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The RETURN OF THE QUESTION CAFÉ

Sunday, Jan 29th. at 12:15pm in room 3.

Did you ever leave church one Sunday, mulling over one of Pastor Ken's sermons and then wish that you had his cell number on speed dial so that you could ask him a quick question? Or perhaps on your Sunday drive home from church you discuss the sermon topic with your family and end up with more questions than answers?

Beginning January 29 and continuing each Sunday through February 26, all Hope Church attenders are invited to attend the "Question Cafe". These informal gatherings in the library immediately following the second service is a time to pose any of your faith-based questions to Pastor Ken or your fellow

Hope Church friends. While Pastor Ken's sermon series during the Question Cafe will be based on the theme "Healing the Hurt" you may ask questions specific to his sermon that day or you may choose to query Pastor Ken about other Christian issues you may have been pondering. Even if you don't have any specific questions in mind, the Question Cafe is a perfect opportunity to dive deeper into the bible, fellowship with new people, and think about topics that may have never crossed your mind. The Question Cafe is a perfect way to keep the winter doldrums at bay!

Christians are not guaranteed 'no pain' just because they are Christians.

In fact, Scripture tells us we may expect additional hurt from some others because we identify Jesus Christ as Lord.

However, we are guaranteed that whatever pain and hurt we go through with the presence of Jesus Christ as our strength we will not only overcome, but grow, mature, and thrive in afterward.

Romans 5: ¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

'Healing the Hurt' is a series of biblical messages on dealing with life through the hurt, and growing beyond our pain even to the ability to minister to others in similar situations.

Come to the Question Cafe to learn more about how you can thrive in your Christian walk, not just survive.

-Pastor Ken & Jen Choudhry,
Celebration Team Leader

NOTE: 9am & 10:45am services are now featuring the same music. Regardless of the time, the service is the same.



HOPE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Submitted by: Ruthie Carr

Just thought I would share about how God works. Hope church went Christmas caroling Tues., December 13, 2011 at 7PM. It is my understanding this was a new undertaking. We had a great time! There were 10 adults and 4 children present. Some were last minute add-ons as their schedule opened up.

We went first to Keystone Villa for a half hour and sang to a small gathering in front of their beautiful Christmas tree. Our own Fran Loughead was there to greet us with hugs and a big smile. We sang old favorites and Pastor Ken performed a solo (since none of us knew that song). We had laughter and fun.

From there we went to Hearthstone. There we strolled along the corridors and many residents including our own Bob Mozel came out of their rooms to hear us. A couple even sang along. There were hugs and a few tears. (And lots of smiles)

Last we drove down 724 to Colonial Manor. We again sang for friends and

attendees, Donna Stengel, Donna Road of Hope church. We even took requests.

I think a good time was had by all. It is hard to say who enjoyed it more- the singers or the singees (Is that a word?). But, hopefully this will be a first of many more caroling events in years to come. I made a mistake in scheduling one place, but it turned out fine anyway. I know that God was there with us; he does like it when we make a joyful noise in His name. I hear some of our singers got home and still were singing and even caroled to loved ones upon arrival.

Thanks to all who participated. You are ALL invited to join us next time!

Reports Adult Ministry News

HOMEBOUND NEEDS

As we age, and sometimes regardless of our age, we find ourselves needing communion brought to us, or simply crave a caregivers hand & prayer.

Anyone who needs a visit from one of our Lay Pastors or Pastor Ken? Please contact Pastor Ken at 610-223-8630 to arrange a visit or communion to be brought

to you if you cannot come to Hope Church.

Pastor Sam Geiger's weekly Small group

Thursday 7pm Bible Study at Gently USED BOOKS (next to Redners Market) for a very non-denominational, community welcoming Christian discussion of what we believe and how we respond to it try it out some time.



“MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE”

This is an open invitation for anyone to come & join in for a casual & relaxing time of spontaneous prayers. Please join us the last Friday 7PM to 8PM each month in the Worship Center.

