

July 2019
New Hope Moravian
Church



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2019 Watchword

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)



How's Your Spiritual Self-Concept?

"The most important one [commandment]," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" Mark 12:29-31(NIV).

It may seem strange to you, but if I were to give you nine affirmations and one criticism, chances are...you would hear that one criticism rather than the nine affirmations. The one criticism is what would resonate in your thoughts and mind. This is because most of us don't have a perfect self-image. If we did, criticism would rarely bother or upset us.

Psychologist Dorothy Briggs wisely points out that the way we feel about ourselves affects our entire life: happiness, marriage, parenting, work, personal relationships, leadership, creativity, stability and even our health. In other words, one's self-concept is the mainspring that steers every individual to success or failure. How we look at our self and what we think of our self speaks volumes. Therefore, having a healthy self-concept is one of the greatest gifts we can seek for ourselves and pass on to our children.

One's self-concept is basically comprised of three parts: (1) Self-image: this is how we picture or see ourselves; (2) Self-esteem is how we feel about ourselves; and (3) Self-worth is how much we value ourselves. All of these add up to our level of self-acceptance and loving ourselves. Unfortunately, as long as we continue to struggle to accept and love ourselves, it remains difficult for us to believe that anyone else could love and accept us; for us.

It's hard to believe that King David, the greatest king in Israel's long history, with all his power, riches and fame, at times struggled and felt downcast. King David in Psalm 119:28 (NKJV) said this, "My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word." Many, if not most of us, at one time or another have probably gone through dark times. The cause can vary, from the loss of one's job, the loss of a loved one, the loss of one's home, the loss of one's financial status, or the loss of one's health. There are a number of losses or negative circumstances that result in us questioning our self-image, our self-esteem, our self-worth and yes, even our spiritual self-concept.

Experiencing negative self-concepts or negative emotions can cause havoc with one's life, affecting both our emotional and physical health. A negative self-concept or negative emotion when repressed affects our whole being as King David said, "My soul melts from heaviness..." But notice what he asks God to do for him. David said, "Strengthen me according to Your word." David realized without God's intervention, his life would remain empty...hopeless. He'd be left in the abyss of his own self-made darkness.

God did not mean for King David or for any of us to question or doubt our self-concept or our self-worth; or for our souls to melt from heaviness. We are the apple of God's eye and when He looks at us, He sees us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. No believer of Jesus Christ will ever be put to shame. The self-concept of shame and rejection, we feel is self-inflicted, not God inflicted. God is Sovereign; He doesn't make mistakes or junk. He made you to be a clean and pure vessel for His will and purpose.

Therefore, we, like King David, need to seek God with our whole being. Nothing can fill the emptiness within us but God; God made us to be Heavenly creatures so anything less than holiness will not fill the abyss within us. Only God the Father can empty the abyss of shame and darkness within us. Only God can reprogram our negative mindset, when it comes to our self-concept, our self-image, and our self-worth. The important thing is for us to ask God to help us do something about this negative mindset. Be it physical, relational, emotional, or spiritual. Putting it off rarely, if ever, resolves anything, it only prolongs the pain and prevents healing. Friends, for us to be restored, we must confess our sins and shortcomings to God, and then, let the Holy Spirit work in our lives to heal and restore us. God the Father's design for each of us was to be self-love and acceptance. God does not make mistakes and He does not make junk. Remember, God has created you for His divine purpose; God has great things in store for you. I'll close with David's petition to God; this could also be our petition:

Psalm 70(NIV): ¹ Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me. ² May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. ³ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame. ⁴ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!" ⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay." And all God's people say: "Yes, come deliver us O God from ourselves and from others"...Amen!

*In Christ Love and Service,
Pastor Betty*

GRILL & CHILL



Join us for the annual
New Hope Moravian **Patriotic Cookout**
In Celebration of
Our Country's Birth and its Religious Freedom.
Sunday, June 30

Immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.
Please check the bulletin board to sign your name and how many you may
be bringing so that enough hotdogs and hamburgers can be purchased.
There is also a list of items that are needed. Please indicate what you might
bring.

Contact Malissa Bumgarner if you have any questions.
The attire for Worship and cookout is comfortable and casual.
Feel free to wear **red**, white and **blue**.

Join us for Sunday School starting July 7th where we will learn about "Half-Truths". Here we will explore Adam Hamilton's message and insights regarding popular sayings that miss the point.

(for a preview video, click below)

<https://youtu.be/QAEL5z38Exw>

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

The Sunday School lessons will span 5-sessions with DVD features Adam Hamilton presenting to a group in his engaging style. Adam breaks down these common sayings using Scripture and story with practical applications. Each of the five sessions contains 8-10 minutes of video and is perfect for adult and youth classes. All video sessions are closed captioned.

