

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

As we remain in this period of tribulation, Romans reminds us that we should be prayerful and to remain in the hope our God promises each day. The deacon body remains in service to our church and church family. While our "drive-up" church may not be the most ideal form of worship, thanks to Pastor Matt's commitment to get the Word to us, it has been a blessing. We continue to work with Matt to move the church forward with different initiatives.



As we "go to press" with the June newsletter, there are plans in the works to gradually reopen New Home by developing guidelines and actions to keep everyone who wants to attend as safe as possible. These plans will be developed by the church leadership, including the deacons and members of the Ministry Leadership Team, with the emphasis on bringing everyone back into church soon. As you see in news reporting, there are many ideas on how to accomplish the reopening of our country, including it's churches. In some instances, sadly, the churches in some states are having to defy or take legal actions against state officials who see to be putting churches in a different category than other functions. We are blessed to live where we do and can serve and worship God as we please. There will be more information soon explaining how NHBC will proceed with coming together again as a church family. I think it is safe to say that one day soon, there is going to be a big reunion that will surely include more food than anyone could imagine.

We, as your deacon body, continue to strive to serve you and the church in any and every way we can. If there is anything we can do for you, please contact your deacon body. We continue to be in prayer for you, each of your families, our community, and our nation. As Romans reminds us, **keep your patience, remain in hope, and pray!** God's grace and mercy will see us through these times and restore His church at New Home in His time. God bless



# The Corner Post

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### Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 am Morning Worship

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### Sunday Evening Schedule

Sunday Evening activities  
post-poned until further notice.

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### Wednesday Evening Schedule

6:30 pm Youth Class

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# REVIVAL

## June 14-16, 2020

### 6:30 pm

*Wilt Thou not*

**~REVIVE US AGAIN~**

*that Thy people*

*may REJOICE in Thee?*

*Psalm 85:6*

Pastor: Danny Singleton

Music Ministers: Tyler and Maegan King

Please join us on the evenings of

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

@ 6:30 pm

The Sanctuary will be open for those who would like to join or you may utilize the drive-in service.

A love offering will be received.

## MEN'S MINISTRY



There will be no Men's Brotherhood Breakfast during the month of June. Some of the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, but we are going to ere on the side of caution since food is involved. We are looking forward to the day when we can resume our time of men's breakfast and fellowship.

For now, we will continue to postpone the men's prayer meeting in the Boiler Room on Sunday mornings. Please don't let this hinder you from praying though, as there are many needs to be lifted up.

As we continue to navigate the Covid-19 situation, I just want to share a couple of things. We have resumed meeting with the 6th - 12th grade youth group on Wednesday nights. We have rearranged the youth room with rows of chairs six feet apart so that we can observe the distancing guidelines.

We have just returned from our annual "School's Out" camping trip that was held the 22nd - 25th of May. 13 youth attended, and a lot of fun was had, but something else happened. I was amazed to watch these young men and women over this time. On our first night camping everything flooded. Everything. As we stayed mostly dry and hung out in the barn, we watched tents collapse and fill from the torrential rain. As we got things dried out, we faced another storm on the second day, though not as intense as the first. What amazed me was how the youth handled it. They took it all in stride, jumped in and took care of each others tents, and helped get gear dried out whether it was theirs or not. They encouraged and lifted each other up, without complaint or disappointment. I expected, but never heard "We should pack up and go home". They taught me something on this camp out! Thank you to all the chaperones that helped. God is good and still in control!

~ Steve



*From Pastor Matt:* Hand sanitizer, facemasks, latex gloves, and ...revival? What in the world do these things have in common? They are all things that you will see at New Home during the month of June. It seems like some sort of Sci-Fi thriller that we are all actively participating in, but unfortunately, it is not. As we begin to transition back into corporate worship we are asked (and we forward the request) to continue to practice some safety measures to promote wellness and ease some of the pressures associated with this virus. As pastor, I believe it is of utmost importance to remind you that God is still in control and on His throne. This is the reason we are going to host a revival in June. Beginning June 14th, Danny Singleton and Tyler & Maegan King will be here to lead us in revival. Why now? Revival is for the people of God to be rejuvenated and spurred on towards worship and reconciliation. At no time in recent U.S. history has there been a greater need than now. We will take precautions and maintain social distancing. There will be no nursery or child care provided. We will broadcast over the radio for drive-up. It will be recorded and uploaded to our website, and if the Central Access internet service is available to us by then, we will attempt to live stream the services. I hope that you will make plans to join via in person, drive-in, or tune-in as we use this time to gain traction and spring ourselves back into action. I am aware that some of you may desire to continue with our current format of drive-up and recording. I sincerely understand and totally support you in making that decision. New Home, we will prevail by the power of the Holy Spirit to God's glory.

To help us deal with our anxieties, I would like to share with you a daily devotional that I read from, *Morning and Evening Devotions* by Charles Hadden Spurgeon.