Jen Choudhry, Celebration Team Leader

Sunday 5pm Pastor's Shared Meal & Bible Study

will not meet until January 29, 2012 and will resume regular schedule on Sunday, January 29th. We will be in chapter 6 of our book "Not The Ten Suggestions"

Bible Study Class at Hope!

Matt Hoffman leading the class on a book called "Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope" by Brian D. McLaren. We meet every Thursday. For

more information, contact Matt. mrmatthewhoffman@yahoo.com

HERITAGE SUNDAY Celebrate Your Past Through Your Palette

by Jen Choudhry, Celebration Team Leader

So where are you from? When asked that question, many of us would reply with answers such as "Douglassville", "Exeter", or "Pottstown". But on January 15, the people of Hope Church will be asked to think beyond the "here and now" and reflect upon the birthplaces of their ancestors prior to their immigration to America the Beautiful. Were your ancestors from Scotland or Ireland? Or perhaps they were from India or Africa? No matter where our ancestors originated, we have all come together as the Body of Christ here at Hope. What better way to celebrate our heritage and our union through the Lord than by having a festive lunch together!

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, Hope will once again be hosting its traditional potluck Heritage Lunch immediately following the second service. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish that reflects the heritage of their

ancestors. A signup sheet will be located on the

table outside the library. If you don't know the land of your heritage, than proclaim it as the good ole' USA and bring a Yankee favorite. Mark your calendars and prepare to celebrate your past through your palette!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Next Safe Sanctuary Training class will be on Saturday, February 4 at 9am to 12pm (contact Pastor Ken or see sign-up sheet)

In compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy mandated by our

Conference, Hope's Lead Team has stated that all children/youth teacher, helpers and leaders and key holders obtain and update their CRC clearances and attended Hope's Safe Sanctuary Training.

For those who have attended the training session provided by the State still need to attend Hope's Training of our policy updated June of 2009.

Please contact Kim Simcox in the church office if you need the paper work for your clearances and if you

need to schedule a training date.



Women's Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9am we meet in classroom 1.

We will be using the bible and will be utilizing study guides & occasionally will do book studies. Come; join other sisters in Christ who are seeking to find biblical answers in today's world. If there is need for more info please don't hesitate to contact Theresa Philby, Cris Y-D or Chris Bergey.



Good Sense Budget Course

Starts Saturday, January 7th. 10am to 12pm. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the hall. There is a workbook that can be purchased for this course but the book is optional. If there are any questions please contact Theresa Philby at 610-404-0506 or wildbreeze@dejazzd.com or Audrey Dunekack (audreyd_4@hotmail.com)

Open Arms Ministry

Desiree James
desjay.openarms@gmail.com
Community Supper will be held Friday, January 27th. 6pm - 7pm.

NOTE: Open Arms Ministry Team Meetings have been moved to every third Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in Room 3.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



GSP

By:
Nancy Hartman

Happy New Year, a new year with God! A chance to make this year an extra effort in our Christian walk. A new start, some new friends, and the HOPE shining through the debris of last years sins. Oh! how we start out with good intentions, how we are going to do things this year in a more Godly manor, and yes with God's help we can make the improvements. However sin is just around the corner and being human we fall into a well worn trap. The Bible says--For All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Don't beat yourself up over your sins just pick yourself up and continue on in your Christian walk, remembering that we have a wonderful God who forgives the sins of his dedicated and faithful people when they ask with a humble heart.

Happy New Year and watch out for those

traps!!!! from the GSP Class--Nancy Hartman

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We congratulate our members, Debbe & Mike Acey who joyously welcomed Baby Shannon Briana Acey into the world on Tues. Nov. 29th. She weighed 8 lbs, and was 20 inches tall.



Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing.



January Happy Birthday!!!

