

## *New Hope – A Place for New Beginnings!*

### Who Are We?

New Hope Church is a mainline church connected with the Presbyterian family of churches. Its beginning was a part of the highly evangelical movement in the early 1800's on what was then the American frontier. The open air evangelistic crusades resulted in the formation of many new congregations, one of which was New Hope.

New Hope was identified with a people called Cumberland Presbyterians. The prime emphasis was on reaching lost people for Christ and nurturing them in the Christian faith. The word "Cumberland" came from the geographical region called "Cumberland Country" in Tennessee and Kentucky. You might say that the "Cumberlands" were the frontier expression of the rich traditions of the Presbyterian Church.

New Hope Church has gone through many transitions since the time of its humble beginnings. In the early stages it was a country church in a community called New Hope. In recent years that rural community has changed to a more suburban community with a huge increase in population. The location between Lebanon, Gallatin, and Mt. Juliet afford attractive building lots on or near the lake.

In response to the increased population, new buildings were constructed - the Gym/Family Life Center in 1989, and the new Sanctuary and office complex in 2006, replacing the old sanctuary that had served the congregation for 120 years. All these buildings are debt free due to a major contribution from a will, and the sacrificial contributions from the current members of the church.

The church is now in the process of adjusting to the new challenges before us. The small congregation of about 100 people are ready and anxious to become more and more a church that reaches out to the community in service for the sake of Christ, and to provide the context where more and more people will experience a "new beginning" in their own lives.

Our worship services are traditional in format - singing the old hymns, using some of the traditional liturgies, but with a new spirit and openness to change. You will find the spirit in worship to be warm and personal and uplifting. The spirit of welcoming friendship is refreshing.

The congregation is made up of a very healthy mix of ages - older people, middle age people, young adults, youth and children.

We have building space for growth. Changes are being made to make the church more and more in tune with the approaches that reach present-day people.

New Hope is in a good position to not only welcome new people, but to let them become easily engaged in the church fellowship, and to find a place of ministry that fits one's talents, passions, and gifts for ministry.

### Our Approach to Ministry

We believe that when a praying church asks for God's guidance, and we let it be known what the general goals are for the church, God will call people to do things. We seek to support those who are called to ministry for the advance of God's Kingdom.

#### Our Mantra in Getting Things Done

- *Find a flame and fan it*
- *Find a calling and confirm it*
- *Find a passion and support it*

We take seriously the Spiritual Gifts Ministry. Rather than setting up ministries we think ought to be done and trying to find volunteers to do them, we seek to help people find a ministry that is the "Right Fit" for each person, and support them in doing it.

#### Our Working Mission Statement

New Hope Church exists to:

- Glorify Christ and obey Him
- Reach as many people as we can with His saving love

- Help each person grow toward Christian Maturity.

#### Community Building

New Hope will seek to contribute to a sense of "community" in the surrounding area, being a warm center of people to gather for worship, fellowship building, and learning to be a Christ-follower.

#### Community Church

- See the beginning of our mission to be a channel of God's love to people who live closest to us.
- We will think and act on activities that will make this a better community.
- To help facilitate community activities and program that are needed.
- To be seen as a catalyst around which a community comes closer together.
- Hold open the notion that God may want to make this a Regional Church.

### A Stephen Ministry Church

We have recently enrolled in this program that will select and train laypeople for caregiving ministry. Leaders will attend a training conference early in 2010, after which they will select and train Stephen Ministers in our church to be ready to accept assignments to help people go through the many transitions and challenges in life. Our Stephen Ministers will serve anyone in need, both within and outside the church.

### The Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination

Our denomination is not large compared to other churches, yet it is world-wide in its outreach. There are approximately 850 Cumberland Presbyterian congregations in 18 US states along with churches in Japan, Hong Kong, Colombia in South America, and Liberia in Africa. Through the denomination we support missions in many overseas countries. We also support Bethel University, Memphis Theological Seminary, and a fine Children's Home in Texas.

## What New Hope Receives from our Denominational Heritage

1. Focus on getting the gospel to the last, the least, and the lost
2. Worship is not only for the edification of the saints, but for the conversion of sinners
3. The church is seen as a spiritual movement, not a static institution
4. Make our appeal to the Head and to the Heart
5. Keep the organizational structure lean and clean (focused)

## What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe

We believe that the Bible is the "the only infallible rule of faith and practice." We believe that the ancient Apostles' Creed correctly expresses the basic truths of the Christian Faith and is in keeping with the teachings of the Bible.

Cumberland Presbyterians have a book called "The Confession of Faith" that expands on our beliefs. This fine little reference book not only states the beliefs but offers Scripture authority for each belief. The book also gives detailed information about the form of church government and various guidelines for procedures in operating the church.

## Church Local Outreach Ministries

Annual events for the entire community are:

- Annual Fall Fest on our church grounds - a Saturday afternoon and evening of activities designed for building community relationships and enjoyment for all age groups.
- Thanksgiving Banquet including Craft Fair & Talent Show.
- Christmas Caroling that reaches the whole community.
- Christmas Eve Service at 6:00PM - a service of carols, candle-lighting and communion for all Christians.
- Good Friday Services
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Vacation Bible School

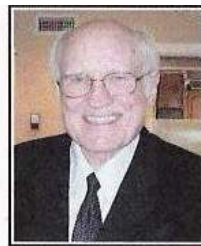
And other special events as announced.

## Weekly Activities of the Church

- Sunday School for all ages.
- Wednesday night Prayer Service 6:30 PM.
- There is children's time, during service, each Sunday.
- Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.
- Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday mornings at 6:00.
- Sunday evening events for youth, adults, and children as announced.
- A nursery is available for children of preschool age for most services.

## Our Pastor

Rev. Vernon Burrow joined the New Hope family as our pastor in October of 2008. Pastor Burrow has been in the ministry for fifty years and has a passion for "door-knocking" evangelism. He has served churches in Texas and Tennessee, helping each one grow stronger and larger through his leadership. Vernon is a graduate of Bethel College and has a master's degree from UT - Knoxville.



Vernon considers himself a "community pastor," ministering to families in the community who might not have a church home. We are thankful at New Hope to have Vernon's leadership and pray God's blessings on his pastorate here. His pastoral care ministry is available to anyone who needs it. Call him at 449-7020 or 406-6385.

## Sunday Morning Service Times

Sunday School	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship Service	10:00 A.M.

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*A Sketch of Our History, Mission,  
Theology, and Practice*

A Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church  
Serving God and this  
Community since 1812.

