



Dear New Hope Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous love offering to the Hardee Help Center!

With your support we are able to bring hope and healing to Hardee County families in difficult seasons of life.

Blessings from the Hardee Help Center,

Amy Harper

HHC Executive Director

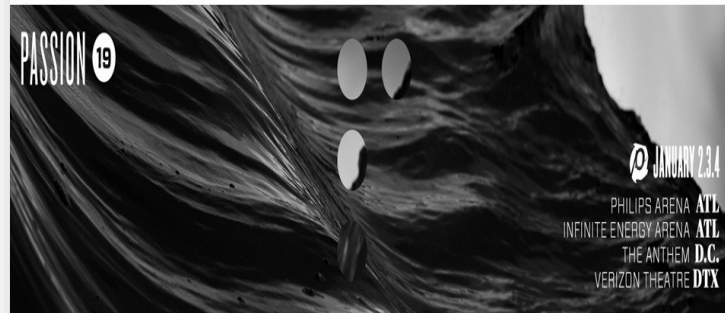
Celebrating
25 years of
Sending
Shoebox Gifts!



Operation Christmas Child
Countdown to National Collection Week &
Silver Anniversary Luncheon
Saturday, September 22, 2018
10:00 till Noon - Registration begins at 9:30
Bible Fellowship Church
3750 Hammock Road, Sebring FL 33872
We will have OCC labels and GO boxes available at the event!
Order other materials @ www.samaritanspurse.org
We encourage you to bring a friend!
For more information, please contact Lori Bell lori@joeandloribell.com or 502.553.5760

PASSION Conference 2019

12th grade-age 25



If you're interested in attending the conference please see Missy or Corey Zeigler or Kendall Robertson.



I will give you a
NEW HEART and a
NEW SPIRIT I will put within you.
And I will remove
the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.



June 10-14, 2019
Daytona Beach, FL

PASSION CAMP

PASSION CAMP 2019
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE
TODAY



New Hope Baptist Church
TO KNOW JESUS & MAKE HIM KNOWN
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Morning Worship Service

208 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Welcome & Prayer

502 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Lord, To You I Pray - Choir

The Way (New Horizon)

& Spirit of the Living God

BRO. STEVE HENDERSON - Guest Speaker

298 I'll Live for Him

Evening Worship Service

11 My God, How Wonderful You Are

Invocation & Welcome

29 How Majestic Is Your Name

64 God Will Take Care of You

Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

330 Amazing Grace!

BRO. STEVE HENDERSON - Guest Speaker

450 I Need Thee Every Hour

FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT CHRISTIAN SUFFERING

All Christians suffer. Either you have, you are, or you will — “through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” ([Acts 14:22](#)).

This reality is a stark reminder that we have not reached the new heavens and new earth. The New Jerusalem of no tears and no pain, of no mourning and no death, hasn't arrived yet ([Revelation 21:1, 4](#)).

But just because we experience suffering as we await the redemption of our bodies, it doesn't mean that our suffering is random or without purpose. And neither does it mean that Scripture doesn't tell us how to think about our suffering now.

Here are five important biblical truths about suffering every Christian should have ready:

1. Suffering is multifaceted.

Suffering has many faces. The Bible doesn't whitewash our experience of suffering by saying that it's all of one stripe. Rather, it recognizes the multifaceted ways that suffering can come upon us. The apostle Paul wrote, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” ([2 Corinthians 4:8-9](#)).

In these two verses, Paul lists several types of suffering — mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Each of these are different ways that we can suffer, and when suffering comes, often several of these types of suffering are involved.

2. Suffering happens in community.

The church is not meant to be a loosely bound association of functional Lone Rangers. Paul confronts that type of thinking when he writes, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” ([Galatians 6:2](#)).

The church is meant to be a refuge for those suffering. When a member is hurting, the church applies the bandages; when a member is down, the church encourages; when a member is in need, the church comes alongside to help.

