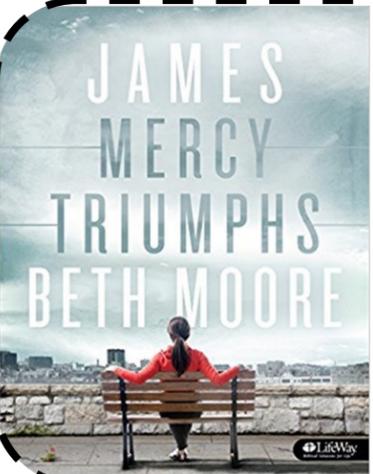


Leading causes of death in under-five children are pneumonia, diarrhea and health problems during the first month of life. 33% or 2 million deaths are related to malnutrition. In case the numbers escape you, this is more than 17,000 children per day; which means while we are gathered here in church more than 700 children will die. In 12 of those countries these kids are dying as a result of major armed conflicts (violence, directly or indirectly) which have attacked whole people groups causing genocides, mass homicides, destroyed infrastructure, economies, and agriculture. Let's also consider more than 20 Christians are martyred every day for their faith and those are only the confirmed deaths and not those about whom we do not know nor those who are imprisoned or persecuted for their faith. Some conservative numbers each month are: 200 churches or home of Christians who hold meetings are destroyed and more than 700 acts of violence occur against Christians.

Why do we ask why? Because in our heart we are moral creatures and there is an innate sense of right and wrong within us. Even those who may deny the existence of God or because of such things the goodness of God yet within them is a voice crying for moral justness. If evil was rational we could understand it but we cannot and not motivation or reason will seem right or justified. The fact that our president and the media use the term "evil" presents a moral, ethical and spiritual conundrum. If there is evil then there is some kind of moral judgement of right and wrong, permissible and not and hence the discussion as to what makes something good or bad, right or wrong and what standard will we apply and how consistent. The Bible says, in the context of the degrading moral and spiritual climate of Israel in Isaiah 5, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" Then in the next chapter God brings Isaiah to a vision of Himself, His holiness and His throne and calls Isaiah to do something about it. Well, we are face to face with God right now and we must do something about this evil; in our lives and in the lives of others locally and globally. So what will you do? "For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. For anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore He says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (1 Thess. 5.5-6, Romans 13.11, Revelation 3.2-3, Ephesians 5.14)



Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 5PM

Lead by Shannyn Robertson



WE NEED CANDY
for the *And Volunteers!!*
FALL FESTIVAL 2017

Fall Festival is just around the corner and we need **LOTS OF CANDY!!! AND VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Please have bags of candy in by October 22nd. See Pastor Chris to sign up as a volunteer.



Immediately following each home game.

OCT 20
OCT 27
NOV 3



New Hope Baptist Church
To Know Jesus & Make Him Known

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

Morning Worship Service

581 **We Have Heard the Joyful Sound**
Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:24-25

I Will Follow

206 **Blessed Be the Name**
O Worship the King - Choir
Indescribable

SPIRITUAL HABITS FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE - PART 6
BEING JESUS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

273 **Freely, Freely**



Evening Worship Service

522 **When the Morning Comes**
Invocation & Welcome
236 **Bless That Wonderful Name**
405 **Have Faith in God**

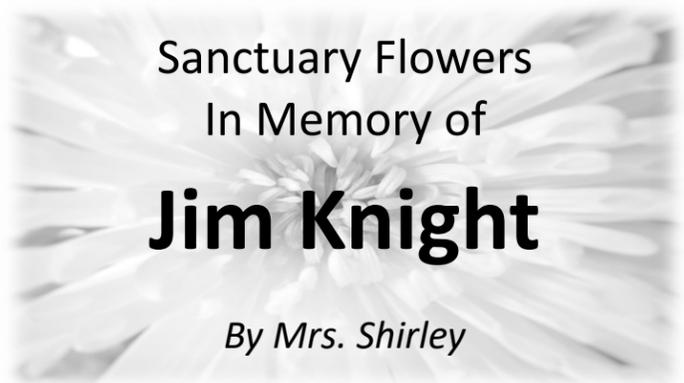
Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

PRESSING IN—REVELATION
550 **I'd Rather Have Jesus**
315 **Room at the Cross**

I took a break from writing these articles because for a few weeks there a lot of activities which needed the space, then life happened and then a hurricane. There has certainly been lots of issues which could be commented upon from a biblical world view and I trust during these weeks you have been able to assess many of them because you have the tools to understand the times because you have the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Things have settled down since the hurricane and I would like to take a few lines and thank all of you who made the effort to serve others in the aftermath of the storm. For what ever you may have done for whomever you served in any capacity: Thank You. Our community and the churches within our community really came together and I pray you were able to share the gospel and demonstrate the gospel through your acts of service.

