



# THE NEW WINE

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- Welcomes people in worship of the triune God;
- Shares the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to neighbors near and far, and
- Challenges people to service and a deeper discovery of God's truth and love.

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Worship Service Times:  
8:00am and 10:30am

# Happy New Year!

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS!

02	Ken Lillagore	23	Susan Bailey
03	Alex Moore	23	Joyce Millington
11	Carl Helms	24	Lorna Black
13	Addison Schulz	24	Linda Jackson
19	David Krigbaum	24	Pat Kyle
20	Jean Main	28	Bill Martin
21	Ellie Ashley	30	Laura Rowland
22	Peg Claspell		

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thank you for everyone's help and support for the youth Christmas Eve pageant. We had over 100 people attend including the youth to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Our youth include Ellie & Mae Ashley, Nathan, Keira & Alyssa Grigsby, Addi Faurbo, Mekenzie Harper, Connor & Sydney James, Gavin Trotter, Aja Brantley, and Jill Swanson. Thank you Brittany and Ellie for technical, costumes, and stage props.

## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Youth Group game night: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring friends and munchies!

Spring drama project – God's Not Dead: For Kids. Details coming soon!

Starting on February 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays for youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up – puppet team! This is for all kids (shy, creative for puppet skills, voice overs, etc) and a lot of fun.

**Reserve your spot with Susan: 303-875-6882.**

# KIDS HOPE USA

It is so hard to believe that it was 10 years ago that John Buechner introduced & recruited our congregation to be a part of Kids Hope USA mentoring program. In this day and age, it is a miracle for a church to be inside the school, mentoring kids in need of attention and help. I believe that God opens the door for us to be there, and provides us with more kids than we could ever fit in our church. Each relationship only has one way to go, and that is to have a positive impact on a child and be their friend.

We had a lunch provided to celebrate in the school just before Christmas vacation. The staff was so appreciative, and Ms. Williams said that this really meant so much to them. We also counted all the kids that have been mentored and prayed for, and it was a pleasant surprise to discover that so far, we have 80 names.

Congratulations go to Jo-Lynn Yashahara Daly (our Master Social Worker) who was given a much deserved award and recognition for High Impact on Education by BVSD. She is amazing and a blessing for Emerald and Kids Hope.

Mentor & Prayer Partner lunch/meeting: Sunday, January 28 12pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a time to share tips and ideas and celebrate our 10 years.

Mentor/Prayer Partner website: [www.kidshopeusa.org](http://www.kidshopeusa.org)

Kids Hope USA Mentor App available for Apple and Android phones



## **EDUCATION NEWS**

Every Sunday, we have available Sunday School for all of our kids. We dismiss for this after the children's moment or after the anthem! Be sure to bring your kiddos (or grand-kiddos!) with you every week!

## **MISSION NEWS**

Our New Genesis Meal will be served on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please check the sign-up and consider going with us to serve. We carpool from the church at 5pm and are usually back by 7pm.

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

### **Decoration Change**

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Please join your friends on Saturday to take down the Christmas decorations in the lobby. It really won't take too long, especially if we have lots of help. We'll have coffee and goodies. Let's get in the mood for the New Year together!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm

Come join the fun, and bring your best chili to share. We'll vote for the tastiest chili and sample lots of delicious ones! You bring the chili and the Fellowship Team will bring the rest. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to enter. If you'd rather just come to do the sampling, that's okay, too! (We need lots of judges...)

### **Joyful Hearts Women's Breakfast**

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Ladies! Plan to attend our January Women's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We always have a wonderful time, and great food. But we also are excited to have a presentation by Nancy Stephens and Deb Peterson on their recent vacation - "Cruising the Great Lakes." Remember, everyone is welcome and you don't have to bring a thing. Just come and relax and have fun with your sisters in Christ.

Questions? Call Mary Hellen (303-450-9456) or Cindy Pearson (303-469-3906).

## GRACE WOMEN

We'd love to have you join Grace Women Bible Study, starting February 1<sup>st</sup> (Thursday night) and February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday morning), for our new study titled: All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians by Kelly Minter. Per Kelly, "this is an 8-week study of 2 Corinthians where we discover how Paul's encouragement to the believers in Corinth challenges the church today. As new creations in Christ, we are to spread the message of Jesus's grace, comfort, and generosity with the world...in the way we live, we must boldly declare: He makes all things new."