3. Suffering equips us for ministry.

Firsthand experience in suffering is essential in equipping us for ministry. Paul writes in [2 Corinthians 1:4](#) that God “comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

But how? And what is the link between experiencing suffering and equipping for ministry? David Powlison answers this way:

“When you've passed through your own fiery trials, and found God to be true to what he says, you have real help to offer. You have firsthand experience of both his sustaining grace and his purposeful design. He has kept you through pain; he has reshaped you more into his image. . . . What you are experiencing from God, you can give away in increasing measure to others. You are learning both the tenderness and the clarity necessary to help sanctify another person's deepest distress. ([Suffering and the Sovereignty of God](#), 166)”

4. Suffering is a battleground.

Wherever there is suffering, there is a battle — a battle for your soul. The book of Job shows us there can be two ways to respond to suffering: one that curses God because of suffering and one that praises God, even in the midst of suffering ([Job 2:9-10](#)).

5. Suffering prepares us for more glory.

One of the counterintuitive truths about suffering is that it prepares Christians for more glory. Paul writes in [2 Corinthians 4:17-18](#), “This light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

These verses are like sandpaper on our modern sentiments about suffering. We naturally try to avoid suffering at all costs. But God brings suffering in our lives for the sake of our eternal joy — yes, even glory.

Joseph Scheumann-Found at desiringgod.org



In Memory of
Steve Maldonado

A \$200 donation has been made to
the Music Department

By Walter & Carol Farr

Happy Anniversary!
September 7
Binky & Michelle Graham



Happy Birthday!

September 2
Morgan Bishop

September 3
Bennie Lee Platt

September 7
Lawrence Factor

September 8
Cheryl Staton

Wednesday Services	
Adult Bible Study.....	12
Students.....	14
GA/RA (elementary).....	9
Mission Friends (pre-s).....	8
Nursery.....	4
Women's Study.....	11
Leaders.....	14
Total.....	72

Giving Record	
Budget Needs/Week	\$7,056.00
Tithes & Offering	\$3,866.00
Difference.....	(-\$3,190.00)
Designated.....	\$287.50

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Rev. David E. Radford - Minister of Music - 781-9675 (Cell)
Weekly Worship Guide

September						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	 Offices Closed	4 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	5	6 Meal Delivery: Pauline Hendrickson 7pm Deacon's Meeting	7 Bishop Yard Sale Fellowship Hall	8
9	10 6pm Stewardship Meeting	11	12 Business Meeting 6:30p	13 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Meal Delivery: Cyndi Fischer	21	Countdown to Shoebox Collection Week 
23	24	25	26	27 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford	28	29
30	1	2	3	4 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith	5	6

COUNTING COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 2018
Margaret Bennett, Susan Robertson, Bud Wilson

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

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)

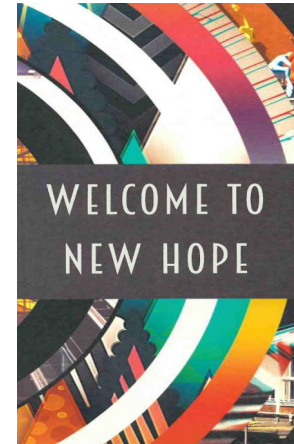
G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.

Women's Bible Study

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK
Talmadge Albritton
Dewey Bennett
Bill Jernigan
Steve Smith

DEACON OF THE WEEK
Sept 2-8
Kord Robertson 781-5383
Sept 9-15
Johnny Trammell 781-0444



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.
We're so glad you're here!

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Sunday morning worship service and Wednesday night

Please see Julie or Missy to sign up.





The Wednesday Night Supper Crew needs volunteers. There are five groups which means you'll only serve once every five weeks.
See Donna Klein or Michelle Graham



OCC Fill-a-Bottle Fundraiser

GRAB A BOTTLE (from the foyer)

FILL IT UP (with quarters)

BRING IT BACK (to church)

DROP IT (in the offering plate)

(Don't worry, the ushers have been weight training.)

Upcoming Opportunities...

Sept 22– Countdown to OCC Shoebox Collection Week

Oct 7– OCC Silent Auction & Lunch Fundraiser

