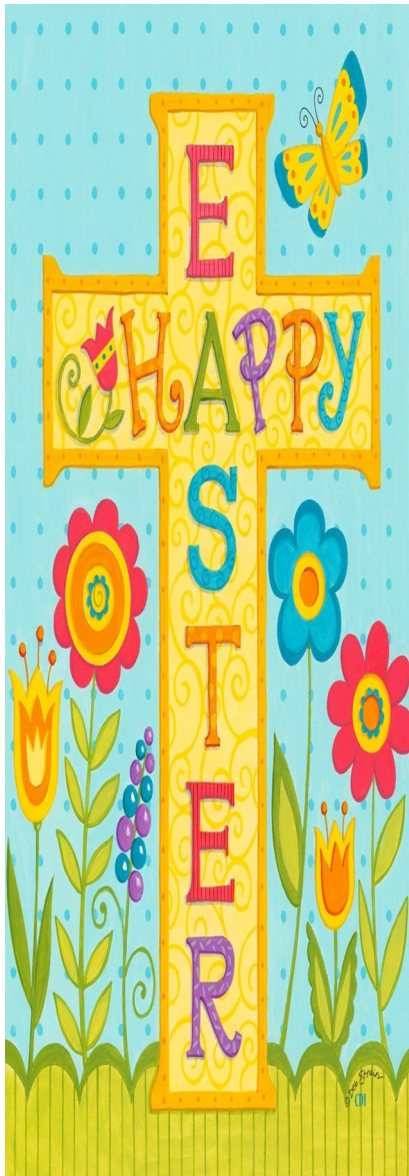


The Blessed Hope Messenger

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From the Pastor

By Pastor Gary

In a few days, we celebrate a miraculous, life-changing event called Easter! Death and the enemy have lost their power over us! We are free! In that freedom, Christ says we are to share the Good News of His victory and love with everyone all over the earth.

Have you ever made a “to do” list and highlighted or circled the most important things you believed you needed to do? We recently began a study, on Monday nights, called the Circle Maker. The point of this study is to teach us how to trust our relationship with God so we have freedom to consider and then pray specifically about “the desires of our hearts,” drawing a circle around those most important, so to speak. As we persistently pray on these items, we seek to be in His will and trust He grants these prayers. This is a means of remaining focused and diligent with our prayer life. One of the things the Lord has called us (all of us at Blessed Hope) to do is to set up a prayer walk based on neighborhood boundaries within our community, as a continuation of ministry to the neighborhoods. This initial area will be our first “mission field” in which to share the Gospel of Christ, to evangelize. We will be doing this prayer walking in conjunction with New Wine Community Church.

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This is a bold initiative and a serious undertaking as we commit to God to be faithful in working for Him. The group from class is already working on 3-4 things they believe are to be prayer requests for this initial area. Included in these are prayers for God's favor and wisdom as we reach out and share the Gospel with those within the community. We will also pray for transformation within our church, that Blessed Hope may be an even more welcoming, loving and comfortable place for people to be as they grow in faith and in His Word.

Again, there is boldness in this type of prayer, as we give God full control to change who we are to be more like Christ, but we must remember that we have a very bold God. He has shown us, through His Word, that there are no limits to His abilities to use us, His people. You will hear more about this undertaking in the weeks to come, and I ask that all of you, each and every one, pray and be willing to be part of this endeavor as we prepare to move forward as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

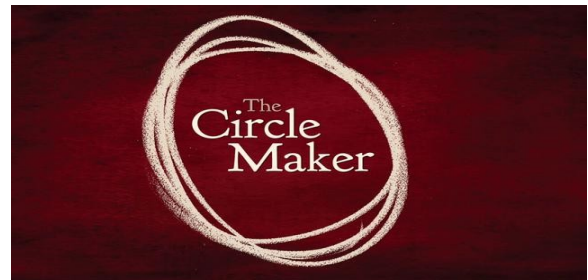


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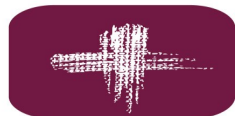
April 3rd we will be hosting a Passover Seder meal. Come on down and experience a tradition that goes back to the exodus from Egypt. Live out the last supper that our Lord and His disciples ate. Gain a deeper spiritual meaning to communion. We hope we see you there.

Every Monday Pastor Gary will be leading a new book study called The Circle maker. Come and join us. Learn how to improve your prayer life.



April 19th-25th We will be hosting ChristNet. We will need volunteers to help cover night shifts throughout the week. Please Contact Crystal for available slots. If you wanted to get involved in one of our ministries this is a great opportunity

Lent





This is the time to accept the challenge of influencing the spiritual lives of the people God has placed in your life.

Imagine the day when someone you know is worshiping God as they sing out of love to the one who saved them, gave them peace and joy, sent them on a new mission and purpose and life and satisfied their soul the way only He can!

That picture can be a reality
but it starts with an
invitation.

Will you be the one God uses to take that risk?

Only you can answer that.

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