The majority of media coverage and talk this week has centered around the tragedy in Las Vegas. Once again a person for reasons we will never know completely opened fire from a hotel room killing around 60 more and injuring some 500. These situations have a major impact on our worldview because they do two things: first they bring to the forefront the reality of life and death and we need to understand those things especially apart from our little corner of the world and second these tragic actions cause people to consider God. Let's start with the question of faith, evil and the question where is God in these evil acts? We must first stand with Scripture which in its first pages gives to two free individuals in a perfect setting the opportunity to follow God exclusively or to seek their own way. The Bible acknowledges sin and the fall of man before we hit page 4, this is no hidden concept, man rebelled against a holy God and it had consequences. Before page 6 we find a brother killing his brother, talk about rapid progression of consequences. God sees this tragedy as the one in Vegas a real evil, a rebellion against Him and from Jesus we learn He grieves those acts and we too should have compassion. We do not often get concrete answers as to why God prevents some tragedies and not others. Clearly by observing the world and its decay we can reason there would be innumerable more tragedies without God's restraining hand. A question for another time is not why did this tragedy occur but why don't so many more occur. Sometimes the best answer to tragedy isn't to propose, hypothesize or suggest any answer but empathize and weep with our neighbors... perhaps this is an opportunity to reach into someone's life

So let's turn our attention to a global understanding of this tragedy. This is not an effort to minimize what occurred in Vegas nor the impact on the families who it affected, rather it is an attempt to gain perspective, because on a global scale this happens every single day. Did you know there was another shooting on Sunday in Kansas near the University of Kansas? Mass shooting are considered where 4 or more people die and it is now a daily event in the US. According to the World Health Organization, some 6 million children die every year globally from something that is preventable if only the children had access; things like food, water, shelter, and basic medicine like Tylenol.



Sanctuary Flowers
In Memory of
Jim Knight

By Mrs. Shirley

*Happy Anniversary to
Mixon & Courtney Trammell
on Oct 12th!*

Happy Birthday!
TODAY
Mr. Steve Smith

Oct. 9—Susan Robertson
Oct. 11—Matt Conley
Oct. 12—Will Bennett
Oct. 13—Corey Crider
David Suttles
Oct. 14—Timmy Murphy



Please pray for Taylor and the family God is preparing for him.

**Kingdom Giving
Kingdom Living**

<u>Sunday Services</u>	<u>Wednesday Services</u>
SS Enrollment 209	Adult Bible Study.....12
Members Attend.....	Students.....26
Visitors Attend.....	GA/RA (elementary).....31
Children's Church	Mission Friends (pre-s).....12
Nursery 20	Nursery.....2
Morning Worship 123	Women's Study.....13
Evening Worship 38	Leaders.....17
	Total.....113

Giving Record

Tithes & Offerings	\$6717.00
Designated	\$198.00
Budget Needs Each Week	\$6,797

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October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8 Deacon's Meeting 5p	 Stewardship Meeting 6p		11 Business Meeting 7p	12 Meal Delivery: Sue Mannery	13 <i>Deen Wedding</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith	20 <i>5th Quarter</i>	
22	23	24	25	26 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith	27 <i>5th Quarter</i>	
29 5th Sunday Sing	30	31	1 November	2 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford	3 <i>5th Quarter</i>	Mrs. Nubern's Birthday Celebration
5pm Deacon's Meeting 6pm OCC Packing Party	6	7	8	9 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	10	11

COUNTING COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2017
Tamadge Albritton, Sheena Benbow, Alecia Hughes

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
Kids' Church K-5
6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
Women's Bible Study
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK
Winston Smith
Matt Chapman
Binky Graham
Kole Robertson

DEACON OF THE WEEK
October 8—October 14
Adam Bunch 673-0206
October 15—October 21
Kord Robertson

October 29th
5th Sunday Sing
&
POTLUCK
Dinner on the Grounds

thank you

...to everyone who reached out to your neighbors by sacrificing time and resources when it was so desperately needed. And for doing it without recognition or return. Your love has not gone unnoticed.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL
10.28.17 4-7PM

WE NEED CANDY

IF Little Ones are a Big Deal to you and you'd Like to join our Nursery Ministry, please contact Julie Barnett @ 863-438-1826 Or church office



Don't forget your bags!

Women's Ministry
Join us every Wednesday at 7pm for Bible Study, Encouragement, and Support