

JULY 3, 2020

# NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK 15 NEWSLETTER

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## **WORDS FROM DR. ROBERTS**

May 1, 1976 Brenda and I arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica to study Spanish. On July 4, all Americans living there were invited to the U.S. Ambassador's home to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. It was an exciting day for all of us and we took our boys there to join other Americans living in Costa Rica. There were hot dogs, hamburgers, cokes, and patriotic music. It was like being home, but we weren't. Being far from home made us think about our country and appreciate it more than we ever had before. We love the U.S., not because it's perfect but because it's our home.

As we prepare to celebrate July 4, 2020 there is much unrest in our country. Covid-19 is tearing away at the fiber of our daily lives and threatening us physically, economically, and socially. It has brought fear to much of the U.S. population. There is social unrest and the demand for equal justice for all that has resulted in many people protesting in the streets. There are threats externally and internally from countries and groups that would like to destroy our nation. Yet, despite all our troubles and weaknesses, this is the greatest country on earth. People are still trying to get in legally or illegally because we have something here not found anywhere else.

There is nothing wrong with patriotism as long as we love God first and foremost. God has given us the privilege to live here. He has made this country great. He has used the U.S. to bless the world. Let us love our country and strive to improve it. I don't think that God is through with the U.S. yet. He still wants to use us to bless this world. This weekend, celebrate and thank God for our country. Let us strive to become all that God would have us be for His glory.



Happy Birthday!

JULY 3  
DONNA PENDERGRASS

JULY 4  
GRACE DUBOIS

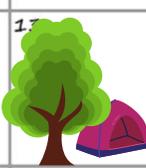
JULY 7 DANIELLE WEEKS

JULY 8  
RAY DURRANCE

Right now,  
Wal-Mart and  
Staples have  
notebooks on  
sale for 25¢.  
These are  
great additions  
to the OCC  
Shoeboxes!



# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 VBS PACKET PICKUP 6-7:30PM	13 	14	15 Virtual	16 GOD'S BACKYARD VBS	17 	18
19	20	21	22 Business Meeting 6:30pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

VBS has been moved to a virtual experience this year. To find out more details, check out the latest video from Krystin and Michelle on our Facebook page.

To join in on the fun, make sure to pick up your VBS packet on **Sunday July 12, 6:00-7:30pm.**





4<sup>th</sup> happy  
of July

For you have been called  
to live in freedom...  
use your freedom to  
serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

## In Case You Missed It

Dear Church,

During this confusing and unsure time, we want to make sure every member is aware of what may be happening in the church regarding Covid-19.

There have been members who have tested positive for Covid -19 and some still awaiting test results. Some of them have been worshiping in the church building.

We want to assure you the church has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We have also distributed more hand sanitizer throughout the church building. In addition, we have masks available to anyone who needs one although they are not mandatory. We ask that you continue to practice social distancing in the building and to congregate outside after service.

We are continuing in-person and online worship. Please choose what is right for you.

Please pray for those diagnosed and those awaiting results.