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New Hope News

2017 WATCHWORD

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Looking Back At 2016

As the New Year 2017 begins it is good to look back on 2016 and recall the many opportunities of random acts of kindness, love and support that you, members of our New Hope Church Family, have shared with members of our congregation and the community. The listing below is of some of those times, and regretfully some might have been overlooked. It is amazing what we have done this past year honoring our Lord in service to others. As directed in Scripture we are called to serve, "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord*" 1Corinthians 15:58 (KJV).

New Hope continues to answer that call with a willing and loving spirit.

To God be the Glory!

Praying for others

Attending worship weekly

Serving at Christmas Eve Lovefeasts as ushers, greeters, parking attendants, nursery attendant, bell choir, adult and children's choir, dieners, coffeemakers, band, preparing the sanctuary for service, setting up for snack dinner between services

Making chicken pies and dessert pies for sale

Preparing meals for bereaved and hospitalized members

Sending monthly birthday postcards to members

Cleaning the church weekly

Organizing and presenting programs for New Hoppers

Attending New Hopper's meetings

Organizing activities for children – gingerbread houses, Easter egg hunt and Lenten Fair

Organizing and assisting with on-site bloodmobiles

Organizing reception of New Members, New Hope Anniversary Celebration, church picnic and covered dish meal

Preparing communion for worship services

Organizing, setup and working at the Annual Candle Tea and Bazaar

Leading activities or preparing meals for Vacation Bible School

Teaching Sunday School classes

Reading during Holy Week services

Cooking breakfast following Sunrise Service
Decorating the church for Easter and Christmas services – flowers for outside cross, changing drapes for the crosses, hanging the Moravian star, putting up Chrismon tree, placing Easter lilies and poinsettias in sanctuary
Serving water at Old Soldier's Week in Newton
Volunteering for not-for-profits – Hospice, meals-on-wheels, Unique World
Attending monthly board meetings and annual board retreat
Visiting those who are sick or shut ins
Spreading mulch on the children's playground
Flipping pancakes for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Trimming candles for Christmas Eve Services
Picking up Lovefeasts buns and coffee supplies for Lovefeasts
Providing flowers for the sanctuary
Supporting pizza fundraising project for preschool
Preparing and serving food for Corner Table
Collecting canned goods and plastic bags for ECCCM
Filling Christmas stockings for Salvation Army
Designating Christmas Eve offerings for ECCCM
Reading Scripture at Sunday worship
Serving as Ushers, Greeters, Nursery Attendants
Assisting with Preschool Activities
Serving on Committees- Worship, Stewardship, Service and Witness, Christian Education and Preschool Board
Attending Circle meetings and Women's Fellowship meetings
Making crafts, baked goods, and canned items to sell at the Bazaar
Taking trash containers to the road
Changing the church sign
Making posters for events
Raising and bottling honey for sale to benefit New Hope
Serving as Treasurer for New Hope
Designing and building a display for the Putz
Setting up the Putz
Washing the soiled dishrags weekly
Ordering and picking up cleaning and kitchen supplies
Submitting articles for the church newsletters
Welcoming visitors at New Hope

This poem speaks to our efforts.

The Gift of Time is Priceless

Valuable is the work you do
Outstanding in how you always come through
Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful – that's what you are!!

Anonymous

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Watchword for 2017



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FEBRUARY 2



Candlemas

Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

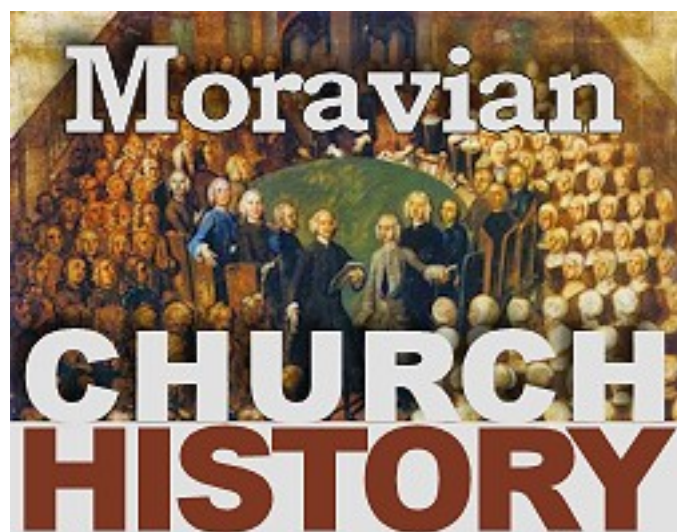
Luke 2:22-40

Poor Man's Dinner



After Worship—Sunday—February 26

Nothing finer than good old Carolina Country Cooking: Pintos, Slaw, down east BBQ, Corn Bread and Homemade Desserts. Come, join us after our worship service on the 26th and let's show our love and appreciation to our guest speaker, Reggie Saddler and his family.



