

June 2024

New Hope Moravian Church

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2024 Watchword

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12



What does it mean to be truly blessed according to Scripture?

Have you noticed the term “blessed” is thrown around a lot in our culture today; it was also commonly used in biblical times. Yet, there seems to be a BIG contrast in how God uses blessed or blessings in the Bible and how it is in today’s times.

For example: In today’s culture “blessed” is associated more with material possessions, financial success and wealth. Yes, these can all be good, and can lead to our blessing others. But we might also argue that sometimes, temporal blessings can lead one further away from God. Most times God’s rich blessings are derived NOT from temporal things, but the good things offered to us through the blessings of our church family, our biological family, our friends, and the blessings of good health and our longevity.

How are you doing... Are you thanking God for the numerous blessings in your life? Rarely (if ever) do we see people posting or boasting about how blessed they are to be (poor in spirit) or (persecuted) like we read about in the Beatitudes. So, what is a good biblical definition of what it means to be truly blessed?

The word Beatitude comes from the Latin *beatitudo*, meaning "blessedness." The Beatitudes are "blessed sayings" that reflect Jesus words of "divine joy" to His people. They come from the *Sermon on the Mount* delivered by Jesus as recorded in Matthew 5:3-12. Here Jesus declares several blessings, each beginning with the phrase, "Blessed are ..." (Similar declarations appear in Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6:20-23). Jesus' words spoke of "divine joy" to those fortunate enough to possess these inward qualities, the divine promise of a future reward.

The Beatitudes Scriptures: Matthew 5:3-12 and paralleled in Luke 6:20–23:

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (NIV)

What is the meaning of the Beatitudes: Each Beatitude is a proverb-like saying packed with a wealth of wisdom worthy of our daily study time. Most scholars agree... The Beatitudes give us a clear picture of what it means to be "a true disciple" of God.

The Bible measures blessedness differently from how people of the world measure it: "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trials" ... (James 1:12 NLT) states, "God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him". To those who rest in God, He grants an inner state of joy that is unaffected by their external trials. What is this promised "crown of life?" It is the never-ending, victorious life in the world to come, where all trials will end. The marvelous blessings we experience now are minor compared to the benefits that God has stored up for us in His eternal Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT states- That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." The one who is blessed trusts in God's love, no matter what: "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? . . . "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35–39 NLT)

God's "blessings" speak of our inner state of well-being, the prosperity of our very souls in Christ. "Blessedness" comes from our unhindered and submissive fellowship with God the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord. "To be blessed" is to experience the full impact of God's holy and righteous presence in our lives both now and for all eternity.

So, in summary, WE ARE BLESSED, (1) When WE live in the intimate presence of God through our faith in Christ, (2) When WE believe all our sins are covered because of the mercy of God through His Beloved Son Jesus, (3) When WE are called God's children, (4) When WE are comforted in our times of pain, loss and sorrow, (5) When WE know that overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, and (6) When WE accept that through Christ; God has forgiven and set right our souls before His holy and righteous presence both now and for all eternity—this is our great reward. This is what it means to be truly blessed. Therefore, "Blessed" are you ... as you live as children of the Most-High God!!!

In Christ Love & Service,
Pastor Betty



It's About Time!



Time to start canning salsa, beets, and fruits to sell at the Winter Bazaar. We need ½ pint (jelly) and pint canning jars. Please leave in the designated box in the vestibule.

**** Anyone interested in making jelly, please contact Jane and she will teach you – easy to do! ****



Crafting for Bazaar!

Saturday, June 8th
10:00 am

Malissa Bumgarner's home

Come join us!

Wednesday Dinner Out with Friends

This summer we will once again join for dinner two Wednesday evenings a month at 6:30 PM. This gathering is to enjoy a meal and socialize during the slower paced summer months. Different types of restaurants and locations have been designated.

All are invited to participate. Bring family and friends but be sure to RSVP so a head count can be made in advance to the restaurants. Meals are "Dutch Treat."

*If you plan to come, please contact us **by Monday at noon** to ensure there is enough seating.*

Jane Bumgarner's cell: 828-639-0061 email: janebumgarner@gmail.com
(Malissa B as back up at 828-244-3630)

Scheduled Gatherings:

June 5-	Cookout at Church	Hamburgers & hot dogs provided. Sign-up sheets for desserts/sides posted
June 19-	El Paso (Mexican)	505 Hwy 70 South West, Hickory
July 10-	SandBar Marina & Grill	3210 Rink Dam Rd, Taylorsville (near Bethlehem)
July 24-	Akito (Japanese)	3068 NC Hwy 127 South, Mtn View
Aug 7-	Fresh Chef (American)	1825 N Center St, Hickory (Hwy 127 N, Viewmont area)
Aug 21-	Meal at Church	Covered dish meal

Watch Newsletters and Thursday Updates for more current info.
Hope you can make it!





