

Christmas Worship and Praise December 19, 2004

PRELUDE
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes
 THE WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP
 THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #120
 "The Advent of Our God"
 *THE INVOCATIONAL HYMN #131
 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"
 *THE INVOCATION
 RESPONSIVE READING "Christ's Incarnation" #635
 THE CAROL SING (Sing The 1st Verse and Chorus of Each)
 "What Child Is This?" #137
 "O Holy Night!" #148
 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #141
 "Away in a Manger" #157
 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #128
 THE MORNING PRAYER
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts" and "debtors")
 RESPONSE "The First Noel" (Chorus Only) #623
 TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
 PASSING THE PEACE (Stand and greet each other!)
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 *RESPONSE "Angels We Have..." (Chorus Only) #132
 *THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 THE SCRIPTURE READING
 THE SERMON Rev. Denny Shepard
 THE CALL TO CONSECRATION OF LIFE
 The Invitation: If you need to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, would like to rededicate your life, need special prayer, or if you would like to unite with this church, you are invited to join the pastor at the altar during the singing of the Invitational Hymn.
 *THE HYMN OF INVITATION #145
 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
 *THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
 *THE BENEDICTION
 *THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #125
 "Joy to the World" (verse one only)
 EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes
 *POSTLUDE
 Enter to Worship Leave to Serve

*All who are able please stand to honor God. (Feel free to stand or keep seated according to your own comfort needs.)

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 Pastor's Address: 8514 Newsome Station Rd. Nashville 37211

Calendar of Events

Tonight	5:00 PM	Christmas Program with Fellowship to follow
Mon. Dec. 20	5:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
Fri. Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Candlelight Service at LaGuardo C.P. Church
Sat. Dec. 25		CHRISTMAS DAY
Sun. Dec. 26 Christmastide	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 2 Christmastide	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Communion – Congregational Meeting
	5:00 PM	AWANA Planning meeting
Wed., Jan. 5	6:30 PM	Session Meeting
Sun., Jan. 9 Epiphany Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	AWANA Winter Kickoff

Members in Ministry Today:

Acolytes: Kolby Greer and Haven Greer
Offering: Homer Allen, Bob Gibson, Bobby Thompson, John Crowder
Nursery: Sue Allen
Lock-Up: Jimmy Reynolds and Royce Jackson

Next Week:

Acolytes: Amanda & David Greene
Offering: Richard Dulaney, Robert Haynes, Ray Jones, Scott Greer
Nursery: Joni Greene
Lock-Up: Jade Greene and Royce Jackson

Our Prayer List

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much. – James 5:16

(For additions to or deletions from this list, or to place information in this bulletin, please call 443-1621 and leave a message.)

-Vicki Thompson (Jennifer Smith's friend, cancer) -Charles Styles (cancer) -Marion and Roy Youngblood (Coreen's sister and brother-in-law) -Jim Ross -Louise Driver -Drenda Scott -Jack Pruitte -Brenda Grace -Janet Wallace -Melba Williams -Bill & Anna Maria Ethridge -Carolyn Jackson -Matthew Livingston	-Haily Morgan (Amber Neal's friend) -Raymond Bay -Marla Churchman (Jade's aunt, cancer) -Coreen Preston -Sue Ross -Bonnie Crowder -Jean Morrison (Jennifer Smith's aunt) -Joy Barnett -Opal Smith -Vivian Smrtic -Pete & Sherry Wooten -Mary Ella Kirkpatrick -Sylvia Cunningham
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HOMEBOUND: Remember also to pray for our homebound members: **Margaret Smith and Johnny Horton.**

NEW HOPE WEEKLY FINANCIAL POSITION

Budget for 2004: \$70,000.00 (2004 Love Loaf Offering \$157)			
Collection last Sunday	Amount needed weekly	Year -to-date collections	Year -to-date + or -
\$1,207.15	\$1,346.00	\$61,593.20	-\$1,668.80



Our Christmas Celebrations

Mark your calendars and don't miss any of these upcoming holiday celebrations:

Christmas Program and Party! TONIGHT at 5:00. The children have been working hard on a play and they need you to be here! Refreshments and good cheer around our Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall after! Please bring finger foods and friends!



Christmas Caroling! Add your voice to ours tomorrow evening, **Dec. 20 at 5:30.** We have reserved a 15-passenger van and **MUST** leave the church on time. Join us!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion

Join your Pastor at the LaGuardo Church on Hwy. 109 at **5:00** for a meaningful service of celebration. This is a chance to finally slow down and focus on Christ – the true reason for the season. Don't miss it!



Lectionary

December 19, 2004

(Purple or Blue)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Thought for the Week

"At Christmas though full of joy, we must not forget the loss – the babe down in the manger low became the man upon the cross."

Wit & Witticism

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
Claustrophobic.



New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church



TO OUR VISITORS

Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as guest of God. This is His house and He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, in His presence, offering Him your love and service. This is a place of worship and prayer for all the people. You are invited to attend all the services of the church. Please leave with us your name and address. May the experience of worship today fill you with His love and grace and mercy.

OUR CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

History. In 1799 a few people from North Carolina, who were members of the Presbyterian Church, began meeting every Sunday to read the Scriptures and pray together near their homes just north of the Cumberland River in Wilson County, Tennessee. They continued to meet and were being served occasionally by circuit preachers until 1810.

In the fall of 1810, the people held their first camp meeting. This was so successful another was held in 1811 on land bought for this purpose. In 1812, Rev. Hugh Kirkpatrick organized this group of Christians as the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church and served as their minister until 1816.

Church records show there were 230 members by 1849. However, the growth in membership was severely affected during the War Between the States when a number of members affiliated with the newly organized Melrose Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Following the war the church experienced renewed growth. The congregation, needing more space, moved to its present location in 1886.

Mission. New Hope Church believes that the purpose of its preaching and teaching ministry is to bring people to the realization of their need and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It has as its goal to help people to grow in grace and love and to enable them to live as loving disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have never accepted Christ as your personal Savior, this is an invitation to you to do so today. You are invited to make this your church home by becoming a member. For guidance, speak to the Pastor.

THE CHURCH SESSION

The Elders of the church, who comprise the Session, are here to assist and serve you. Elders share with the minister the pastoral oversight of the church. If you have not confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, if you feel you are spiritually weak, or if you need instruction in the faith, the Elders are available for you at any time. Elders will also inform the minister, on your request, of any concerns that need his attention.

SHARE WITH OTHERS

When you meet people who are new in your community, or when talking with people who are not active in a church, share with them the good news of New Hope Church. Invite them to meet you here for worship.

OUR STAFF

Pastor
Clerk of the Session
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Music Director
Musical Accompaniment

Nursery Supervisor
Housekeeping

Rev. Denny C. Shepard
Mary Ann Smith
Karen Haynes
Carl Scott
Mary Jo Haynes
Kay Shepard
Anne Dulaney
Karen Scott
Joni Greene
Barbara Driver

A Loving Family of God – For Your Family

New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church

(Founded 1812)



*"For God So Loved the World,
That He Gave His Only Begotten Son,
That Whosoever Believeth in Him
Should Not Perish,
But Have Everlasting Life."*

John 3:16