



July 2025

Baby Dedication



Baby dedication was held on Father's Day, June 15. Caleb & Cynthia Quick dedicated their son, Peter and Chris and Jasmin Ledy dedicated their son, Boaz. Keep the Quicks and Leddys in your prayers as they seek to raise all of their children up to grow to know the Lord in a personal way.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chris and Jasmine Ledy were welcomed as new members of Garden on June 22nd, during the morning worship service. Chris and Jasmine both shared their testimonies with the church of how God has led them to this point in their lives.



CHOSEN PEOPLE
MINISTRIES

Wednesday evening, July 16th, David and Victoria Trubek joined us to share about their work with Chosen People Ministries in Israel. They are serving near Tel Aviv and are helping families displaced by recent missile attacks..

Youth Group Service Day

A group of 10 teens from GCC and Harvest and their sponsors met at Camp David on Saturday the 12th to serve by way of branch cleanup. Branches had been cut down all around the pond and near the road ready for us to haul away. Everyone jumped in, grabbing branches and hauling them to one of three trailers ready to haul them away. We estimate each trailer and truck made 4 or 5 hauls.

Our efforts were made so much easier by:

A much cooler day -thank you, God!

The use of the trailers, -thanks, Bryson & Mr. Dick!

Cookies -thanks, Briana!

An extra chainsaw running -thank you Bill & Sharon!

We finished the work set out for us at Camp David and then headed to Wendy's for some lunch. We took a short detour to Keeper of the Plains just for fun and then headed to 2nd Blessings in Wichita to start the other half of our Service Day.

Arriving as the store was closing for the weekend, kids and sponsors were put to work washing the inside and outside of all the store windows, sorting shoes for pairs, cleaning clothes racks and shelving, vacuuming bins, vacuuming the store floor and finally sorting and tagging some clothing to be put out on the racks. Ron & Ev Fisher expressed that it is difficult to find time for extra cleaning with all the other store action. The group enjoyed helping refresh the store as a way of encouraging the local community around the store!

Our Service Day was varied from outside to inside and from Hesston to Wichita. We are thankful to be able to help both foster kids and the local community around 2nd Blessings with just a bit of elbow grease and time.





Come and check out the newly redecorated children's library! The goal was to refresh and create a cozy space that invites kids to grow in their love for reading. New chairs and a tiered bookshelf now make it easy for anyone - at any age! – to grab a book and sit down to read in the children's library. Not only does this benefit the kids – but it gives everyone an opportunity to sit with the younger kids in our church and read to them in the children's library – most kids won't turn down having a story read to them!

In addition to the updated space, there is also a children's library book list now available for anyone to look at. If there is a specific book or author you love and are wondering if we have it available in the children's library, a list is now hanging above the checkout area for your use! If you ever have any book recommendations or questions about the children's library, please feel free to come and talk to me!

~Katie Hanzlicek



How thankful we are to be able to read! I hope you are taking advantage of some down time this summer to do some extra reading. The Adult Library does not have a Bingo card to challenge you to read this summer, but you can do that on your own. Choose a book from each section in our Library: Biography, Christian Living, Fiction, Marriage and Family, Social Issues, and Study Helps. Read outside your comfort zone. There are so many good books waiting for you!

The New Book section is in the center corner shelves. New books (to the Library and a few newly published) will be in that section for several months. Then they will be incorporated into their respective genres.

Also, a couple simpler puzzles have been added to the shelf on the East wall.

R - Riches are found in the written word - especially in the Bible but in other books also

E - Explore ideas, subjects, or real peoples' lives that you know little about

A - Adventure in time periods and places around the world is available without leaving your chair

D - Delight in learning and growing through what you read

~Denise Goossen

Vonnie's Views

In my regular Bible reading plan, I recently finished reading and studying the book of *Ezekiel*. To guide my study, I used *Exalting Jesus in Ezekiel* by Landon Dowden, part of the Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary Series edited by David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida. I own several volumes from this series (and hope to collect them all eventually). I highly recommend it for personal study—it's rich in sound theology and offers pastoral warmth.