- 2 Ken Weaver
- 4 Donna Road
- 6 Morgan Hegeman
- 8 Steve Young
- 9 Marie Hacik
- 11 Lisa Moore
- 15 Shawn Boettlin
- 16 Anna Swenda
- 19 Nylah Cody
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Reports



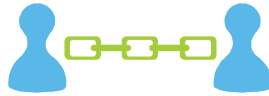
Secret Prayer Sister

by: Jan Birkins

On December 11th the Secret Prayer Sisters had their Annual Christmas Party at Vincenzo's Ristorante in Douglassville. Eleven of the fifteen ladies attended. We had a wonderful Italian meal and much Christian fellowship was shared by all. We all exchanged gifts and found out who our 2011 Secret Prayer Sister was.

I had the pleasure of announcing that Theresa Philby will be taking over for the year 2012. Theresa has many wonderful ideas for expanding the horizons as for what our Christian sisters can do for the coming year. It doesn't take much to be a Secret Prayer Sister. A prayer, a card, a thoughtful note, or a flower letting your sister know she is remembered and prayed for on special days or just any day of the year. But remember....it's a secret!

Please consider being a prayer sister. This is a great way to make a new friend and find out more about someone in the church that you may have not known. If you are interested, please see Theresa Philby for a form to fill out. She would like to have all the forms by the end of this year so new sisters can be assigned.



Prayer Chain Team:

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16
"I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 25:36

PRAYER WORKS! We are dedicated to providing a place for people to come when they or those they love need the power of prayer. We will be offering

words of comfort, concern or congratulations.

Hope's Prayer Chain of people in need of prayer is listed in our weekly church bulletin.

To be added to the prayer list or would like to join our team, contact Pastor Ken or Verna Reigel at 610-582-7646 or e-mail vrpuple43@dejazzd.com

THE "OUR FATHER" PRAYER:

Do I Really Mean What I Pray?

Examine how well you live what you pray as you meditate on the following:

I cannot say OUR ~ if I keep my faith only to myself and never share it with others.

I cannot say FATHER ~ if I do not trust in His loving & complete concern for me, forgetting that He always answers prayers how & when He knows is best.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN ~ if I am so attached to the ways of this world that I neglect to seek God first in everything.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME ~ if I am unwilling to let His holiness penetrate my life and help me grow in my own holiness.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME ~ if I am not using my life to bring His love into the world.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE ~ if I live by my own ideas of morality or choose to follow the world's standards.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ~ if I am not devoting my life to serving Him here on earth.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD ~ if I am not willing to be generous with whatever God gives me.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES ~ if I don't want to put forth enough effort to change.

I cannot say AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US ~ if I still hold a grudge, if I'm still angry, or if I still insist that other people change.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION ~ if I deliberately or knowingly place myself in a position to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL ~ if I'm not actively fighting against evil, through deeds of love and service for everyone in my life.

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Team Reports

Nomination Team News Recognition & newly elected leaders

Welcome new servants to begin
January 1, 2012

Nicole Halberg-Discretionary Fund Team and
SPR Team

Cris Y-D-another year as Co-leader of
Fellowship Team

Desiree James- Co-leader on Fellowship Team
and SPR Team

Phil Richmond-Finance Team Leader/Treasurer

Cindi Williams-Finance Secretary

Lee Horn, Jr.-another year on the Finance Team

MaryBeth Richmond-Tithe & offering Secretary
and SPR Team

Bob Simcox-another year as Lay Delegate /
Lay Leader and another 3 year term as
Lead Team Leader

Gail Grady-Lay Member at Large Lead Team

Karen Roach-Nominations Team

Michael McKinney-another year as SPR Leader

Kerk Halberg-Trustee

Kelly McKinney- Trustee

Shelly Sobel – another year as Youth Ministry
Team Leader

Sheree Horn— another year as Counting Team
Leader

Thanks to all who are leaving
positions of elected leadership on
Dec 31, 2011

Thank You for serving

Bob Simcox from Discretionary Fund

Bob Philby from Finance Leader & Treasurer

Amanda Couch from Finance Secretary and
Payroll Assistant

Kim Simcox from Tithing Secretary

Cris Y-D from Lead Team Member and Trustee

Sheree Horn, Payroll Administrator

The Last Word

THE ADVANCE CONTINUES!

