



Newsletter

December 2011

A place of **Hope** for the Hurting, A place of **Healing** for the Sick,
A place of **Shelter** for the Lost

"In God's great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:3

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Pastor Rob Woods

As I prepared to write my article for December, God brought me back to my first article of 2011. I had no idea the "tests" God would bring us through this past year but He did. It is important for you to be reminded of the reasons we have tests. Please allow the Holy Spirit to deposit strength and encouragement into your life through these words we started 2011 with:

In the Bible the term, "test" is defined as a trial intended to ascertain quality, value, or character. (NLT Dictionary) Did you know that God tests us? He tested Abraham (GN 22), Job (Job 23:10) and David (Psalm 17:3). He will test you. He tests you to determine the quality of your faith and character. James said, "Dear brothers and sisters whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything." (James 1:2-4) It seems many people forget this word from James. Trouble in your life is God's way of strengthening your faith and developing your character. Trouble is a good thing even though you may not see it that way. I know that I sometimes do not allow it to be "an opportunity for joy". What about you? Tests from God are a good thing according to the Bible!

I was recently reading Peter's first epistle where he says, "...trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold – and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold." (1 Peter 1:7). Currently, gold is \$1405.00 an ounce. (In January 2011) That's a lot of money for a very little amount and God says that your faith is more precious to Him than "mere gold". Your faith is worth more than \$1405.00 an ounce. How much is it worth? Peter goes on to say, "So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world." God strengthens your faith through testings and trials so that when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world you will be a shining trophy for Him. How cool is that? On the day Jesus is revealed to all humanity, you will stand with Him as His beautiful bride – without spot or wrinkle. (Revelation 19:7)

So as we close out this year I want to encourage you not to overlook the tests and trials that God put you through. He allowed you to go through them because He was refining you in the fire to purify your faith and develop your character. In her book, The Hiding Place, Corrie ten Boom with regards to her family dying in a Nazi concentration camp and the brutality done to her said, "I know that the experiences of our lives, when we let God use them, become the mysterious and perfect preparation for the work He will give us to do." God used her until her death in 1983 at the age of 91 to spread the message that, "Jesus can turn loss into triumph". What about your trials and tests? How will God work through them to touch others? Only God has the answer to that but be open to what He has planned for you. Do not become discouraged by your current experiences but give them to God, trust Him with them and you will discover that it is all part of His plan for your life.

I am praying for you and looking ahead to what God has in store for us in 2012!

Love in Christ,

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Hiding Place,

written by Corrie
ten Boom with

John and Elizabeth Sherrill.

This is an unbelievable story of
God's love and faithfulness
despite the hatefulness of man.

It takes place during WWII in
Holland. Corrie ten Boom and
her family risk their lives to
provide a "hiding place" for
Jews from the Nazis. Their
lives turn into a nightmare, as
they are sent to a concentration
camp. Corrie discovers how
Jesus can turn loss to glory!

This is an amazing story that
you must read. You can find
this book at Christian Book
Distributors for only \$5.99.

(www.christianbook.com) We
started this year by showcasing
this book and we end it by
giving you the opportunity to
read this woman's powerful
testimony of God's love and
grace.

Teen Challenge Women's Choir Coming Dec 4th

Teen Challenge will be ministering in song and testimony on Sunday December 4th during our 10:15am service. Although they are not a professional choir, they are women whose lives have been dramatically changed by the power of God. The Providence Women's Choir has received many endorsements from churches and individuals who have been touched by the power of God through their testimonies. God's power to liberate and heal those addicted to alcohol, drugs, crime and other life controlling addictions is the message of the choir.

Prepare your hearts for the wonderful voices and amazing testimonies of these women. Make sure to invite a friend.

Welcome MISTY!

We want to welcome our new church secretary Misty Stivers. Misty, her husband Peter and their two kids, Morgan and Zachary, come to us from Calvary Assembly of God Church in Dudley. She has been a church secretary for 6yrs and after relocating to Marlborough, they are delighted to be able to serve here at New Hope Community Church. Her office hours are 8 am to Noon. Stop by and say hello!



JBQ Meet

Dec 3rd 9am

*Midweek services
canceled for
week of Dec 25th*






Men's Breakfast & Bible Study



Cancelled for the holidays



December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 PM 12-Step Small Group 7:30 PM Youth Group	2	3 9am-3pm JBQ Meet
4 Missions/BGMC 9:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer  10:15 AM Morning Celebration Teen Challenge 12:15 PM Church Fellowship	5	6 7:00 PM Music Practice 	7 6:30 PM Bible Study  7:30 PM Missions Mtg	8 6:30pm Board Mtg 7:00 PM 12-Step Small Group 7:30 PM Youth Group	9	10
11 9:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer 10:15 AM Morning Celebration 12:15 PM Church Fellowship	12 7:00pm Ministry Leaders Mtg	13	14 6:30 PM Bible Study 	15 7:00 PM 12-Step Small Group 7:30 PM Youth Group	16	17
18 Communion 9:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer 10:15 AM Morning Celebration 12:15 PM Church Fellowship	19	20 7:00 PM Music Practice 	21 6:30 PM Bible Study 	22 7:00 PM 12-Step Small Group 7:30 PM Youth Group	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 10:00-11:00 AM Morning Celebration	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE



December Bible Reading



1	2 Peter 3; Ezekiel 40, 41	11	Revelation 2; Hosea 4-7	21	Revelation 12; Micah 4, 5
2	1 John 1; Ezekiel 42-44	12	Revelation 3; Hosea 8-11	22	Revelation 13; Micah 6,7
3	1 John 2; Ezekiel 45, 46	13	Revelation 4; Hosea 12-14	23	Revelation 14; Nahum
4	1 John 3; Ezekiel 47, 48	14	Revelation 5; Joel	24	Revelation 15; Habakkuk
5	1 John 4; Daniel 1, 2	15	Revelation 6; Amos 1-3	25	Revelation 16; Zephaniah
6	1 John 5; Daniel 3,4	16	Revelation 7; Amos 4-6	26	Revelation 17; Haggai
7	2 John; Daniel 5-7	17	Revelation 8; Amos 7-9	27	Revelation 18; Zechariah 1-4
8	3 John; Daniel 8-10	18	Revelation 9; Obadiah	28	Revelation 19; Zechariah 5-8
9	Jude; Daniel 11, 12	19	Revelation 10; Jonah	29	Revelation 20; Zechariah 9-12
10	Revelation 1; Hosea 1-3	20	Revelation 11; Micah 1-3	30	Revelation 21; Zechariah 13, 14
				31	Revelation 22; Malachi

The Purpose of NHCCAG

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

— Matthew 28:19-20

Mission Statement

We are a community of Christ Followers who love God, love people and make disciples.

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Pre-Service Prayer.....9:30 AM

Morning Celebration...10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study6:30 PM

THURSDAY

Youth Group.....7:30 PM

See the monthly calendar for other opportunities.