Ezekiel was an exile in Babylon who received his first vision on his 30th birthday—the age he would have begun serving as a priest if he had still been in Jerusalem. Instead, he was living far from home, bearing the trauma of captivity. At the time of his early prophecies, Jerusalem had not yet fallen. (There were three waves of exiles taken to Babylon; Ezekiel was among the first.)

Ezekiel's message was difficult. The book is full of hard truths—pronouncements of judgment on God's people, who had broken their covenant and abandoned His law. It was also bad news for the nations surrounding Israel, which were likewise under God's judgment. Yet God uniquely equipped Ezekiel to deliver these sobering messages. He had the resilience and determination to endure repeated rejection. (At one point, King Jehoiakim even burned Ezekiel's scroll as it was being read aloud by cutting it up and tossing it piece by piece into the fire in his winter palace!)

Ezekiel prophesied about both current and future events. Regardless of whether the prophecy referred to a near or distant event, God's purpose remained the same: *that they would know that the LORD is God*. This phrase appears around 72 times in the book! I appreciated how Dr. Dowden summarized God's message in Ezekiel 38-39:

Many years from now, when you are living in peace, a huge army will rise against you. But know two things: I am bringing them to you, and I will completely destroy them. Why? First, to reveal my glory to the nations. Second, to confirm my word to you that I will never turn My face from you again. (*Exalting Jesus in Ezekiel*, p. 199)

Ezekiel's audience lived in dark, disorienting times. It seemed as though their future, shaped by generations of idolatry and rebellion, was in ruins. Yet even then, God spoke words of hope and restoration. He promised to pour out His Spirit on them and dwell with them in peace and security. What could be better news for rebellious people in exile?

And here's the amazing part: *that same promise is for us today*. We live on the other side of the cross! What Ezekiel's audience saw only in part, we now understand more fully through the lens of the New Testament.

What gives me the most hope as I read Ezekiel is the picture it paints of God. I'm grateful to Dr. Dowden for summarizing these truths (*Exalting Jesus in Ezekiel*, p. 209):

1. **God reigns supreme.** He is sovereign over all things—past, present, and future.
2. **God is never surprised.** What catches us off guard is already under His control. He exists outside of time and is fully aware of all that happens—though He is never the author of sin.
3. **God works all things for good.** Even what seems impossible or hopeless, He promises to redeem for our good and His glory (Romans 8:28–29).
4. **God provides all we need.** Whatever we face, we do not face it alone. He gives sufficient grace and strength to carry us through.
5. **God has already won.** What was a future hope for Ezekiel's audience is a finished reality for us. Through Christ's victory, Satan has been defeated (Colossians 2:15).

So, friend, don't give up. Stay close to the Lord. Trust His heart even when the path is unclear or difficult. He is faithful. And He will see you all the way home.