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**FOOD
&
ICE CREAM**

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**FUN
&
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SWING ON OVER

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM - DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
701 N MAIN AVE, NEWTON**

**TEAM APPAREL
WELCOME**

RSVP JUNE 7

**ALLEN SHERRILL
(828) 446-5418**

From Board of World Mission

One Year of Blessings Flow

In March of 2023, the Board of World Mission directors gathered for our spring board meeting and talked briefly about a water filter project that we may want to consider being a part of. We knew that the project would meet significant needs in La Moskitia, Honduras, one of our longest-standing global partner areas, and we knew Moravians would do what they could to help, but we could not have imagined how quickly this project would take off. By April 20, 2023, we had visited our first Blessings Flow community and by April 2024, we had distributed filters in our fifth village. During the year in between...

- about 1000 families have been provided with clean water and medication;
- four communities have reduced symptoms of waterborne illness and will experience fewer days of school and work missed;
- Moravians have contributed over \$150,000;
- congregations, camps, retreats, and more have assembled filters to be shipped to Honduras;
- ...and we are expanding this effort! (Stay tuned!)

May Mission Update

Thank you to everyone that donated a birthday cake kit for Ashure Ministry. Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver 40 kits to the food pantry.



There are no upcoming mission projects in June or July, so please consider giving a few hours of your time to volunteer at Ashure. New Hope's scheduled time is the first Thursday of every month. We are typically there from 10:00 to 12:00. However, they will welcome your help any day. You can contact Margaret Schultz (828-234-8184) if you have any questions.

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

New Hope Moravian Church

2897 Sandy Ford Rd.

Newton, NC 28658

Monday, July 29, 2024

2 PM to 6:30 PM

Contact information:

828-294-4802

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



Provincial Men's Spiritual Retreat June 28-30, 2024

Laurel Ridge Camp &
Conference Center

Men Whose Hearts God Has Touched
1 Samuel 10:26

Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher, Session Leader

Schedule:

Friday 4-6pm - Registration

Dinner - 6:00pm, Worship 7:00pm

Sat All Day - Worship, Sessions, Fellowship, & Free Time

Sunday 10am - Morning Worship & Depart

Registration Fee (Includes Meals)

\$317/Single Occupancy

\$192/Double Occupancy

\$152/Triple Occupancy

Please contact Scarlett Dowdy with any Registration questions.
scarlett@laurelridge.org



Church Cleaning: Please consider **cleaning the Church.**

Through the years, we have been blessed with volunteers who signed up to clean the Church. We hope to continue this so there will be no added expense to the Church budget. It only takes an hour or so each week at your convenience. Do a whole month or just one or two weeks. **Sign-up list on Church bulletin board...**

NO CHURCH KEY... NO WORRY. Arrangements can be made to let you in the Church. Cleaning supplies are provided, or you can bring your own. **Let's ALL work together to keep New Hope clean & looking good for ALL who enter here to worship.**

➔ **June Cleaner: NEEDED**

Board of Elders Small Bulletin Board- In the vestibule you will find (for transparency) at the Fellowship Hall doors summaries of the Board of Elders meetings, Quarterly Average Attendance Report and Quarterly Financial Report. Please look for these updates.

STAYING CONNECTED AT NEW HOPE

WORSHIP:

- 1) Inside
- 2) Parking Lot (Tune to FM 87.9)
- 3) YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCagQSb0gw2QUC-UFiwe5ikg>

DONATE:

Online Giving

<https://mmfa.info/new-hope-moravian-church-north-carolina-donation-form/>.

Please contact Tom Schultz at newhopemoraviantreasurer@gmail.com with any questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook & Instagram
@newhopemoravian



Mark Your Calendar for June

**Sunday, June 2nd – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, June 6th – Ashure Ministry Volunteer Day

Saturday, June 8th – Crafting for Bazaar at Malissa B's home 10 am

**Sunday, June 9th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Praise and Play

Board of Elders Meeting 11:15 am

Tuesday, June 11th – First Day of New Hope Summer Camp



Thursday, June 13th – Ashure Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, June 14th –



**Sunday, June 16th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Wednesday, June 19th – Wednesday Dinner Out with Friends 6:30 pm
El Paso Mexican Restaurant

Thursday, June 20th –



Sunday, June 23rd – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, June 27th – July Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, June 30th – Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



June Birthdays

6th – Steve Larsen
23rd – Keith Crowe
26th – Malissa Bumgarner

Pray Every Day June 2024

1. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Pray for the Mission Awareness Dinner and the Blessings Flow Project.
3. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
4. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
5. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Pray for Moravian Summer Camps.
6. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife Ministry.
8. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayer, 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. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
9. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for short term mission teams.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leonne.
11. Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
12. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
13. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
14. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
15. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
16. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
18. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
20. I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
22. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
23. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for Cuban Youth Summer Camp.
24. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
25. But we ought always to thank God for you, those loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Pray for the Harrison's with Greek Intersarsity.
26. Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
27. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
28. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
29. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.



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