Join your New Hope Church family in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning from 10-10:40 am for a "Did You Know Study" about the customs and practices of the Moravian Church. Some of the subjects to discuss are the pioneer church, the liturgical church, the church year, important dates in the Moravian Church and the church family. Leading the discussions will be members of our church family.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH!



Malissa Bumgarner (Chair)
Pam Prevatte (RCC Representative)

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New Hope Moravian Church

Women's Fellowship

Women of New Hope are invited to join our next Women's Fellowship meeting to be held at **7:00 PM, Tuesday night, February 7th** at the church. At our first meeting of the year we will present and approve the 2017 budget, have election of officers and discuss any other business brought to the group. Information will be shared concerning our profits from the 2016 Candle Tea.

On **Sunday, March 5th** following worship everyone is invited to join Women's Fellowship and the Candle Tea Committee for lunch and an open discussion about Candle Tea. We will talk about 2016 Candle Tea and the upcoming 2017 Candle Tea. Anyone interested in being part of this exciting event or anyone who has suggestions or comments concerning Candle Tea is encouraged to join the conversation. Candle Tea happens each year with help from all members and friends of the church.

Cheryl Hendrix, President
 Leslie Srail, Vice President
 Pat deBlois, Secretary
 Nancy Miller, Treasurer

ALL YOU CAN EAT SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



New Hope Moravian Church
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 28

Pancake Supper to Be Held on Shrove Tuesday!

The New Hoppers group will be sponsoring their popular Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28th. Pancakes, sausage, bacon and breakfast-type beverages will be served, and you can fill up as you prepare for the abstentions and self-sacrifice of Lent. The fellowship hall will be open from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for those coming to eat pancakes. Adults can eat for \$5.00 each, and children age 14 to 3 can eat for \$3.00. Children less than age 3 eat free. Bring the whole family out for supper on February 28th!

Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called Fat Tuesday, occurs the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting observed by some during the Lenten season. Churches in England began the tradition of serving pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Many churches in the United States, including some Moravian congregations, have picked up this tradition over the years.

Come Early—Come Hungry!

February 5



The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize Americans to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest weekend of giving and serving. We collect both monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food collected is given directly to **The Corner Table (Newton)**.

CHICKEN CHATTER



Please mark your calendars for **March 9th, 10th and 11th** when we will make our chicken pies once again. This will be the **ONLY** time we will make them this winter / spring. We will of course make them again in the fall.

Additional information will be forthcoming on our next project that will be funded by our chicken pie sales. Mark and the Commitment and Stewardship committee are looking into several items that are needed at the church and a decision will be made. At this time, we have just under \$15,000.00 in the account.

Thank you for all of the support that has been given over the years and the opportunities and benefits New Hope has gained by our working together on this very important project.

NOTE: A sign-up sheet to reserve your pies will be posted on the bulletin board. The congregation will be given first opportunity, then we will begin to call those on the call list. Please make sure you reserve your pies in advance!

In fellowship,
Margie and the Chicken Pie Committee



Rev. Dr. Craig D. Atwood

HISTORY OF MORAVIAN CONGREGATIONS Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm

We invite all Southern Province Moravians to join us on Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary of **New Philadelphia Moravian Church** (4440 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104). We'll worship together and hear a presentation from the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, who will take us through a history of Moravian congregations and the implications of that history for our future. Brother Atwood is Professor of Moravian Theology and Ministry and Director of the Center for Moravian Studies at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Others will share about current, creative ministry efforts as well as not-yet-realized ideas about what the church can be. Being the church in the twenty-first century calls us to new challenges and demands bold action. This Friday night program is one part of an Inter-Synodal Conference, Living the Essentials Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow.

