

Good News from Good Hope!



Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
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Our Nation's Leaders Need Our Prayers

Josiah Gilbert Holland wrote:
"God, give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking."

July 4th is our nation's birthday. Give thanks for your country, and pray for your leaders.

Two days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, after the delegates of the Continental Congress had voted to separate from Britain, Samuel Adams said this to his fellow delegates: "We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom alone all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven, and . . . from the rising to the setting sun, may His kingdom come."

When our leaders lead rightly, God is honored and His people benefit. "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2) ❖



Make a Joyful Noise!

If you are interested in participating in a musical ensemble, please speak with **Chris Waller**. The purpose of the group will be to aid in our worship by assisting the congregation in learning new songs, as well as occasional special music.

We will meet on **Sundays, July 4th** and **July 11th** from 8:45am - 9:20am. The next practice after that will be held on Sunday, August 15th. You are encouraged to participate even if you are unable to do so every week. Babysitting is available! ❖

Focus on Our Missionaries: *The Brown Family in Cary, North Carolina*

Greetings from the Browns and our church-planting work in North Carolina. Here are a few items for prayer concerning our new ministry. We really need God's people to stand with us in prayer. *"Unless the Lord builds the house. . ."* (Psalm 127:1)

Please particularly pray for us as we continue to raise funds for this new church plant. I recently wrote to our supporters about the freedom a call brings. If we believe that God has called us to this work, then we are willing to do whatever (humanly speaking) it takes. So, I said (probably only partly joking), "Even if we have to pick up cans along the road and sell them to fund this, we will!" We do earnestly believe that God has called us to plant this church. Gail and I are grateful that God is giving us a shared vision and excitement about what lies ahead. And we have confidence in Him and the power of the Gospel to create the church. But support-raising is hard work! We deeply need your prayers. **Pray that we would look to Jesus in this time and not let stress capture us so that we fail to love each other as husband and wife.**

Thank God with us for the encouragement that we have through the faithful giving of God's people. We are over the 50% mark of the funds needed!

Pray for Gail as she has applied to the local school system for a position in the fall. This not only will bring us some needed income (better than cans beside the road!), but will also provide another opportunity to meet folks and minister to them. We are both currently looking for temp work to bring in income during the transition between completing our support-raising and going full-bore with the work. **Pray that God would continue to show us His great faithfulness in providing for the material needs of our family.**

In early August we will be moving to our target area in northwest Cary, North Carolina from where we are currently living. It will be about a 20-mile move. While no one enjoys moving (unless you know someone I don't know?), we are looking forward to finally being in our target area. **Pray that this short move will go well.**

Pray for us as we meet our new neighbors. God has led us to meet some families in the target area. We hope to begin some Bible studies later this summer. One couple may be willing to have a Bible study in their home! **Pray that God will lead us to other contacts.** We would also appreciate it if you let us know of anyone in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina who you know and who may need ministering to or a church home. We desire to meet those who do not know the Lord and are not involved in His church.

We are grateful for Doug Peterson who will be joining with us in this work. Doug has been the associate pastor at a nearby PCA church and is now doing an internship with us. He will be working as a "tentmaker" in a business that he and his father own. Doug wants to plant a church in the future. Doug has been a blessing and encouragement. **Pray that God would bless Doug's business and ministry.**

Please remember our daughter, Katie, who is serving in Uganda this summer.

In our times of itineration the past few years we have always enjoyed coming to Good Hope. You are special folks and have always welcomed us as Christ would. Thanks you for your partnership with us in the Gospel. May the Lord bless you as you move forward in His mighty and gracious name!

The Browns—Eddie, Gail, Katie, and Alan



Here are Gail, Alan, and Eddie Brown at the 2004 Good Hope Missions Conference this February. Their daughter Katie was not able to attend.

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27 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am	28	29	30	1	2 Middle and High School Youth Groups at Wallers' 7:00pm	3
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18 Worship Service - 9:30am Communion To Be Served Sunday School - 11:00am	19	20	21	22	23	24 Building Committee at the Macdonalds' House - 7:30am
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Return Your Building Pledges!

Please take time to prayerfully consider and fill out the pledge forms that you received in the mail for our new building project. Monetary commitments are needed, as well as "sweat equity" in order to make our new church building a reality. Feel free to talk with **Mac Macdonald**, **Bill Davis**, or **Jim Haber** with any questions, and return your forms as soon as possible!

Focus on Our Missionaries

We are looking forward to having the **Huber Family** with us on Sunday, July 4th, as they are here from Kiev, Ukraine on home ministry assignment this summer. Eric will be preaching during our morning worship, and the Hubers will also update us on their work in Ukraine during the Sunday School hour.

Session Meeting

The Session will meet on Thursday, July 15th at 7:30pm at the Wallers' House.

Youth Group Invades Ocean City

Calling all High School and Middle Schoolers... We are going to the beach! Join for us for an overnight trip to Ocean City on **July 8-9th**. We will be staying at Mitch and Michelle Black's beach house in Ocean Pines. Please speak to either **Jack or Chris Waller** to reserve your place right away. Ocean City will never be the same!

Sunday Evening at Route 216

Join us for a picnic at the new church property on Route 216 in Fulton (12131 Scaggsville Road) on **July 11th** at 6:00 pm. Following the picnic, we will have a brief worship time.

More Golf This Fall!

Due to the wild popularity of the spring men's golf event, another outing is being planned for this fall. Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, October 2nd** at Patuxent Greens in Laurel. More details to come...