and believes on the Word of God. I am satisfied that he is a good fit for us theologically, but I encourage everyone to ask whatever questions you want to of him when he and Lizelle come here. It's obvious they both want to see the church grow and reach as many people as we can for Jesus. Please take the time while they are here to get to know them and to sense the tremendous hearts they have for the Lord.

Things are continuing to shape up for our mission trip to Liberia on May 23rd. Michael Briggs, Andrew and Christina Keeney, and I will team up for two leadership seminars, preach in two different churches, lead a one-day marriage seminar, and conduct a mass wedding ceremony and huge reception for many couples at the same time. It should be an encouragement to Caleb and Monika Sannoh's ministry there, and we thank you for your support and prayers.

I love you all! Pastor Jon



The Coffee Welcome Center



Anyone interested in helping provide "goodies" at the coffee center on Sunday mornings please sign up on the list that can be found on the table near the church offices or see Jane Ulm. This involves bringing some type of finger-food/baked good (homemade or store bought) on your assigned Sunday. Examples: mini-muffins, brownies, doughnut holes, mini-quiches, etc. If enough people participate, we will each only need to bring something once every 2-3 months. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Offering Report

Weekly giving required for 2024 budget: \$4,444.22

Thanks to everyone who gives generously.

May we all learn to give to God who gave to us first.

April's Average Worship Attendance:

74

	Budget	March	YTD
Total Giving	\$ 231,099.77	\$ 20,710.00	\$ 70,213.00
Missions/KK/Bene	\$ 27,731.97	\$ 2,485.20	\$ 8,425.56
Total Op Budget	\$ 203,367.80	\$ 18,224.80	\$ 61,787.44
Staff Financial Support	\$ 145,860.80	\$ 11,662.06	\$ 36,001.73
Workman's Comp	\$ 850.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 565.00
Utilities	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 626.25	\$ 2,542.12
Property	\$ 9,410.00	\$ 8,210.00	\$ 8,796.35
Building & Grounds Upkeep	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 148.10	\$ 1,086.98
Administrative	\$ 10,820.00	\$ 500.18	\$ 1,197.27
Worship/Outreach	\$ 20,727.00	\$ 463.85	\$ 1,484.66
Total	\$ 203,367.80	\$ 22,175.44	\$ 51,674.11
	Balance	\$ (3,950.64)	\$ 10,113.33

The monthly numbers will be posted on the Information Bulletin Board mid-month.

PLEASE contact Theresa Scott or Roland Heflin for specific information.



Jr. & Sr. High (6th-12th)
Kingdom Seekers

Teens, come on out Wednesday night for fun and fellowship with the youth!

Please continue to pray for our teenagers as they meet each week. Also keep John Ingram & Judy McDermott and this important ministry in your prayers.

MEMORIAL DAY



**Remembering and Honoring
All Who Have Served!
Thank you!**

children's
ministry

Kid's Church/Wee Worship

Simply Loved



We are starting Quarter 6 soon. In Quarter 6 Unit 1, we will be introduced to our friend **Yeddy** the Himalayan brown bear. Please bring your kids and help them learn along with our friend Yeddy, the bear, that God is powerful (Fear Not!).

We still need help in Kids Church, please let Jen Nanfelt know if you are interested in helping!!

Quarry Station

The first Sunday of the month, New Hope meets at Quarry Station at 1:00 p.m. After the service at Quarry Station, we provide a refreshment time so we can visit with the residents. We hope you will go with us to get to know the residents and encourage them in the Lord. If you have any questions, see Jon Ulm or Steve Morales.



Ends May 12th



We still have a few bottles left, stop by the back of the Worship Center and take one home today. You may bring it fill with coins/check or scan the QR code on the Left and look for our church name and logo on the list of organizations and give there! All bottles must be returned by May 12th. Please make checks payable to *"Life First"*. Thanks for caring!

Ladies Retreat-October 25th- 27th at Skycroft

Registration forms are now available, see Theresa Peters to register or start a payment plan.

Old Cell Phones Needed

We are still collecting old cell phones for our Mission in Liberia. All cell phones are accepted with or without charger. See the drop off bin placed on the table to the right of the main entrance.

Thank you to those who have already donated!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Church Picnic will be held, **Sunday, June 9th** after the worship service. There will be surprises during the service and lots of fun, food, and fellowship to follow. You don't want to miss this!!

Scrip Cards

Scrip orders are due by **May 5**. Becky Spray can help you set up a personal account so you can order online at any time you want them. This is a great fundraiser for the Women's Ministry. The gift cards you buy are the same as if you went to the store and picked them up. The perk for us is if you order them through us, we get a percentage back from the stores. If you have any questions about this program, please see Becky Spray. A complete list of places that participate is at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Order forms are available on the church website www.newhope316.org or at the Information Table in the entry way.

May

Birthdays



Brooks Freese	May 04
Joe Curry	May 05
Mike Howell	May 08
Theo Freese	May 11
Mitch Spray	May 11
Becky Almond	May 14
Jill Dunn	May 17
Grayson Jay	May 18
Jan Meade	May 18
John Ingram	May 19
Becky Spray	May 19
Nelson Zacatales	May 20
Rowland Heflin	May 24
Christine Drazdowsky	May 25
Kathy Knapp	May 27
Kimberly Sims	May 30

Anniversaries



Robert & Kimberly Taylor	May 01
Gloria & Paul Steinebach	May 19
Dave & Jill Dunn	May 27



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