If you aren't on the Lead Team, or otherwise involved in the administration of our community of faith, you might be thinking that the ADVANCE PROJECT we asked the congregation to participate in last fall has been over and done with for months now. If so, how wrong you'd be! Rev. Jim Brashear, our consultant in this experience of seeking God's will in re-defining our purpose at Hope Church is still in touch with me and our leaders. And he will be returning to meet with us again in several months.

The Lead Team has made some very significant changes in the way it conducts business, trains itself for leadership, and grows spiritually. This team wants to be the model of 'God's Team in Community' for all of our ministry teams here at Hope.

Major 'advances' (pun intended) have already taken place in our Celebration Service formats, Children's Ministry offerings, and adult small groups and classes. However, we have ONLY begun! Each month your Lead Team is tackling one of the large goals we all identified through the congregational meetings and survey of last fall. In December much time was taken with discerning how to recognize and thank the many, many persons who are involved in ministry in so many ways here at Hope (we are definitely NOT an 80/20 church! 20% doing the work for 80% of the people).

We are and will be re-defining our basic Mission Statement so that it guides us more directly in the way we believe God wants us to go every day as a church for our community. And there are about 10 other major areas of improvement the Lead Team will be taking up over the next year that promise new, as yet undiscovered, blessings from God.

I, and the 2012 Lead Team (Bob Simcox, Jen Choudhry, Gail Grady, Phil Richmond, Kim Simcox, Mike McKinney, Audrey Dunekack, and Shelly Sobel) strongly request your prayers for each of us, and for our work this year.

One way you might consider praying for us is to note on your calendar the time, 7am, and the day, the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is when our monthly meetings begin in devotions and prayer. And let us know if you are praying for us. There is no greater comfort than knowing that there are believers lifting us up as we work together to discover God's daily will for our church.

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and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please contact the church office to learn how you can participate. Application forms are available on the tithe & offering boxes and on the welcoming tables.



The RETURN OF THE QUESTION CAFÉ

Sunday, Jan 29th. at 12:15pm in room 3.

Did you ever leave church one Sunday, mulling over one of Pastor Ken's sermons and then wish that you had his cell number on speed dial so that you could ask him a quick question? Or perhaps on your Sunday drive home from church you discuss the sermon topic with your family and end up with more questions than answers?

Beginning January 29 and continuing each Sunday through February 26, all Hope Church attenders are invited to attend the "Question Cafe". These informal gatherings in the library immediately following the second service is a time to pose any of your faith-based questions to Pastor Ken or your fellow

Hope Church friends. While Pastor Ken's sermon series during the Question Cafe will be based on the theme "Healing the Hurt" you may ask questions specific to his sermon that day or you may choose to query Pastor Ken about other Christian issues you may have been pondering. Even if you don't have any specific questions in mind, the Question Cafe is a perfect opportunity to dive deeper into the bible, fellowship with new people, and think about topics that may have never crossed your mind. The Question Cafe is a perfect way to keep the winter doldrums at bay!

Christians are not guaranteed 'no pain' just because they are Christians.

In fact, Scripture tells us we may expect additional hurt from some others because we identify Jesus Christ as Lord.

However, we are guaranteed that whatever pain and hurt we go through with the presence of Jesus Christ as our strength we will not only overcome, but grow, mature, and thrive in afterward.

Romans 5: ¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

'Healing the Hurt' is a series of biblical messages on dealing with life through the hurt, and growing beyond our pain even to the ability to minister to others in similar situations.

Come to the Question Cafe to learn more about how you can thrive in your Christian walk, not just survive.

-Pastor Ken & Jen Choudhry,
Celebration Team Leader

NOTE: 9am & 10:45am services are now featuring the same music. Regardless of the time, the service is the same.



HOPE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Submitted by: Ruthie Carr

Just thought I would share about how God works. Hope church went Christmas caroling Tues., December 13, 2011 at 7PM. It is my understanding this was a new undertaking. We had a great time! There were 10 adults and 4 children present. Some were last minute add-ons as their schedule opened up.