Dr Atwood, author of several books, a former professor at Wake Forest University and current professor at Moravian Theological Seminary, is considered the utmost authority on Moravian History and Theology. This is an excellent opportunity for all to hear him speak. Please consider making the trip. I feel it will be well worth your time and effort .

Pastor Betty

Don't forget



St Valentine's Day



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Reverend John Rainey

Rev. John Rainey was ordained a minister in the Moravian Church in July 1988. He has served the following congregations: Clemmons, Olivet, Ardmore, New Philadelphia, Mayodan, New Hope, NC, First – Greensboro, and Mizpah. John has also devoted time to Laurel Ridge as counselor and dean for thirty

years. His hobbies include fly fishing, wood-working, visiting grandchildren and traveling. Brother John has recently retired and he and his wife, Donna, plan on pursuing these interests as they empty their bucket lists.



Reverend John Rainey

New Hope Moravian Church

34th Anniversary Celebration

New Hope's 34th Anniversary Celebration--On Sunday February 12 with a Reception following worship. Please plan to stay for a good time of food, fellowship and sharing.

At last year's Anniversary Celebration it was recommended folks **bring gift cards** for the Church to use instead of specific items. This worked extremely well. Supplies could be purchased as needed instead of having an overabundance of items causing immediate storage problems. The other advantage of gift cards is that only the supplies that the church really needs are purchased and at the correct time. They include office, kitchen, restroom and cleaning supplies. The businesses that these items are purchased from at the best price are: Office Depot/Max, Sam's, Walmart and Home Depot.

Mark Bumgarner as the Stewardship Chair will continue to be the person to contact if low on something, will monitor supplies and purchase needed items.

Thank you for your continued willingness to show support and love for New Hope!

Sincerely,

The Church Board, Service & Witness Committee, and Stewardship & Commitment Committee.

Hors d'oeuvres Wanted for Reception ~ Please See Next Page for Details

Hors d'oeuvres



WANTED!

Our New Hope 34th Anniversary will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 12, 2017**. Due to our having a Lovefeast during the service, it has been decided that instead of a potluck, we will have a reception celebration, giving everyone an opportunity to mingle and visit with our guests. Please plan to attend this very important occasion, and let's celebrate together the gifts that God has so lavishly given each of us and New Hope.

Please plan to bring an hors d'oeuvre of your choice. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to invite any past members, friends and family that you might know.

See Margie with any questions



Sunday-Feb. 12th New Hope's 34th Anniversary
Guest speaker John Rainy/reception after service

Sunday-Feb. 26th The Reggie Saddler Family
11:00 service - Christian Gospel Music Ministry
Poor Man's Dinner following worship

Tuesday-Feb. 28th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
All you can eat pancakes and fixins
Children to age 3 free/ 3-14 yrs \$3 / 14 & up \$5

Wednesday-March 1 Ash Wed. Services 12 & 7

NEW HOPE ORIGINAL RECIPE **MORAVIAN** CHICKEN PIE



A sign-up sheet to reserve your pies will be posted on the bulletin board. The congregation will be given first opportunity, then we will begin to call those on the call list. Please make sure you reserve your pies in advance!

Pie-Making Session March 9-10 & 11

*This is the last pie-making session until fall



**you can make a
DIFFERENCE!**



ECCCM Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry **UPDATE**

New information for those of you who are interested in volunteering your time at ECCCM this year. **Please note: our assigned work days have changed.** This year, ECCCM is trying a new system. New Hope's new days to work are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month through the calendar year Jan- Dec 2017. We can work anytime that day during their hours of operation...This can be as little as (1 hour) or all day (9:00am-4:30pm); You decide. Thank you for all you do. Your contribution of time given to ECCCM makes a BIG difference in the life of our community!

Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday (February 26)



The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

In the gospels, Jesus takes Peter, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John the Apostle with him and goes up to a mountain, which is not named. Once on the mountain, Matthew 17:2 states that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shining as the sun, and his garments became white as the light." At that point the prophets Elijah and Moses appear and Jesus begins to talk to them. Luke states that they spoke of Jesus' exodus which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. (Lk 9:31) Luke is also specific in describing Jesus in a state of glory, with Luke 9:32 referring to "they saw His glory".