Session titles include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Come, continue the journey Sundays at 10:00
(refreshments available 9:30 - 10:00)



Stitchers, quilt squares are due **August 25**. It will be here before we know it. I look forward to seeing your beautiful work. Some of you may not know that this quilt COULD be sent to another state or some exotic location in the world. It will be raffled at the Moravian

Woman's Conference as well as the bazaar this year. I think that's exciting!

Thanks,
Pat

New Hope Summer "Dining with Friends" Continues

New Hope members and friends will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings during July and August to eat out together. A variety of restaurants in different locations around our area are selected. Come join in the fun and laughter while having a meal together at **6:30 PM**. Meals are Dutch treat.

If you plan to come, please contact Margaret Schultz or Malissa Bumgarner using our cells or email by Monday at noon so we will have enough seating available.

Let the good food and fellowship begin!!

Margaret's cell: 828-234-8184 email: tlshultz@embarqmail.com

Malissa's cell: 828-244-3630 email: [mmtbum@charter.net](mailto:mmmtbum@charter.net)

The dates and locations are:

Wed, July 3 - **No Meeting- 4th of July Week.**

Wed, July 10 - **Thai Orchid** (near Pier One) 1822 Catawba Valley Blvd. SE, Hickory

Wed, July 17 - **Court Street Grill** (Mtn. View near Mighty Dollar) 2950 Hwy 127 S, Hky.

Wed, July 24 - **Captain's Galley** (Springs Road) 1261 16th St. NE, Hickory
 Wed, July 31 - **Repeat or add new one-majority choice**
 Wed, Aug 7 - **Cracker Barrel** (off L-R Blvd) 1250 11th St Ct SE, Hickory
 Wed, Aug 14 - **Boxcar Grill**-(exit 135 off I 40) 3140 North Oxford Street, Claremont
 Wed, Aug 21 - **Akito** (Mtn. View, exit 42 off Hwy 321) 3068 Hwy 127 S, Hickory
 Wed, Aug 28- **El Paso Mexican Restaurant** (Hickory Plaza) 505 US Hwy 70 West, Hky.





Help Wanted

New Hope is in need of more volunteers willing to serve in the nursery. Currently we have 4 ladies that alternate; however, more volunteers are requested especially during the summertime and as our number of children grows. PRAISE THE LORD!

Please prayerfully considering saying "yes" when asked about helping. Like Pastor Betty always says, "Many hands make lighter work for all!"

Jane Bumgarner, Worship Chair, or Pastor Betty are your contacts for volunteering.

**Thank
You**

Dear Pastor Betty & New Hope Members,

Thank you for hosting our Spring concert Sunday, May 5th in your beautiful sanctuary.

We appreciate your hard work to help us in our music ministry.

Your sanctuary is a wonderful place to sing with great acoustics. Everyone was so friendly and helpful. The refreshments were delicious. Thank you for your hospitality. May the Lord continue to bless New Hope as you serve Him.

In Christian Love,

*Jane Echerd
Secretary, Catawba Valley Community Chorus*



Church Cleaning

Please consider signing up clean the church. For many years this has been done by volunteers. We truly hope to continue this way in order to not have to add another expense to the budget. This only takes an hour or so each week.

Cleaning can be done anytime towards the end of the week or Saturday. If you can only manage to do this one or two weeks of any particular month, that is fine. Just put your name by the week you can on the list on the board and state "only". That way we know you are not taking the whole month.

I will be glad to meet with you to show you what is to be done and where the supplies are. Please feel free, if you wish, to bring your own. **NO CHURCH KEY.....NO WORRY**. Arrangements can easily be made to let you in.

Want you help us keep this house of worship looking good for all who enter here to worship.

Mark Bumgarner
Vice Chair

July Cleaners: NEEDED



Introducing July's Hymn of the Month
"God Reveals His Presence"
Tune: Arnsberg
554 Moravian Book of Worship

The text for **God Reveals His Presence** was written by Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769), one of three most important hymnwriters of the Reformed Church in Germany. He was a pious and useful mystic of the 18th century. Carefully educated in his childhood, Tersteegen was apprenticed to his shopkeeper brother in 1715. Religiously inclined from his youth, he lived a life of seclusion and self-denial until about age thirty when he began to write devotional material and to preach both privately and publicly. He wrote about one hundred and eleven hymns, most of them published in his *Spiritual Flower Garden* in 1731. **God Reveals His Presence** was first published in Tersteegen's *Geistliches Blumengarthlein*, 1729.

Tersteegen's text was translated in 1789 by Fredrick William Foster (1760-1835) who was born in England and eventually became a minister and provincial superintendent of the Moravian Church. He was editor of the **Moravian Hymn Book** published in 1801 and revised in 1826. Foster translated 16 hymns that appear in **Moravian Book of Worship**.

The tune name Arnsberg (also known as Wunderbarer Konig) was attributed to Joachim Neander (1650-1680) born in Bremen, Germany. In his youth Neander took religion lightly, living an unruly, carefree life, before coming under the influence of two ardent Pietists --- Jakob Spener and Johann J. Schultz. He later became headmaster of a grammar school and also an unordained assistant to a German pastor. He died at the age of thirty due to tuberculosis.