We went first to Keystone Villa for a half hour and sang to a small gathering in front of their beautiful Christmas tree. Our own Fran Loughead was there to greet us with hugs and a big smile. We sang old favorites and Pastor Ken performed a solo (since none of us knew that song). We had laughter and fun.

From there we went to Hearthstone. There we strolled along the corridors and many residents including our own Bob Mozel came out of their rooms to hear us. A couple even sang along. There were hugs and a few tears. (And lots of smiles)

Last we drove down 724 to Colonial Manor. We again sang for friends and

attendees, Donna Stengel, Donna Road of Hope church. We even took requests.

I think a good time was had by all. It is hard to say who enjoyed it more- the singers or the singees (Is that a word?). But, hopefully this will be a first of many more caroling events in years to come. I made a mistake in scheduling one place, but it turned out fine anyway. I know that God was there with us; he does like it when we make a joyful noise in His name. I hear some of our singers got home and still were singing and even caroled to loved ones upon arrival.

Thanks to all who participated. You are ALL invited to join us next time!

Reports Adult Ministry News

HOMEBOUND NEEDS

As we age, and sometimes regardless of our age, we find ourselves needing communion brought to us, or simply crave a caregivers hand & prayer.

Anyone who needs a visit from one of our Lay Pastors or Pastor Ken? Please contact Pastor Ken at 610-223-8630 to arrange a visit or communion to be brought

to you if you cannot come to Hope Church.

Pastor Sam Geiger's weekly Small group

Thursday 7pm Bible Study at Gently USED BOOKS (next to Redners Market) for a very non-denominational, community welcoming Christian discussion of what we believe and how we respond to it try it out some time.



“MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE”

This is an open invitation for anyone to come & join in for a casual & relaxing time of spontaneous prayers. Please join us the last Friday 7PM to 8PM each month in the Worship Center.

Jen Choudhry,
Celebration Team Leader

Sunday 5pm Pastor's Shared Meal & Bible Study

will not meet until January 29, 2012 and will resume regular schedule on Sunday, January 29th. We will be in chapter 6 of our book "Not The Ten Suggestions"

Bible Study Class at Hope!

Matt Hoffman leading the class on a book called "Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope" by Brian D. McLaren. We meet every Thursday. For

more information, contact Matt. mrmatthewhoffman@yahoo.com

HERITAGE SUNDAY Celebrate Your Past Through Your Palette

by Jen Choudhry,
Celebration Team Leader

So where are you from? When asked that question, many of us would reply with answers such as "Douglassville", "Exeter", or "Pottstown". But on January 15, the people of Hope Church will be asked to think beyond the "here and now" and reflect upon the birthplaces of their ancestors prior to their immigration to America the Beautiful. Were your ancestors from Scotland or Ireland? Or perhaps they were from India or Africa? No matter where our ancestors originated, we have all come together as the Body of Christ here at Hope. What better way to celebrate our heritage and our union through the Lord than by having a festive lunch together!

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, Hope will once again be hosting its traditional potluck Heritage Lunch immediately following the second service. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish that reflects the heritage of their

ancestors. A signup sheet will be located on the

table outside the library. If you don't know the land of your heritage, than proclaim it as the good ole' USA and bring a Yankee favorite. Mark your calendars and prepare to celebrate your past through your palette!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Next Safe Sanctuary Training class will be on Saturday, February 4 at 9am to 12pm (contact Pastor Ken or see sign-up sheet)

In compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy mandated by our

Conference, Hope's Lead Team has stated that all children/youth teacher, helpers and leaders and key holders obtain and update their CRC clearances and attended Hope's Safe Sanctuary Training.

For those who have attended the training session provided by the State still need to attend Hope's Training of our policy updated June of 2009.

Please contact Kim Simcox in the church office if you need the paper work for your clearances and if you

need to schedule a training date.



Women's Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9am we meet in classroom 1.

