NEWS OF HOPE
December 2017

Special points of interest:

- December 15th—Pastoral Staff & Board Dinner
- December 17th —Youth Christmas Party 3pm-7pm
- December 18th-30th—All Services & Events cancelled
- December 24th—Christmas Service 10am-11am

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! It's time to celebrate the goodness of God in our lives and the amazing gift of salvation that we've been given as the result of the birth of our Savior. That gift of salvation should bring joy to our hearts and smiles on our faces as we reflect upon what it has brought into our lives. Even though life can bring difficult challenges and times of sorrow, we can enjoy the confidence of God's perfect love for us. We've also been given a future that is full of hope and possibility. How about the promise that God will never leave us or forsake us? We can look ahead to 2018 without fear and anxiety.

We also want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all you do as you serve our church family. Thank you for your continued financial support and your faithfulness to connect with others that God brings into our body. It is our desire to become the church family that God has in mind when He thinks of His plans for New Hope. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition as we repair our church from the fire damage. We thank God for His favor and are so excited to get back into our building.

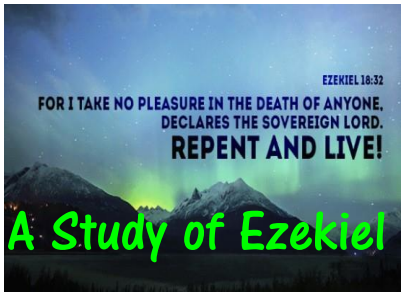
Please know that we faithfully pray for God to bless you and your family and to meet every need that arises.

It is our desire that we will all experience the peace that Jesus brings and that our focus will be fixed on Jesus, the Reason for the Season!

May God richly bless you!

Pastor Jim & Belinda
Pastor Lee & Donzi
Pastor Henry & Al-Satta

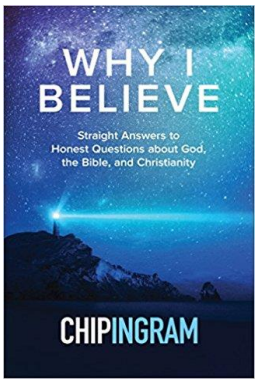
LIFE Group Topics Begin In January



You are invited to join our group every Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the church.

Pastor Jim continues his study of the Book of Ezekiel, an intriguing story of God's judgment and glory. Ezekiel's prophecies were to deliver God's message of judgment to apostate Judah, Jerusalem and the seven foreign nations around them. Also to sustain the faith of God's remnant.

Young Adults



Roger & Kim Brake lead our Young Adult study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. This is a great connection opportunity and a time for fun, fellowship & inspiration. They meet at the Brake residence, 5423 N Lynden Rd. in Otis, Orchards.

Singles, 18 years (post High School) & up

We invite you to join us for our Parenting Class taught by Pastor Jim. This class is for parents, grandparents, those teaching or working with children, parents who have raised children & would like to share their parenting experiences and those hoping to have children someday.
You will want to join us for this exciting study!
We meet at the church on Wednesdays @ 7pm

A number of topics are under consideration for our LIFE Group beginning in January. The final topic TBA soon. An exciting opportunity for connection!

Leader: Larry Marsh (994-5298)
Location: Roy & Carey Brazzle's home
9818 E Princeton Avenue Spokane WA
Wednesday evenings @ 7pm

Please join us at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings at Pastor Lee & Donzi's home, 10720 E 19th, Spokane Valley.

We will start in January. Watch for specific start date.

It's likely you may have a giant who is threatening your life... an adversary or stronghold that's diminishing your ability to live a full & free life. You may be impacted by the grip of fear, anger, rejection, comfort or addiction & may have lost sight of the promise God has for your life. Check it out with Louis Giglio's study, "Goliath Must Fall", DVD lessons with discussions.

THE BRIDGE
...life after the teens

A LIFE Group gathering for singles & marrieds, age 20 years & up

Plan to join us!

Contact: Dave Hunt (995-2055)
davehunt1977@outlook.com

Please join us for an evening of enjoying friends, receiving encouragement & sharing spiritual insights.

Our new group begins in January, meeting at Dave & Rachael Hunt's in Liberty Lake.

Maps available at the Info. Center

Youth Christmas Party

December 17th—3:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Brandon & Carly Trono residence

$5 White Elephant Gift Exchange

All Youth Invited to attend! Join us for a fun-filled time of celebration!

Ugly Sweater Contest

Holiday Schedule

We will have one service on Christmas Eve, our Sunday Morning Service from 10:00am-11:00am

This is a family service so all the children will join with their parents.
(We will not have SMW & nursery care will not be available for that service)

All other services and activities are cancelled from December 18th-December 30th.

Getting Our Building Ready For Use

Work Nights Scheduled: Tuesday, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 3rd, we will meet at the church, instead of our usual LIFE Groups, to assist in putting our church back in order. Thanks in advance for your help!

We encourage everyone to keep an eye on your emails to see when we will need your help at other times. There will be a number of different kinds of projects to complete as we get ready to "come back home" Yeah! The challenge with this project is the timing...we will not be able to give as much notice ahead of time because the remodel schedule has been somewhat unpredictable.
We're looking forward to meeting together in our "new" building!

Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity in supplying items for our Christmas Food Baskets! Connie Theurer reminds all of us to be sure to bring the items we signed up for to Center Place by Sunday, December 17th. We want to be certain we will have complete baskets to give out. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Connie at 808-0571.

Project Share

Following the holiday season, our food cupboard is very depleted. We would like to re-stock our supplies so we can be ready to help those in need when the time arises. You can help us by bringing any of the following items: Canned fruits and vegetables, soups, canned meats & tuna, coffee, cereal, cooking oil, 5# flour, 5# sugar, canned milk, rice, pasta, casserole mixes...whatever you eat in your home is appreciated. We can also use laundry products, toilet paper, diapers, personal hygiene products (toothpaste, brushes, body soap & hair products).

Thanks so much for your help!

February 16th-18th

Ross Point Retreat Center

Cost: $75.00

We invite all Freshmanð Senior High School Youth to join us for a week-end to remember! There will be great food, fun, fellowship and times of inspiration. This is the perfect opportunity to connect with other Youth at New Hope. You can register at Youth on Wednesday evenings or on Sunday at church. Plan now to attend!

KIDS Church
Sunday Mornings
TEAM Kids
Wednesdays at 7pm

We are so pleased to offer ministry to your children which is designed to encourage them to learn and embrace spiritual principles from God's Word. As parents, we're certain that you would agree that we all need help in reinforcing a biblical world view in the lives of our children. In our world of changing values, it is even more important to make participating in these opportunities for growth and development a priority in your child's life. Thank you for your participation and a very special thank you to all of our volunteers that make this ministry possible.

TEAM Kids will resume on January 3rd at 7pm.

Not Your Usual "New Year's Resolution"

Daniel, chapter 1, gives us an account of a special kind of resolution that Daniel made when a foreign King tried to get him to consume unhealthy food and drinks. The Bible says that he, "resolved" not to defile himself . Resolve means "determined, set or fixed" and resolution suggests "tenacity and perseverance". Another translation says that he "purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the royal food". Daniel, ahead of time, had already chosen his path & direction. We see that he was rewarded with God's blessing on his life in so many ways. Perhaps God is asking you and I to make a few resolutions this year that are made out of a determination and a mind-set to please God no matter what situation we may find ourselves in. These would not be our usual kind of resolution but ones that are made out of, "...a made-up mind", as the old saying goes. Let's try it!