Morning, May 26

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.* Psalm 55:22

Care, even though exercised upon legitimate objects, if carried to excess, has in it the nature of sin. The precept to avoid anxious care is earnestly inculcated by our Saviour, again and again; it is reiterated by the apostles; and it is one which cannot be neglected without involving transgression: for the very essence of anxious care is the imagining that we are wiser than God, and the thrusting ourselves into His place to do for Him that which He has undertaken to do for us. We attempt to think of that which we fancy He will forget; we labour to take upon ourselves our weary burden as if He were unable or unwilling to take it for us. Now this disobedience to His plain precept, this unbelief in His Word, tis presumption in intruding upon His providence, is all sinful. Yet more than this, anxious care often leads to acts of sin. He who cannot calmly leave his affairs in God's hand, but will carry his own burden is very likely to be tempted to use wrong means to help himself. This sin leads to a forsaking of God as our counsellor, and resorting instead to human wisdom. This is going to the "broken cistern" instead of to the "fountain"; a sin which was laid against Israel of old. Anxiety makes us doubt God's loving kindness, and thus our love to Him grows cold; we feel mistrust, and thus grieve the Spirit of God, so that our prayers become hindered, our consistent example marred, and our life one of self-seeking. This want of confidence in God leads us to wander far from Him; but if through simple faith in His promise, we cast each burden as it comes upon him, and are "careful for nothing" because He undertakes to care for us, it will keep us close to Him, and strengthen us against much temptation. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

Are we to be mindful and cautious? Absolutely, but we must also rest in knowing God is in control. Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

We will prevail!



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Well, summer is just around and the corner, and it seems like we are still dealing with issues related to the virus. With each state doing their own thing, it is hard to tell what

is working or not working as we attempt to return to "normal". I think Jeremiah gives us hope and understanding that God's plan for us is always what is the best in our walk with Him. He gives us hope each day, but more importantly, we know we are blessed with eternal life through Jesus, the greatest hope of all.

There are many churches attempting different ways to return to more normal services as other things begin to re-open. If you are not aware, we (NHBC) are planning to begin a return to church in the sanctuary. The tentative date is June 7th, and we are contemplating ways to make the church safer for everyone through new hygiene procedures. We will continue with drive-up services for those who are not comfortable with being in a group yet. You will have more information on that as we get closer to the date. We so miss our senior luncheons and fellowship.

There are still so many opinions, different guidance, and "charts" to help everyone decide the best way to move along in this recovery process, but the virus is still here. There is no proven cure or vaccine, so nothing is 100% safe. We know as senior adults and others with health problems are at a greater risk of infection. I am sure most of us are slowly going back to things we've done in the past, and all of us are looking to be together with our church family again. The real bottom line is that it is each of our decisions on what we will or will not do in these times. We need to look at the risk factors and how it may impact our families. Regardless, see above: "I know the plan I have for you..."

In His service, Ron Stoner



**UPDATE:** Despite our deepest desires, the children's ministry team has decided to postpone Vacation Bible School 2020 until the fall. Teaching children of VBS age levels presents challenges that are not present in other age groups. Little ones can not grasp the concept of social distancing or not sharing toys. After all, we teach them to hug, hold hands, and share, so asking them not to do so now would be confusing! We have actively prayed and sought God's guidance on a solution to VBS, and we feel that waiting, despite what we want to do, is using wisdom endowed by Him. We are sad that we must postpone, and we know the kiddos will be too, but we also know God holds us close, even in our disappointments, as we hunger to share Him with others in VBS. God is in total control, and we must trust Him, even now.

**BIG NEWS!** We are going to resume meeting for Ladies' Night Out on June 1st! There will be modifications to help us make this possible, though. We will need to space our seating out so that we can observe the distancing protocol that has been mandated, and we will not serve our usual dinner. You are, however, welcome to bring your own dinner to the meeting and enjoy it while we talk. During this time together we will regroup and discuss what we need to do, or are able to do, as a ministry right now. Please plan to join us. We are looking forward to meeting together again after so much time apart, and your presence would make it that much sweeter.



We hope you are planning to attend the 2020 Couples Getaway this year on September 11-12. We are looking forward to a time of renewal and growth within the couples that attend, and when marriages are stronger, the church as a whole is stronger. You may make payments as listed in last month's newsletter, or you can make one payment in full! If you have not paid anything towards the balance but you want to attend, there is room available for you. Sign up by emailing the church office at newhometitus@yahoo.com today!

This time is so different for all of us. I'm sure your kids are missing their "normal" summers and fun with friends and family. Let me encourage you as parents to reassure them. We know God is still in control and knows the entire plan. Please see above concerning VBS 2020. Children's camp has been moved tentatively to the last week in July. Assuming things are better than now, we do plan on having camp. We will keep everyone updated! I am so excited to hopefully see some faces (even if from six feet away) soon!

~ Jennifer