We will be using the bible and will be utilizing study guides & occasionally will do book studies. Come; join other sisters in Christ who are seeking to find biblical answers in today's world. If there is need for more info please don't hesitate to contact Theresa Philby, Cris Y-D or Chris Bergey.



Good Sense Budget Course

Starts Saturday, January 7th. 10am to 12pm. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the hall. There is a workbook that can be purchased for this course but the book is optional. If there are any questions please contact Theresa Philby at 610-404-0506 or wildbreeze@dejazzd.com or Audrey Dunekack (audreyd_4@hotmail.com)

Open Arms Ministry

Desiree James
desjay.openarms@gmail.com
Community Supper will be held Friday, January 27th. 6pm - 7pm.

NOTE: Open Arms Ministry Team Meetings have been moved to every third Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in Room 3.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



GSP

By:
Nancy Hartman

Happy New Year, a new year with God! A chance to make this year an extra effort in our Christian walk. A new start, some new friends, and the HOPE shining through the debris of last years sins. Oh! how we start out with good intentions, how we are going to do things this year in a more Godly manor, and yes with God's help we can make the improvements. However sin is just around the corner and being human we fall into a well worn trap. The Bible says--For All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Don't beat yourself up over your sins just pick yourself up and continue on in your Christian walk, remembering that we have a wonderful God who forgives the sins of his dedicated and faithful people when they ask with a humble heart.

Happy New Year and watch out for those

traps!!!! from the GSP Class--Nancy Hartman

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We congratulate our members, Debbe & Mike Acey who joyously welcomed Baby Shannon Briana Acey into the world on Tues. Nov. 29th. She weighed 8 lbs, and was 20 inches tall.



Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them as they celebrate this blessing.



January Happy Birthday!!!

- 2 Ken Weaver
- 4 Donna Road
- 6 Morgan Hegeman
- 8 Steve Young
- 9 Marie Hacik
- 11 Lisa Moore
- 15 Shawn Boettlin
- 16 Anna Swenda
- 19 Nylah Cody
Jonathan Reed
- 21 Matt Hoffman
- 22 Lisa Brunschwyler
- 23 Kaitlyn Weaver
- 28 Denise Cox
Alisha Sobotka

Reports



Secret Prayer Sister

by: Jan Birkins

On December 11th the Secret Prayer Sisters had their Annual Christmas Party at Vincenzo's Ristorante in Douglassville. Eleven of the fifteen ladies attended. We had a wonderful Italian meal and much Christian fellowship was shared by all. We all exchanged gifts and found out who our 2011 Secret Prayer Sister was.

I had the pleasure of announcing that Theresa Philby will be taking over for the year 2012. Theresa has many wonderful ideas for expanding the horizons as for what our Christian sisters can do for the coming year. It doesn't take much to be a Secret Prayer Sister. A prayer, a card, a thoughtful note, or a flower letting your sister know she is remembered and prayed for on special days or just any day of the year. But remember....it's a secret!

Please consider being a prayer sister. This is a great way to make a new friend and find out more about someone in the church that you may have not known. If you are interested, please see Theresa Philby for a form to fill out. She would like to have all the forms by the end of this year so new sisters can be assigned.



Prayer Chain Team:

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16
"I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 25:36

PRAYER WORKS! We are dedicated to providing a place for people to come when they or those they love need the power of prayer. We will be offering

words of comfort, concern or congratulations.

Hope's Prayer Chain of people in need of prayer is listed in our weekly church bulletin.

To be added to the prayer list or would like to join our team, contact Pastor Ken or Verna Reigel at 610-582-7646 or e-mail vrpuple43@dejazzd.com

THE "OUR FATHER" PRAYER:

Do I Really Mean What I Pray?

Examine how well you live what you pray as you meditate on the following:

I cannot say OUR ~ if I keep my faith only to myself and never share it with others.

