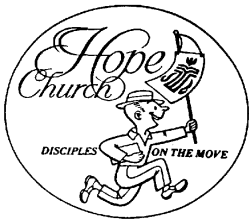


HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY



NOTES OF HOPE

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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 found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Invite them to become part of the family of God

Instruct them in the scriptures, God's word to us

Involve them in the ministry of the church, according to their gifts

Inspire them to go into the world, making disciples of others

January's Session Meeting

The session will be making their annual retreat to Gibbs Hall in Ocean Grove on January 16th-17th. This is a formal announcement that our January Stated Session Meeting will be held on the 17th at 9am in lieu of our regular third Tuesday meeting at the church. Please be prayerful for our session as we plan out our agenda for 2010.

Offering Envelopes

There will be offering envelopes for the operational (white) and building (blue) available in the Narthex for the next few weeks. They are 2009 envelopes that we are trying to use up. Please feel free to take a box or inquire about electronic giving if your heart leads you.

How's Our Giving			
Month to Date November 30, 2009		Year to Date November 30, 2009	
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
\$9,013.00	\$10,434.00	\$99,138.00	\$90,655.00
	\$1,421		-\$8,483.00
Expenses			
Month to Date November 30, 2009		Year to Date November 30, 2009	
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
\$11,750.00	\$10,634.00	\$129,250.00	\$112,156.00
	-\$1,116.00		-\$17,094.00

Grow-One Sunday Results

A total of 31 households (husbands and wives or single persons) completed Estimate of Giving Cards this year.

A total of 24 of these households increased their financial commitment above last year's amount.

A total of 43 households present to fill out commitment cards on Grow-One Sunday committed a total of \$55,500.

Based on last year's giving records, \$22,500 can be expected for the coming year from persons who have established giving patterns but did not complete Estimate of Giving Cards.

This gives us a grand total of \$78,000 in anticipated income for the next twelve months.

Total income of the general budget during the last twelve months was \$72,000. Next year, our income can be expected to increase by \$6,000. This is a 8.33 percentage increase in total giving above last year.

This is awesome everyone! This shows faith, commitment and growth on everyone's part. With 2010 upon us, remain prayerful as we all Grow 1 step closer to a greater relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Mark Bible Study

From January till Easter (April 4) HPC will be doing a sermon series on the Gospel of Mark. As a part of that series we will be offering a companion study for individual and small group use. Each Monday an email will be sent out that will include that week's text from Mark and some study questions. We are encouraging you to participate in that study, whether on your own, with a friend over coffee, or perhaps within a small group at your house. If you would like to study the reading and questions with others, but don't have anyone in mind, you are invited to join the Tiberts at the Manse each Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

January Birthdays

- 4 John Lisle
- 6 Ethan Rivera (born 2009)
- 9 Stan Cain
- 12 Chris Van Bavel
- 12 Gianna Lignos ('99)
- 14 Lisa Lignos
- 14 Kelly Colao
- 24 John Waldron IV
- 26 Landonia Leadbeater
- 26 Carl Miller
- 29 Bill Heller
- 30 Dave Harris
- 30 Emile Cotton (born 2004)
- 31 Kim Van Pelt