

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK 23 NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM DR. ROBERTS

Research has been done on what the perfect pastor looks like. The perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes and is never dull. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8 AM to midnight and is also the church janitor. He makes \$100 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car, and gives \$80 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old and has been preaching for twenty-five years. He is gentle and handsome, loves to work with teens, and spends many hours with seniors. He makes 15 visits a day to church families, shut-ins, and the sick, and is always in his office when needed. He never neglects his family. He is the perfect pastor that no one has ever met!

While the above description is ridiculous, many people have unreal expectations of their pastor. Real pastors have strengths and weaknesses. Biblically, pastors are expected to do three things:

1. Proclaim the word of God to the people.
(Preaching, teaching, and witnessing.)
2. Minister to the people.
(Visiting sick, counseling, encouraging, weddings, funerals, etc.)
3. Lead the people where God would have them go.
(The pastor and the church seek a vision from God, and he leads the people to fulfill it.)

Not every pastor is equally strong in every area but must work effectively in all three to fulfill his ministry. Your pastor that is coming is not perfect. If you expect perfection, you will be disappointed. He is coming to lead an imperfect church. But he is: (1) Called and anointed by God; (2) Sent by God to the church; (3) Will be used by God to speak truth to the hearers; (4) Will be a blessing to the body of Christ.

So, what should you and I do? (1) Thank God for the new pastor; (2) Pray for him and his family. They have powerful enemies; (3) Follow him as he follows Christ; (4) Get involved. Be a player not a spectator. As we all work together, God will continue to bless New Hope Baptist Church.

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding."

JEREMIAH 3:15

"Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow."

HEBREWS 13:17

HAPPY
Birthday

AUGUST 28
 COURTNEY TRAMMELL

SEPTEMBER 1
 WINSTON SMITH

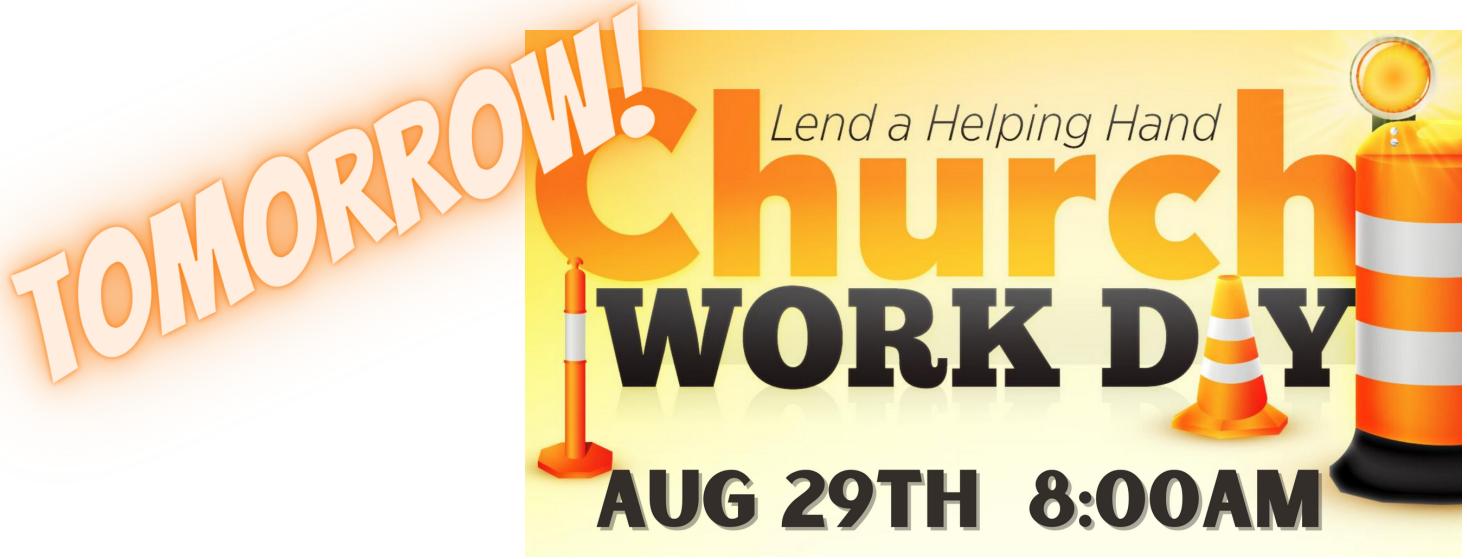
AUGUST 29
 JOAN TERRELL
 CARL FREY WEEKS
 LINDA SMITH

SEPTEMBER 3
 BENNIE PLATT

AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	Meet & Greet 9:30-11:30am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
VOTE 1:00-3:00pm			Nominating Comm 5PM			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Work Day 8am
30	31					





If you are interested in going to the OCC processing center this year, please contact Debbie Wheeler at 863-781-0043



ANNOUNCING

New Workout Ministry!

FOR ALL ABILITY LEVELS

Location:

New Hope Baptist Church Rec. Center
1999 St. Rd. 64 E., Wauchula 33873

Dates & Times:

Every Tues. & Thurs.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Christians encouraging each other in life and fitness. Invite your friends and join us in our newest ministry!



Ministry Guided By:
Marlene Hebert

"And so, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him."

ROMANS 12:1



Sending the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Kick Off and Virtual Workshop

Saturday, September 12, 2020



The Kick Off begins at Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, with a stay-in-your-car drive through tour showing how your shoebox gifts are sending the Gospel all over the world. Drive in anytime between 10:00 and Noon. This event will last 15 minutes and you will receive information, shoeboxes and surprises!



The National Virtual Project Leader Workshop begins at 7:00pm
from the comfort of your own home!

Register at

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/local-events-and-offices/>

and receive a gift at the Drive Through Kick Off!



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