I cannot say FATHER ~ if I do not trust in His loving & complete concern for me, forgetting that He always answers prayers how & when He knows is best.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN ~ if I am so attached to the ways of this world that I neglect to seek God first in everything.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME ~ if I am unwilling to let His holiness penetrate my life and help me grow in my own holiness.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME ~ if I am not using my life to bring His love into the world.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE ~ if I live by my own ideas of morality or choose to follow the world's standards.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ~ if I am not devoting my life to serving Him here on earth.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD ~ if I am not willing to be generous with whatever God gives me.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES ~ if I don't want to put forth enough effort to change.

I cannot say AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US ~ if I still hold a grudge, if I'm still angry, or if I still insist that other people change.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION ~ if I deliberately or knowingly place myself in a position to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL ~ if I'm not actively fighting against evil, through deeds of love and service for everyone in my life.

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Team Reports

Nomination Team News Recognition & newly elected leaders

Welcome new servants to begin
January 1, 2012

Nicole Halberg-Discretionary Fund Team and
SPR Team

Cris Y-D-another year as Co-leader of
Fellowship Team

Desiree James– Co-leader on Fellowship Team
and SPR Team

Phil Richmond-Finance Team Leader/Treasurer

Cindi Williams-Finance Secretary

Lee Horn, Jr.-another year on the Finance Team

MaryBeth Richmond-Tithe & offering Secretary
and SPR Team

Bob Simcox-another year as Lay Delegate /
Lay Leader and another 3 year term as
Lead Team Leader

Gail Grady-Lay Member at Large Lead Team

Karen Roach-Nominations Team

Michael McKinney-another year as SPR Leader

Kerk Halberg-Trustee

Kelly McKinney- Trustee

Shelly Sobel – another year as Youth Ministry
Team Leader

Sheree Horn— another year as Counting Team
Leader

Thanks to all who are leaving
positions of elected leadership on
Dec 31, 2011

Thank You for serving

Bob Simcox from Discretionary Fund

Bob Philby from Finance Leader & Treasurer

Amanda Couch from Finance Secretary and
Payroll Assistant

Kim Simcox from Tithing Secretary

Cris Y-D from Lead Team Member and Trustee

Sheree Horn, Payroll Administrator

The Last Word

THE ADVANCE CONTINUES!

If you aren't on the Lead Team, or otherwise involved in the administration of our community of faith, you might be thinking that the ADVANCE PROJECT we asked the congregation to participate in last fall has been over and done with for months now. If so, how wrong you'd be! Rev. Jim Brashear, our consultant in this experience of seeking God's will in re-defining our purpose at Hope Church is still in touch with me and our leaders. And he will be returning to meet with us again in several months.

The Lead Team has made some very significant changes in the way it conducts business, trains itself for leadership, and grows spiritually. This team wants to be the model of 'God's Team in Community' for all of our ministry teams here at Hope.

Major 'advances' (pun intended) have already taken place in our Celebration Service formats, Children's Ministry offerings, and adult small groups and classes. However, we have ONLY begun! Each month your Lead Team is tackling one of the large goals we all identified through the congregational meetings and survey of last fall. In December much time was taken with discerning how to recognize and thank the many, many persons who are involved in ministry in so many ways here at Hope (we are definitely NOT an 80/20 church! 20% doing the work for 80% of the people).

We are and will be re-defining our basic Mission Statement so that it guides us more directly in the way we believe God wants us to go every day as a church for our community. And there are about 10 other major areas of improvement the Lead Team will be taking up over the next year that promise new, as yet undiscovered, blessings from God.

I, and the 2012 Lead Team (Bob Simcox, Jen Choudhry, Gail Grady, Phil Richmond, Kim Simcox, Mike McKinney, Audrey Dunekack, and Shelly Sobel) strongly request your prayers for each of us, and for our work this year.

One way you might consider praying for us is to note on your calendar the time, 7am, and the day, the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is when our monthly meetings begin in devotions and prayer. And let us know if you are praying for us. There is no greater comfort than knowing that there are believers lifting us up as we work together to discover God's daily will for our church.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm for our fellowship and its purpose, and may God grant us the wisdom and power to accomplish all He desires for Hope Church throughout 2012.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Ken