Books will cost \$13.00; videos have been paid for. If you are interested, please notify Nancy Stephens by January 14<sup>th</sup>. You may call her at 720-887-6867 or email her at [nancystepehns5678@comcast.net](mailto:nancystepehns5678@comcast.net). A sign-up sheet will also be in the office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. You will not need to pay for your book until they arrive, but I do need to know how many are planning on attending, so I can order books in a timely manner.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for this study. We always learn something new and it is a wonderful time to fellowship and pray together.

- Nancy Jo

## A LETTER FROM PASTOR JOHN

Happy New Year!

Jon Bloom writes a great article to help us start out 2018. It is entitled – *God Will Restore Your Soul*. I have paraphrased it.

King David wrote Psalm 22 *and* Psalm 23, but if we weren't told that, we might not believe it. These two songs of the faith are about as different as they could be. The first few verses of each psalm capture its tone. Here are the first two verses of Psalm 22:

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.*

Now, read the first three verses of Psalm 23:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

### **Two Perspectives on Reality**

It is a beautiful and merciful providence that these two starkly different psalms are placed right next to each other, authored by the same person. Because they illustrate the diverse ways we experience the

strange reality that is the life of faith in our world. If we live long enough, we all experience the occasional agonizing phenomenon of God's apparent silence. And we all will also experience God's kind restoration, peace, and protection. In fact, we eventually come to realize that what felt like abandonment was a merciful nearness and shepherding of a kind we hadn't previously understood or perceived. We discover that God's promises are infinitely more substantial and reliable than our perceptions.

But both psalms are actually messianic – they foreshadow and prophesy of Jesus. And in this profound realization, we discover that the order in which these psalms appear is no accident.

### **Jesus Was Forsaken**

We know Psalm 22:1. Its first sentence is among the most famous in the Bible. There was a moment, at the crux of history, when God was God-forsaken. God the Son, the eternal delight of the Father, the radiance of the Father's glory, the exact imprint of the Father's nature, and the Father's earthly visible image – became in that incomprehensively dark moment unholy sin – *our* unholy sin.

For Jesus, it was a truly hellish moment. Psalm 22 does far more than give us words to pray during our seasons of spiritual desolation. It gives us words to grasp the desolation God the Son experienced to purchase our peace and restoration.

### **So That We Will Never Be Forsaken**

This restoration, the great messianic restoration, is what made David sing for joy in Psalm 23. The Good Shepherd, having laid his life down for the sheep, gives his sheep eternal life, and they will never perish, and *no one* will be able to snatch them out of his hand. Our great Shepherd has walked through this valley before us and *for* us. In this valley, he was stricken and afflicted, betrayed, beaten, and brutally crucified by evil. He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. He was smitten and forsaken by God. And he did this for us so that he might say to us, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

### **He Will Restore Your Soul**

In this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33). The Bible's portrayal of tribulation is realistically horrible. Psalm 22 is a description of David's tribulation, and it was severe. But it is also a description of Jesus's tribulation, which was infinitely more severe than David's – or ours. Do you feel forsaken by God? Jesus understands. He truly understands more than you know. We can *feel* forsaken by God; Jesus *was* forsaken by God. We feel lonely; Jesus was, for a horrible moment, truly alone. As our Great High Priest, he is able to sympathize with us in all our weaknesses, since he was tempted in every way that we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

But Jesus does far more than sympathize with us. As our great sacrificial Lamb, he atoned for every sin we commit in all our weak, faithless stumbling, removing our curse forever by *becoming* our curse. And as our great Shepherd, he is leading us through every tribulation – no matter how severe – to eternal restoration.

That is the promise of Psalm 23, purchased by the price of Psalm 22: your Good Shepherd will restore your soul forever. He was forsaken by God, scorned and mocked by men, and his hands and feet were pierced for our sake. So that he could guide us through every evil valley, honor us before every evil enemy, pursue us with goodness and mercy *every day* of our earthly life, and bring us to live with him in his house forever (Psalm 23:4–6).

Psalm 22 may be our song for a brief night, but Psalm 23 will be our song for an eternal morning.

- Pastor John