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Memory Verse: Romans 1:16—For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.					1 Jesus is our advocate. He stands before the throne on our behalf & declares our sins forgiven.	2 Jesus is King. I am to be a loyal, obedient subject, bringing glory to Him.
3 Jesus is the Light of the World. He reveals what is in the darkness & shows us the way.	4 Jesus is our Rock. We stand on Him and He is unshakeable even as our world shakes & rattles.	5 Jesus saves us from what? From the penalty of our sins which is the wrath of God.	6 Jesus is the Promised One. The One who came and who is promised to come again.	7 Jesus is God in the flesh. In seeing Him I see the very character of God.	8 Jesus intercedes for me. He talks to God on my behalf!	9 Jesus is Captain of the Host of the Lord. All of heaven is at His command.
10 Jesus is the answer to every need - healer, strength, redeemer, guide.	11 Jesus is compassionate. He sees & He cares deeply. He cares deeply & He acts.	12 Jesus is my Comforter. He listens to me, comes alongside me, & cares that I hurt.	13 Jesus is my shepherd. He wants to take care of me, protect me, provide for me.	14 Jesus is perfect love. He will do what is best for me, even when it hurts.	15 Jesus is the Good Master. He is worthy of my honor & my obedience.	16 Jesus is my teacher. I study His words to learn about God & how to live.
17 Jesus is the alpha & omega. The beginning of everything & the completion of it all.	18 Jesus is righteous. He is without blemish or spot. He is pure & without error.	19 Jesus is an anchor. He holds me fast and nothing can sweep me away.	20 Jesus is our brother. God is our Father & we are co-heirs with Christ. Think on that!	21 Jesus is my Redeemer. He purchased me out of bondage and set me free.	22 Jesus is the vine. I draw life & strength from Him. I have life only through Him.	23 Jesus is a sanctuary. He is a place of safety and refuge.
24 Jesus is approachable. I can come to Him freely, often, humbly, needy, rejoicing.	25 Jesus is the Lion of Judah. He is fierce, strong, powerful & predicted to be victor over all.	26 Jesus is Judge. He will ultimately make all things right.	27 Jesus is the Bridegroom. We believers are His bride. He will come to take us home & delight in us.	28 Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is my sustenance & I'm completely dependent on Him.	29 Jesus is my Hope. I know the future promises are true because of the promises fulfilled in Him.	30 Jesus is the desire of all nations. All people everywhere need Him.
31 Jesus is Faithful & True. He can't lie, He can't break His word, He can't be untrue to Who He is.						



New Hope Shelter, Inc.

Following Christ, Building the Community

Executive Director Update...

I have completed two months as Executive Director at New Hope Shelter. I have had the privilege of getting to know hard-working staff, generous donors, and volunteers who serve tirelessly. I have said for many years, Harvey County folks are some of the most generous, caring people on earth. Thank you for welcoming my wife Dartha and I back into the community. We will be moving to Newton soon.

We have some great plans and options for our residents. We will be implementing soon our "Bridge to Hope" faith-based program to give guests of New Hope the opportunity to either renew or discover a relationship with Christ. Bridge to Hope is a very basic study that will allow guests to develop a daily time in God's Word, understand God's purpose for their lives, and discover the joy of serving others. Including in the curriculum is a budgeting plan for finances and assistance with resume preparation and job interview skills. Exciting things are happening around the shelter. Stories like Virginia's (shared below) fuel our passionate drive to serve Jesus by serving those who come to the shelter. Thank you to all who have a part in this vital ministry in Harvey, Marion, McPherson, and Butler counties.

Jay Lewis

Finding My Way: Virginia's Journey Beyond Homelessness

My name is Virginia, and I've recently overcome homelessness, a journey that was both daunting and humbling. But then I discovered the New Hope Shelter, where the compassionate staff welcomed me with open arms, demonstrating their genuine care and devotion to their faith. As I navigated this new chapter, the staff offered invaluable guidance, empowering me to take the first steps toward rebuilding my life. Shortly after my arrival, I secured employment and am now transitioning into an apartment, with plans to save for a vehicle. I'm deeply passionate about my job, and I feel a profound sense of purpose in serving my clients. The staff at The New Hope Shelter are beacons of kindness and love, providing us with nourishing meals, thanks to the tireless efforts of the cooking staff and generous donors. The volunteers are equally inspiring, and I'm grateful for their presence in my life. I firmly believe that God led me to this sacred place, where I've discovered hope and a renewed sense of direction. As I settle into my new home, I'm eager to pursue my GED, CNA and CMA certifications and I'm thrilled to have the support of the staff and volunteers, who consistently offer words of encouragement and motivation. Together, with God's guidance, they've instilled in me a sense of hope and purpose, and for that, I'm eternally grateful.

SUPPLY ITEMS:

Shower items
Cleaning supplies
Paper towels
Milk
Bread

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer needed - check out one of the training sessions to learn more.

A shed was donated but need to be finished. - A volunteer is needed to complete the roof & floor.