Arnsberg is the name of a town in western Germany.

July Happenings

Sunday, June 30th – Patriotic Cookout after Worship



Week of July 1st – No Summer Camp and No Wednesday Dining with Friends

Thursday, July 4th – Independence Day



Sunday, July 7th – John Hus Festival Communion

This special communion commemorates the martyrdom of Rev. Johannes Hus on July 6, 1415. A Catholic Priest, who never intended to start a new denomination, desired a more open personal style of worship for his congregation. His requests of the Catholic Church were to allow the people to have the bible in their own language, partake in communion are just a few. Johannes Hus was martyred 100 years before Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Tuesday, July 9th – Summer Camp Resumes

Wednesday, July 10th – Dining with Friends, 6:30 pm

Thai Orchard (near Pier One), 1822 Catawba Valley Blvd
SE, Hickory

Sunday, July 14th – Board of Elders Meeting, 12:15 pm

Wednesday, July 17th – Dining with Friends, 6:30 pm

Court Street Grille (Mtn View area), 2950 Hwy 127 South,
Hickory

Wednesday, July 24th – Dining with Friends, 6:30 pm

Captain's Galley (Springs Road), 1261 16th St NE, Hickory

Friday, July 26th – August Newsletter Articles due to Office

Wednesday, July 31st – Dining with Friends, 6:30 pm

Restaurant to be determined



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Summer has just started, but as life goes, that means time to start planning for the fall... and this year, that means planning for the first ever Moravian Day of Service! On September 15th, individuals and congregations will be finding unique ways to serve in their communities, and joining with folks across the U.S. and Canada, as we collectively renew our

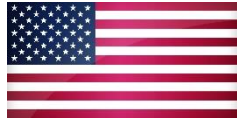
commitment to Mission with and among our neighbors!

Soon, there will be even more resources available (like worship materials which can be utilized to celebrate service), but for now you access a growing list of invitations to serve from Moravian entities across our Provinces.

To start planning and to stay up to date on the latest visit:
moravianmission.org/DayOfService

Pray Every Day July 2019

1. Show by your life that your good works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. Pray for Phil and Ashley Sineath (Campus Outreach Global).
2. Lord, do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil. Pray for Louis and Susan Sutton (WEC, Int).
3. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent (Bridges, Int).
4. Restore us, Lord of hosts, that we may be saved. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent (Campus Crusade).
5. In Him we live and move and have our being. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison (Greek InterVarsity).
6. Freely you have received, freely give. Pray for Kevin and Charity (Campus Crusade for Christ, Int).
7. Sunday. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx (Mission Aviation Fellowship).
8. Who dares despise the day of small things, will rejoice when they see the capstone. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford (Commission to Every Nation).
9. Seek me and live, says the Lord. Pray for Michael and Ceci Tesh (Ray of Hope Orphanage).
10. He is good and his steadfast love endures forever. Pray for Alas de Socorro (Wings of Mercy).
11. Glory to God in the highest, and peace among those whom he favors. Pray for Robert and Anne Thiessen (Mennonite Brethern Mission).
12. The whole earth is mine, says the lord. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF in CO.
13. Be on guard against all kinds of greed. Pray for Safiatu Braima and church leaders in Sierra Leone.
14. Sunday. Make me to know your ways, oh Lord, teach me your paths. Pray for Cuba Mission Area.
15. Suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. Pray for Rev. Tania Sanchez, Cuba Mission Province.
16. Any of you lacking wisdom, ask God, and He will give generously. Pray for PEC, BWM, and Sierra Leone Committee's plans to visit Sierra Leone.
17. Every good gift and every perfect gift comes from the Father above. Pray for peace in the Middle East.
18. The Lord is slow to anger but great in power. Pray for 16 Mission Areas and 5 Mission Provinces.
19. I hold my life in my hand, but I do not forget your law. Pray for Unity Women's Board.
20. The earth is full of the knowledge of the fullness of Christ. Pray for Allen and Deedee Iobst in Spain.
21. Sunday. The Lord requires steadfast love, not sacrifices. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
22. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace because they trust in you. Pray for summer mission teams.
23. Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice. Pray for summer camps and youth evangelism.
24. Hope does not disappoint. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
25. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
26. Jesus came to call not the righteous but sinners. Pray for Food Program in Sierra Leone.
27. We will be with the Lord forever. Pray for Moravian Volunteer Resources.
28. Sunday. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying. Pray for Moravian Clinic and Church in Honduras.
29. Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened. Pray for Jenna and Andrew Craver in Alaska.
30. To the thirsty, I will give water from the spring of life. Pray for hurricane victims and relief efforts.
31. The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the world keep silent. Pray for the Armando Rusindo Foundation.



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