Just as Elijah and Moses begin to depart from the scene, Peter begins to ask Jesus if the disciples should make three tents for him and the two prophets. This has been interpreted as Peter's attempt to keep the prophets there longer. But before Peter can finish, a bright cloud appears, and a voice from the cloud states: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him". The disciples then fall to the ground in fear, but Jesus approaches and touches them, telling them not to be afraid. When the disciples look up, they no longer see Elijah or Moses. (Matthew 17:1-13)

The Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated on the last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season).

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The American Red Cross blood program was started in 1940 under the leadership of Dr. Charles Drew. This organization supplies approximately 40% of the nation's blood supply.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. To meet this need a total of 38,000 blood donations are needed every day. Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives set-up at community organizations, companies, schools and colleges and places of worship.

These facts are being shared with you so that you know how important the Blood Drives we host here at New Hope have become! Each pint donated has the potential to help 4 individuals.

To date, four Blood Drives have been held at New Hope. A total of 118 pints have been collected. That means potentially 472 people have been helped by our blood drives!

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all our members and the members of our community for these donations! Also, thanks to those who helped set-up, clean up, donate food and helped during the drive. Also, thank you to Olivia Martin for manning the registration desk!

We are scheduled to host another drive on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Please consider donating when we host this next drive!

Thank you.

Pat and Nancy



Our next scheduled meeting is

March

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WITH A SPECIAL
GUEST SPEAKER

Reggie Saddler Family Christian Gospel Music Ministry



Bridgette (wife)



Reggie Saddler



Ingra (daughter)

Sunday - February 26 - 11 AM

Before accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, Reggie and his 7 piece band worked professionally with such groups as Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Drifters, and the Platters. He also performed at the Las Vegas Hilton with Bill Cosby, Don Rickles, and comedian Redd Foxx of Sanford-N-Son backed by the Joe Gerceo's 18 piece orchestra. (Elvis Presley's band director at the Las Vegas Hilton.) At Lake Tahoe he worked with Dick Clark's Rock-N-Roll Revival which featured the likes of Fats Domino, Chubby Checker, Rick Nelson, the Platters, and many others. He was employed by the Walt Disney Corporation for 10 years in Florida and California. One of his largest crowds was 80,000 in Tokyo, Japan. Then in the late '70's Reggie Saddler was introduced to Jesus Christ while visiting Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Las Angeles, California where Dr. E.V. Hill was pastor. "Things Changed" and Reggie left Rock-N-Roll and joined Jesus.

The Saddler Family now features Reggie, his wife Bridgette (Sugarbabe) and their daughter Ingra (Babygirl). The Saddlers travel full time preaching and singing. Hundreds of souls have made professions of faith and trust in Jesus Christ as the Saddlers have traveled to minister abroad in Mexico, Alaska, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, Canada, Scotland, South Africa, and many states in the U.S. Well known pastors and evangelists like Dr. Charles Stanley of In Touch Ministries and Dr. David Jeremiah of Turning Point have used the Saddlers on many of their Bible cruises at sea. They have been special guests at the N.Q.C, the Old Time Gospel Hour (Dr. Jerry Falwell), the Harmony Valley Singing (Primitve Quartet), Bailey Smith/Real Evangelism, Rick Gage/Go Tell Crusades, Dr. Herb Reavis Jr./North Jax, Ralph Sexton Jr., Phil Waldrep, and several churches.

The Saddlers came to national attention after Christian businessman Charles Burke of Singing American Fame introduced the family to Bill Gaither at the N.Q.C. Gaither put them on his and Gloria's Homecoming videos and they introduced the song "I've got me a Home", which has now become a signature song. The public fell in love with the family and showed their approval by giving them hit songs like: Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere (#14), The Real Thing (#3 on the singing news top 80), We've got to tell the truth (#9), I've got me a Home (#18) and This Is Not My Home moving up the charts at #29. Other favorites include: It's Still the Blood, As the Old Fella used to say, The Lord's Prayer, Precious Lord, and the (Black Grass) song He Will is always a favorite and makes this family one of the busiest in Gospel music.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters and Brothers

Come, Help Us Welcome Reggie, Bridgette, and Ingra - The Reggie Saddler Family!

