



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSERY



NOTES OF HOPE

A monthly publication to keep us informed.

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Family

Our Mission Statement

We believe that God
has gathered this
congregation and
staff at this time and
place in order to:

Introduce people
to the enduring love
of Jesus

Invite them to
become part of his
family

Instruct them in
the Scriptures

Include them in the
celebration of
worship, and

Inspire them to
serve God according
to their gifts



Christian Ed. Fall 2004

Adult Education

There are several opportunities planned for September through November to join in Christian fellowship and expand your knowledge of the Bible and grow spiritually through a variety of classes and formats. Our kickoff Sunday for Christian Ed. is Sept. 19 with the resumption of an adult church school class beginning at 10:45 in the G-Force area. Bring your coffee and Bible and join Marilyn Hicken around the table in a study of Thessalonians I. An experienced Bible Study teacher, Marilyn plans to present a timeline of Paul's ministry, beginning with Thessalonians.

If you want a large group experience and the "Cotton touch", then Monday nights at 7:30 in October will meet your needs! Rev. Cotton will present a study based on the letters of John in four sessions.

Are you ready to respond when people ask questions about your faith? "Faith Sharing" presented by Carl Fritsche will be a six week course presented at the Hellers' (5 minutes from the church) on Sunday evenings at 7:00. Starting with a video segment, this study will provide the background and skills to give us confidence to share our belief in Jesus Christ with others. This course will begin in mid October.

We're very excited to have several options to offer in Adult Ed. this fall. Please consider participating in one or more and encourage others to come with you!

Children's Programs

Monday, August 30 from 7:00 to 8:30 will be our last "Kids' Night Out" for this summer. Games - indoors and out, challenges, crafts, and ice cream sundaes will make for a full evening.

September 19th is the day when G-Force returns to rock the John Calvin Room. G-Force provides a fast paced, exciting way to grow in understanding of God's Word and see how it relates to our actions in daily life. Through skits, games, songs, and Bible Study students and teachers are busy every minute. Our fall theme is "In the House." Kids, can you figure out what this unit will be about? Toddlers through students in Grade 8 are welcome to attend this program every Sunday at 9:30AM.

Watch the bulletin for further news about Youth Activities.

Coming on September 12th: 7th Annual Hope Backyard Picnic!

Make plans now to attend the seventh annual Hope Backyard Picnic, to be held on Sunday, September 12th. There will be one combined worship service on September 12th, which will begin at 10:30. The picnic will take place on the grounds of Hope Church following the worship service, and in the case of inclement weather will be moved indoors. Come dressed casually with your own lawn chair and ready for an enjoyable gathering of our Church family. Some picnic details:

- The picnic sign up list is available in the Narthex. Please sign up by Sunday, September 5th.
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, paper products, and utensils will be provided.
- We ask each family to bring a side salad to share (if your last name begins with A through L) or a dessert (if your last name begins with M through Z).

So mark your calendars, sign up, and get ready for some fun. Questions may be addressed to any Deacon.

New Choir Season Begins

The first choir rehearsal of the new season will be held Thursday, September 2nd at 7 PM. We are looking for new members to join our group. Weekly rehearsals last one hour; the choir sings at least twice a month at the 9:30 AM service; we work hard at learning new music but have lots of fun along the way. You don't have to be an accomplished musician, have an operatic voice, or even read music. We'll teach you all you need to know. If you have questions or would like more information, talk to Gwynne: 732-408-9266, or email her: gwynnethmahns@msn.com

Check Out the Bible Trivia Each Sunday

Perhaps you've noticed the new weekly addition to our Traditional Service bulletins each week. New member, Marilyn Hicken, is providing us with two Bible Trivia questions every Sunday. Why not plan to arrive at church a few minutes early each week and use the time before worship to ponder these questions. If you're not sure of the answers, follow the clues provided. Thank you, Marilyn, for encouraging us to become more familiar with God's Word.

Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out is scheduled for the third Friday of the month. Friday Sept 17 from 6:30- 9:00pm children ages toddlers through middle school gather for movies, snacks and arts & crafts and just having a good time. It's a time for parents to drop them off and enjoy some quality time. Reservations - call 732-542-0706 mail box 4.

THE BLACKWOOD GOSPEL QUARTET RETURNS TO HOPE

Remember the great gospel choir we had last Oct at Hope Church? Well it's a repeat performance of the Blackwood Gospel Quartet of TN. The date is set for Sat. Oct 2nd @ 7p.m. A love offering will be taken to help support the group as they continue in full time Christian ministry. Bring friends and be prepared for lots of laughs and also time to thank God for ministries of music.

Coming on September 19th
Traditional Worship & Church School 9:30 am.
Contemporary Worship Service is moving to 11:00
am to provide more time between services.