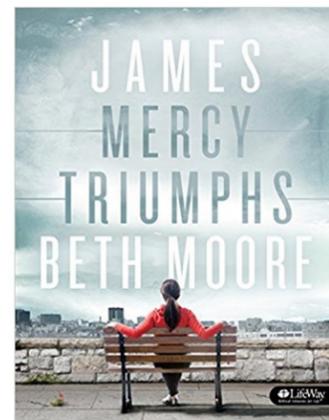


Now we would initially agree with the basic intent of Luther's statements, but the question remains: Where are we when it comes to being part of the reformation? Are we willing to reform (change) or do we "kick against the goads"? Do we in our own life practice these things? Are we any different? Did we really need the reformation? Are things any different now? It seems in many ways we drift back to selfish ways which is why the church always needs reforming. It is because we are sinful, Luther was clearly right on this. We will naturally be inclined towards safety and comfort and we will constantly need to be pushed to the uncomfortable edge of gospel proclamation and dangerous living. Is it my job or the job of the church? It is both. In Luther's time people gave indulgences to alleviate the need for personal action. In our lives, do we give to the church and justify ourselves not meeting a need on the street during the week because it is the job of the church to meet the need? If so are we actively working within the church to meet the needs or has our action been passed to someone else? Do we treasure Christ in our daily lives of worship? Bob Kauflin writes, "Worship isn't primarily about music, techniques, songs, or methodologies. It's about our hearts. It's about what and who we love more than anything". Does this come across in our hobbies, the programs we watch on television, the books we read, how we spend our free time, who and how often we serve the disenfranchised and even in how we worship God together?

Are we in need of reform? I think Biblically the only correct answer to such a question is "yes". Because of sin, the church and each individual believer on earth must be reforming all the time. It is never supposed to be stagnant. God is the same and because He is the same He continues to do new things to move you and me to be more like Him. We must change to be like Him. Since each day is new and each day our lives change and move forward the church must also move at the speed of change. Not for the sake of change and not a change which affects core doctrine, but at a pace which makes it relevant to the culture and yet markedly different from the culture. Ask yourself these questions: Where do I need reform today? Where do I need to think more like Christ? How do I need to act more like Christ? Who needs to know about Jesus from me today?

**Nov 19th @ 6pm** Thanksgiving Dinner  
**Dec 3rd—Advent:HOPE**  
 @ 6:30pm Hanging of the Green  
**Dec 10th—Advent:LOVE**  
**Dec 17th—Advent:JOY**  
 @ 11am Christmas Musical  
 @ 6:30pm Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant  
**Dec 24th—Advent:PEACE**  
 Christmas Eve



**Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays @ 5&7PM

Lead by Shannyn Robertson

Don't forget to fill out the Contact Sheet so we can update our church records.

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!

**New Hope Baptist Church**  
 To Know Jesus & Make Him Known

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

*Morning Worship Service*

**# 15 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Scripture Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-10

Testimony of Candidate:

Marc Pollard

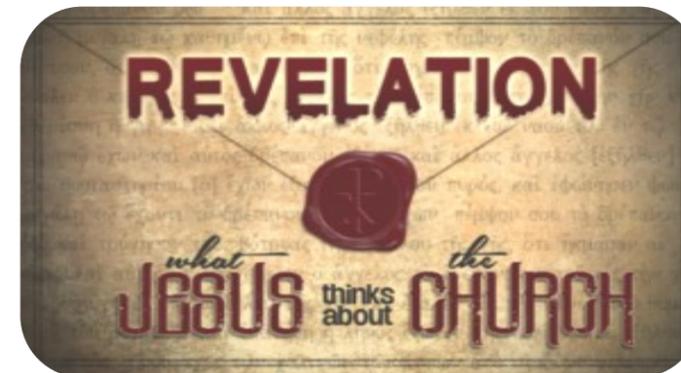
**# 52 He Leadeth Me!**

**O Blessed Thought**

**Control (Somehow You Want Me)**

**ORDINATION CHARGE**

**# 307 Just As I Am**



*Evening Service*

**5PM Supper**

**6PM Operation Christmas**

**Child Packing Party**

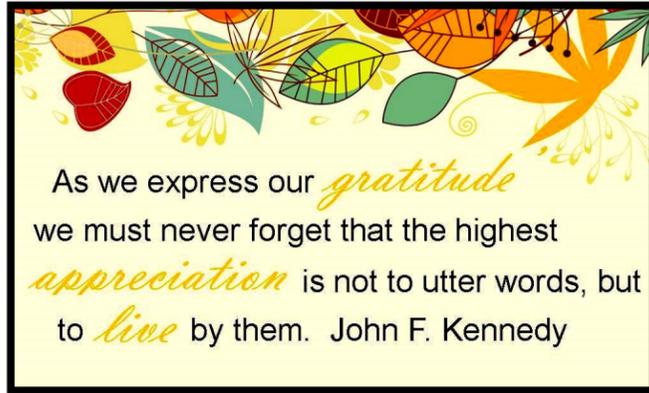


Tuesday of last week, October 31<sup>st</sup> of 2017, was an important date in your history as Christian. It marks the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It was on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 arguments and 95 propositions to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. Before we think he was antagonistic or he was an intentional rebel he was not. He was simply a monk, one who struggled with what he was reading in the Holy Scriptures and what He was seeing in the church around him. Professor Luther recognized bad practices are a result of bad thinking which stems from bad theology. He was a simple man who recognized sin and the holiness of God and struggled with how the two, himself (an unrighteous sinner) and God (a holy and righteous being) could be reconciled. He labored over the book of Romans and eventually God made it clear to him, or more aptly said, Luther was humble enough to hear what God had been saying all along.

Dr. Luther, through realistic observation, came to realize the theology in the church was a theology which did not uphold the gospel but was actually denying the gospel in Word and in action. So, he took action. His life had been changed by the gospel. His teaching became more vibrant, his hope was evident, his life took on new meaning, he became more involved in people's lives and he questioned why things were the way they were and why no one seemed to care. Then he decided to take the next step. In a normal questioning method to begin a debate he posted his arguments and propositions on the door of the church. Many of his questions for debate focused around indulgences being sufficient to buy the living or the dead out of purgatory, the ability to be free of sin in temporal life, the necessity of repentance and confession and the inability of the priest or pope to forgive sins, giving to the church is more important than helping those in need, the main treasure of the church is the gospel and the grace of God, the need to face these doctrinal issues and obey Christ and the Scriptures at all costs. Luther was concerned about how people lived their life in the church and outside the church and he believed the two were inseparably intertwined. He was not actually pursuing a new church but a reformation of what existed. However, as he would find out changing an existing organization with a hierarchy of wealth and power is not easy nor was it wanted. The Roman Catholic Church was as an organization not interested in reformation (change) but quieting the disturbance.

Sanctuary Flowers  
In Memory of

**Rev. Daniel  
Rodriquez**



**Happy Birthday!**  
Nov. 7— Kord Robertson  
Donnie Heither  
Nov. 8— Caleb Hughes  
Nov. 10— Donna Klein

**Kingdom Giving  
Kingdom Living**

<u>Sunday Services</u>	<u>Wednesday Services</u>
SS Enrollment ..... 209	Adult Bible Study.....6
Members Attend.....	Students.....18
Visitors Attend.....	GA/RA (elementary).....37
Children's Church ..... 10	Mission Friends (pre-s).....12
Nursery ..... 16	Nursery.....3
Morning Worship ..... 104	Women's Study.....16
Evening Worship ..... 54	Leaders.....17
	Total.....109

Giving Record

Tithes & Offerings .....	\$2124.00
Designated .....	\$822.00
Budget Needs Each Week .....	\$7056

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# November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 <b>ORDINATION</b> 5pm Supper 6pm OCC Packing Party	6	7 Building & Grounds Meeting 7PM	8	9 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	10	11 HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED <b>VETERANS DAY</b>
12 5pm Deacon's Meeting	13 <b>Operation Christmas Child Collection Week</b>					
19 Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00PM	20 OCC Collection	21	22 <b>No Services</b>	23 Meal Delivery: Cyndi Fischer	24 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30 Meal Delivery: Alma Durrance	1 <b>DECEMBER</b>	2
3 Advent:HOPE 6:30pm Hanging of the Green	4	5	6	7 Meal Delivery: Pauline Hendrickson	8	9

**COUNTING COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 2017**  
Vernon Benbow, Kay Crews, Meg Moore

**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**

Adam Bunch  
Damon Hughes  
Scott Henderson  
Jake Pendergrass

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

October 29—November 4  
Winston Smith 832-0684  
November 5—November 11  
Damon Hughes - 781-0679



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**Upcoming Events**

**TODAY**

@ 5PM Supper  
@ 6PM Packing Party

**Nov. 13th-20th**  
**OCC Collection Week**