

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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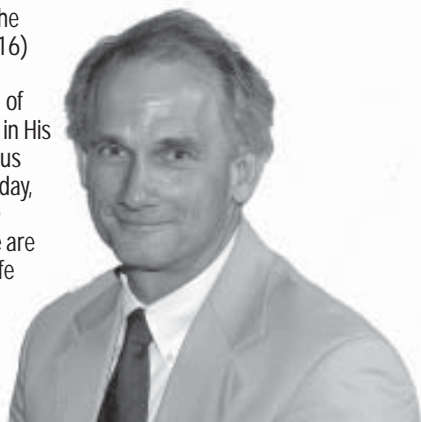
Change and the Changeless One

Clocks have been rolled back. The time has changed. The days are growing shorter, the nights longer. The leaves that were once new and green are now changing colors to red, orange, and yellow. Change. Change can be good. Change can be bad.

Change is good when it mirrors the Lord's design for change. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." (Eccles. 3:1)

Change is bad when it is the result of neglecting the Lord's will. When we turn from people who rejoice in the Lord to those who ignore His goodness, the change is bad. Likewise, change is bad when we become grumblers and complainers, forgetting His daily kindnesses and abundant provisions. We should "do everything without complaining or arguing, so that we may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life." (Philippians 2:14-16)

The Lord Himself is the changer of seasons and circumstances, yet in His character He never changes. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) We change with the seasons, and we are affected by the experiences of life through which we pass, yet we should never change in our love for our Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ, as we never stop being thankful to Him. ❖



Musical Notes

Please contact our pianist, **Sarah Lantz**, if you are interested in occasionally helping with special music or if you're willing and able to play a musical instrument.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, November 19th** for the purpose of receiving the 2007 budget and for acting on any changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Communion Schedule

Take time to prepare your heart as we will celebrate communion with our Lord on **Sunday, November 19th**.

Children's Christmas Play

Mark your calendars for Good Hope's first Christmas play in our new building! Our play, entitled "Moving Day," will be presented on **Sunday, December 17th at 7:00pm**.

Moving has been an important part in the life of our church. Have you ever stopped to think that Christmas was a kind of moving day for God's Son? That is the idea that our play explores this year. We will continue to practice as part of our Sunday School hour. In addition, there will be an important dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th from 9-11am. Don't miss "Moving Day!"

Focus on Our Missionaries: *Eddie and Gail Brown in Cary, North Carolina*

Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again. (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

Faith Ventures and Adventures: Before we left Africa, we began to think about planting a church somewhere in west Cary or the western Wake County area of North Carolina. It was Gail, me, and Thee make three—something like that! We came back to cast our bread, our goods, and our lives towards this venture that came to be called Christ Our Redeemer (COR). You have helped us with your prayers, encouragement, and financial support to see this new mission work come through the birth canal and begin worship. We are grateful to you and to the Lord of the Church.

First Year Anniversary: In August we celebrated our first anniversary as a church! That Sunday morning we met in a park under a shelter to worship and share a meal together. The really cool thing is that there were hundreds, at least, of boys and girls playing soccer with their moms and dads with them—soccer being a big religion here and soccer fields nearby. We got to worship before their faces without being in their faces. Folks were constantly stopping by, some watching, one couple sitting down. Afterwards some of our folks got into conversations with other people at the park. I was grateful that our folks didn't feel awkward, but wanted to do it again! (We tried last week, but it was rainy and cold.)

God Answering Prayer: God has sent some of that "bread" back in terms of specific prayers answered. These include the lost coming to Christ, unchurched folks coming to church, and de-churched people returning to the church. One person in this last category recently wrote and said that Christ Our Redeemer has been a healing place. We want COR to be a safe place for sinners so that it is an unsafe place for sin. God is working. Repentance is happening, and joy is flowing. We are an infant, and these things are in some ways only a trickle now, but we trust that they will and are growing like that river in Ezekiel that grows larger and spreads from God's throne.

Prayer Needs Today: We need a new place to meet. Currently we have about 72 regular attenders (we started with about 22 last August), though they don't all come every Sunday—just like every other church. We need continuing outside financial support. Our group has new Christians who are only now learning about giving, several college kids who are poor as college kids, and we need more folks period. We need to learn to praise and give thanks to God for His great grace to us sinners.

And thanks to you for this opportunity to update you on our work. We ALWAYS have enjoyed our time visiting with you at Good Hope.

Grateful to be co-laborers in the glorious Gospel,
Eddie and Gail Brown



Christ Our Redeemer's first anniversary service in August!

Join us for Worship at 9:30am and Sunday School at 11:00am each Sunday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Daylight Saving Time Ends Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Reformation Service at Wallace - 6:00pm	30	31	1	2 Session/Deacon Meeting at Route 216 Property 7:30pm	3	4 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
5 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-7:30pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
12 Fellowship Hour - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-7:30pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Congregational Meeting Worship Service - 11:00am Communion To Be Served Youth Group - 6:00-7:30pm	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Service at Route 216 Property - 10am	24	25
26 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am	27	28 Info for December newsletter due to Kate Haber today!	29	30	1	2

New Building, New Schedule

Lord willing, we will be meeting in our new building in a matter of weeks, perhaps as soon as Sunday, November 12th! As we look forward to worshipping the Lord in our new location, we also look forward to our new meeting schedule, which will begin as soon as we're able to meet at Route 216:

Sunday School classes for all: 9:45-10:30am
Transition and Fellowship time: 10:30-11:00am
Worship Service: 11:00am

Sunday School classrooms will be assigned as follows:

- Nursery/Preschool: Classroom 1 (first classroom at the bottom of the stairs)
- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Classroom 2 (middle room)
- 3rd - 5th Grade: Open area at the bottom of the stairs
- Middle School: Classroom 3 (last room at the end of the downstairs hall)
- High School: Fellowship Hall
- Adults: Sanctuary

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience as we transition to our new location and our new schedule. Praise the Lord for His provision! ❖

Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving service will be held at our Route 216 building on **Thursday, November 23rd** at 10:00am. Let's give thanks together!