Poor Man's Dinner After Worship Service

You Cannot Out Give God

In February: the month of Valentine's Day with much "love and giving" I'd like for us to consider how our giving from the heart is really an outward expression of God's love and our gratitude. In life there are two types of people: grateful givers and selfish takers. When it comes to giving any help, time, or money, takers are closed-fisted. They give little and live primarily for themselves. Their "being wrapped up in themselves, makes for a very small package." On the other hand, givers who give with a BIG heart give of themselves as well as their time, gifts and talents, help, love, support, and of their resources and money. They may or may not be financially secure, but regardless, they are rich in their generosity and the things that matter most in life.

In his young struggling years, W. L. Douglass, the shoe manufacturer, "had been unemployed so long that he was down to his last dollar. Nevertheless, he put half of it—fifty cents—in the collection basket of his Church. Next morning he heard of a job in a neighboring town. The railroad fare to that town was one dollar. To all appearances it would have been wiser if he had kept that fifty cents. However, with the half-dollar remaining he bought a ticket and rode halfway to the desired place. He stepped from the train and began to walk to the town. "Before he had gone one block he heard of a factory right in that town where they were employing men. Within thirty minutes he had a job at a salary five dollars more a week [a good sum back then] much more than he would have received had he gone on to the other town." Arthur Tonne, *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations*, p. 478.

It is a fact of life, "You Cannot Out Give God" the more we give—whether it is of ourselves, our help, our love, our support, and/or our resources—the richer we become. And the richer we become, the more we have to give. When it comes to giving to God and others; we simply cannot out-give God. As reflected in our front page article this month of February. Many hands giving, doing for God and others. We at New Hope are so blessed to have so many willing and giving hearts...This New Year of 2017, let's test God and become even greater givers to God and others with our time, our gifts and talents and our resources. Let's "Give and Grow Rich" in our spiritual life and our giving! Let's try and see if we can...out give God!

Ask yourself today: Do I want to be a giver or a taker? Do others consider me a giver or a taker? *Being a giver is a choice!* You can start by giving others words of encouragement or a big smile. You can start today by giving God's mercy, grace and love to others. You can start by giving "Random Acts of Kindness" to those around you. Or you can continue to be a taker and a keeper. The choice is yours...Jesus Christ said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38NIV).

Blessings,

Pastor Betty



Pray Every Day

FEBRUARY 2017



1. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison Greek InterVarsity in Clemson.
2. Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. Pray for Brian (pilot/mechanic) & Heather Marx with MAF in Indonesia.
3. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx with MAF Headquarters in ID.
4. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima in the Mission Area of Sierra Leone.
5. Sunday. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
6. If you have received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? Pray for Rob and Anne Thiessen in Mexico.
7. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of the heavenly lights. Pray for the Woo family.
8. Who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide at Alaska Bible Seminary, Bethel AK.
9. By awesome deeds you answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation. Pray for disaster relief in areas devastated by natural disasters.
10. Rejoice in hope. Pray for the Moravian Volunteer Resources, Justin Rabbach, Director.
11. My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman with HIV/AIDS Ministry in Tanzania.
12. Sunday. People will come from East and West, North and South, and take their place at the feast in Kingdom of God. Pray for Moravian/Richard Petty teams doing flood relief in Lumberton.
13. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. Pray for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh serving in Kenya at Ray of Hope.
14. From him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in campus ministry in Croatia.
15. Hello, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. Pray for Charlie & Vickie Brent in campus ministry at TX A&M University.
16. Jesus says, "Because I live, you also will live." Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry.
17. Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. Pray for Kevin & Charity in Middle East.
18. God called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton.
19. Sunday. The Lord will again rejoice over you for good as he rejoiced over your fathers. Pray for Ruth Snyder and Claire Wilson with "Changed Choices."
20. I have set up a rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Pray for Adopt-a-Village program in Tanzania.
21. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. Pray for the Mission Areas of Sierra Leone, Cuba, and Peru.
22. I will astound these peoples with wonder upon wonders; the wisdom of the wise will perish. Pray for BWM Board of Directors and staff.
23. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Pray for R and B in the Sudan.
24. In his love and mercy the Lord regained them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford serving in Juquila.
25. Although you have not seen Jesus Christ, you love him. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
26. Sunday. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Pray for Annie B. Mission with Star Mountain in Palestine.
27. The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. Pray for the clinic and church in Ahuas, Honduras.
28. Let the steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Pray for Phil & Ashley Sineath serving with Campus Outreach Global, AL.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)