Board President Update

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you....for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5, KJV). Saint Paul's words capture precisely the gratitude of New Hope Shelter's Board of Directors as we enter the third quarter of 2025. Your generosity - whether financial, prayerful, culinary, or hands on - forms the backbone of our ministry and sustains the dignified care we extend to our guests.

This partnership's resilience was evident this year. During our executive transition, your confidence in our strategic direction culminated at June's meet-and-greet, welcoming our new Executive Director, Jay Lewis. Your presence not only encouraged Jay but also affirmed a shared commitment to three core objectives. 1) expanded bed capacity; 2) deepening program impact; 3) maintaining fiscal stewardship that inspires donor confidence.

From a governance standpoint, your engagement enables the Board to allocate resources wisely, pursue grants aligned with our faith-based charter, and gauge success against clear performance indicators. Spiritually, your involvement realizes Paul's vision of "fellowship in the gospel" - a collaborative endeavor where each person's distinct gifts converge to rebuild lives and restore hope.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for continuing to invest your financial, relational, and spiritual capital in New Hope Shelter. Together, we transform compassion into measurable outcomes and ensure that every guest encounters both particular support and the love of Christ.

Caleb M Hanke, CPCUO, ChFC®, MBA

President, New Hope Shelter, INC Board of Directors

HELP and SUPPORT

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at the shelter?
If your answer is yes, come to one of the summer training sessions
and learn more about this rewarding opportunity

Volunteer Training Dates

July 28th (Monday) 6:30 to 8:00pm

August 25th (Monday) 6:30 to 8:00pm

Trainings will all be held in the shelter conference room.

How can you support?

- Your leftovers can provide our lunch - family picnic, business lunch or church gathering
- Bring sliced bread, butter, jam/jelly, cereal, peanut butter and milk for our breakfasts
- Frozen meat - hamburger, pork, hams, turkeys or chicken
- Bring items for our food pantry
- Bring needed items to be used in the shelter
- Provide a cash donation

We have a food pantry open 7 days a week!

Monday thru Friday 8am to 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 8am to 6pm

*Any food that is donated to the Shelter will either be used for our meals
or will be distributed through the Food Pantry.*

Thank you for your continued support.

Our mission at New Hope Shelter, Inc. is to provide a sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness in Harvey, Marion, McPherson and Butler counties by uniting the local church into a nurturing community which restores hope through a growing relationship with Christ.

It is through the love of Christ we share with those in need of hope.

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SHOULD GOD SPARE AMERICA?
WOULD YOU SPARE AMERICA?

If every Christian were just like you,
If you were God, what would you do?
Would you spare America?

If all the Christians prayed like you,
If all were judged by what you do,
Should God spare America?

If your neighbors were asked to say,
How you've reacted every day,
Should God spare America?

If your pastor preaches the Word,
Can he tell you really heard?
Should God spare America?

If every husband were just like you,
And loved his wife the way you do,
Should God spare America?

If every wife submits like you
Or reverences her husband the way you
do,
Should God spare America?

If every child obeyed the same way
You obeyed your parents today,
Should God spare America?

If all the children nurtured by you,
Lived their lives the way you do,
Should God spare America?

If everyone craved possessions like you,
Money, and land, what should He do?
Should God spare America?

If the heathen were asked, "What did he
do,
To bring the glorious gospel to you?"
Should God spare America?

If everyone loved God today,
In exactly your same way,
Should God spare America?

If all the citizens of this great land,
Would join together and take your stand,
Should God spare America?

If every Christian were just like you,
I ask again, "What would you do?"
Would you spare America?

By: Mrs. Norvin (Evelyn) Schrag 1984



We are asking for prayer for our family members as they drive and fly from several states (NC, MN, IA, NE, and KS) to visit us for the week of July 12-19. We are expecting 28 of our 29 family members to be here and hope for a wonderful time together.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers on our behalf!

Norvin & Evelyn Schrag

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