

## *Farewell 2011!*

"Time flies," or so the saying goes, but 2011 should not be forgotten. New Hope saw some great blessings from our God this past year:

1. We welcomed Pastor Randy & Cherri.
2. We witnessed a miracle in Pastor Perry's response to the "pain pump."
3. We met our goal of \$750,000 for the first phase of our capital campaign.
4. We experienced growth in GEMS, Cadets, Coffee Break & Missions.
5. We marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Perry's ministry at New Hope.

## **CADETS**

On alternate Wednesdays (the same night as the GEMS meet) the basement at New Hope church is a lively place. Nine boys meet with their three counselors—Bruce, Chip, and Les—in small groups with the counselor ministering to the unique needs of each boy and providing him with a model of Christian manhood. Through Bible study and discussion, boys discover who God is and how He works in their lives and in the world. They are challenged to claim God's promises and commit their lives to His service. As this group grows (and we have more meeting space) we will be able to offer the advancement program and other activities to help boys grow more Christ-like in all areas of life: mental, physical, emotional, social, and devotional.

Men, pray for God's direction and if He wants you to consider becoming involved in Cadets in the fall of 2012.

## *In Preparation for the Congregational Meeting*

A time of prayer will be held on Saturday, January 14 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Please come anytime during these three hours to spend time in personal prayer for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. The Ulmer's will host with beverages and snacks so come anytime your schedule allows. There will be a list of specific items to pray for. If you are not able to attend, the list will be available to spend some personal time in prayer seeking the Lord's direction for our church. See Alan or Lori with any questions.

## **GEMS**

### Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior

The church is a buzz (a spirited place) on two Wednesday nights a month from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Thirty-one girls (seven from New Hope) meet with six counselors—Cami, Phyllis, Chris, Jana, Thelma and Jean—as well as two crafty ladies—Amorette and Shelby—to *Get Wisdom: Go Beyond the Gold!* A Scripture passage is selected around the theme and developed to make the passage come alive for the girls. Bible studies, service projects, crafts, singing, games and other fun activities are created to teach the truth of God's Word found in the theme. This year the book of Proverbs, God's handbook on wisdom and our primary book of study for this theme, will teach them to do just that. The girls are learning that when we fear God and make wise choices, we will make good decisions that protect our lives from sin and its consequences and keep us on the highway of the upright and the path of the wise.

Ladies, you are welcome to visit on a club night to catch the excitement of working with the GEMS ministry and consider being a leader!

## **NEWHope NEWSLetter**

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### **Annual Congregational Meeting** *"Celebrating God's Blessings in 2011"*

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 15 at 5:00 PM. All members and those who regularly worship at New Hope are asked to attend this important meeting. Business matters of the church will be discussed, a budget for 2012 will be approved and elders and deacons of the Council will be elected. We will decide whether or not to extend a Letter of Call to Rev. James Kim to be our Assistant Pastor for Youth, Campus, and Korean Ministries. There will also be the opportunity to get to know our ministry activities better and apply to serve on committees or ministry teams.

*A Fund Raising Taco/Soup Dinner will be held after the congregational meeting. The proceeds will be used to help cover the costs of our annual Vacation Bible School. Please make every effort to attend these two events.*

*All New Hope 2011 Year End Expenses should be turned in by Wed, January 1 in preparation for the Congregational Meeting. Forms are available in the church office. Place them in the treasurer's mail box in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Jana Baldwin, our church treasurer.*

### ***GEMS Christmas Party at Walmart?***

Yes, the girls brought some of their own money and the money they earned selling cookie and soup mixes and went to Walmart to purchase toys for Caritas Outreach Ministries!