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JULY

LOVE YOUR GOD

A gift I received for Mother's Day from my nephew, Chris, has really got me thinking. It is a bible verse in a lovely frame. I chose to place it on the kitchen counter so (in essence) it is in the center of the family activity!

The words are from Deuteronomy 6:5 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." This is a very powerful directive - wouldn't you say?

Let's start with a definition of love - there are copious references to love in the Bible and for me too many to pin down a short and concise meaning so I have "boiled down" what I take from the Bible and my own definition in order to put this in perspective. Love is a strong, passionate feeling for someone that starts as a small spark and continues to grow into an insurmountable identifying trait of a human being. A person can love their spouse, children and God in different degrees and in different ways. Deuteronomy 6:5 says we should love our God with ALL of our heart, soul and strength.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY 2012

Sunday Worship (Traditional) at 9AM and (Joy & Grace) at 11AM. Sunday School at 10:10AM and Adult conversation at 10:15AM

Choir practice is suspended for the summer.

Outreach Meeting Jul 5, 7pm

Education Meeting Jul 10, 7pm

Name that Tune Jul 15, 4pm

Book Study, "Love Wins" Jul 21, 9am

FINANCIAL TRAINING Jul 22, 6:30pm

Property Meeting Jul 24, 7pm

VBS "Sky", Everything is possible with GOD, starts Monday, Jul 30 from 9-12 and continues for four days.

This (to me) means I should place my Lord above all else in my life and make that spark continue to grow throughout my lifetime by using a combination of growing knowledge, experience and passion that cannot be fractured. What is your definition? Let me know.

LOVE TO MY GOD AND ALL THE NEW HOPE FAMILY!

Joyce Palmer, The Editor

ODDS AND ENDS

Darlene Fenzlein has moved to an Assisted Living Facility in Lake Huron, Michigan which will be closer to her daughter who lives in CANADA. We wish Darlene God's Speed!

Keep **Pastor Belles and his wife, Barbara** in your prayers for comfort and God's Grace as he is now home under Hospice Care.

Prayers of thanks for the safe return of **Josh Pryor** from Afghanistan. Welcome home, Josh!

Prayers of healing for **Angie's Pratt's son** who recently suffered a heart attack.

Prayers of gratitude for the safe return of **Angela, Chris and Tommy Hildreth** and continued prayer for regular employment for Chris.

Church Family Features THE ANDREW HAGGERTYS

You can find the Haggertys participating in most all activities of the church - Andrew is on the Church Council, Melissa is very active in educational events of the church including Sunday School and Bible Study (to mention a couple). Their three children are always in church with their parents and the two older girls enjoy VBS and other events where there is an opportunity for interaction. To say the least, they are darling girls with excellent manners, beautiful faces and personalities. Their little brother, Liam, has some big shoes to fill and he is off to a good start!

Andrew and Melissa were both born in Texas; Andrew has one brother and Melissa has a twin brother. Andrew and his brother own Century 21 Haggerty Co, REALTOR and Melissa is an educator working in the Socorro School District in Academy of Careers in Education where she is the Director of the Academy. She pursued a Master Degree while working full-time; and



Full-time and caring for her home and two girls in the process. While pregnant with their middle child, she worked all day, went to night school and had her child (Erin) at 8AM. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA!

Andrew and Melissa met in college at a party and as Andrew says, "The rest is history." Their girls are active in Karate, gymnastics and do excellent in school. We are so blessed to have them in our church family and look forward to watching the children grow in their active Christian lives!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

APPRECIATION DINNER

The annual Appreciation Dinner was held on June 30th. Volunteers, supporters and families of New Hope enjoyed a beautiful meal and meaningful fellowship at the church.

Those people "behind the scenes" play such an important role in the backbone of the church. Without them, many missions would not be possible.

Gratitude and thanks to all who give of themselves to further the Ministry of New Hope!

COUPLES BOOK STUDY

Pastor Jeff St. Clair will lead an Adult Retreat and Book Review of the publication, "LOVE WINS" by Rob Bell, on Saturday from 9am to 2pm.

This is a book about **Heaven, Hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived! We are blessed to have Pastor Jeff lead us in this type of educational ministry. If you haven't experienced a session like this, mark your calendars! You will not be disappointed!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Thursday

July 30 - August 3, 9am to 12 noon

"Sky", Everything is Possible

WITH GOD!

Fund Raiser will be for
Prevention of Malaria in Africa!