



**New Hope Missions Church**  
Mooresville, NC

**Mission Update - February 14, 2011**

*Serving the World with the Hope of Christ!*

Thank you for your interest in New Hope Missions Church!

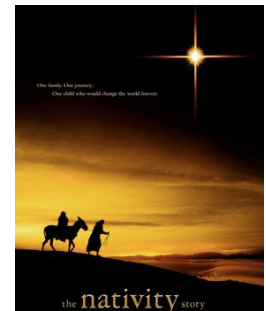
Here's an update since our last newsletter in late November.

December was a busy month (as it is for everyone), with our **first two weddings** of the church (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>), our Christmas Fellowship evening on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, and our first **Christmas Eve worship** service.



In January and February, we continued our efforts to become known as a church that serves the community through our **Coffee/Hot Chocolate give-away** (donuts, too) in front of Wal-Mart on Saturday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will do it again on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. We did this last year, also in January and February. This year, once again, people were surprised (pleasantly) that we were not looking for a donation. In fact, we had to refuse donations from several people. We pray that through this small effort, Gospel seeds, in word and deed, were planted. In addition, we hope it also helped to dispel the reputation the Church has amongst many people who do not go to church regularly, that "the church is just after your money."

Also, starting in November, we began using Sermon Series. With the Thanksgiving holiday in mind, November's was all about Food – **"The Food That God Provides."** December's series, **"The Greatest Story Ever Told!"** focused on different characters and quotes from the 2006 movie, "The Nativity Story" and included a short video clip from the film each week, and on Christmas Eve.



With the New Year in mind, January's sermon series on **"Spiritual Renewal"** encouraged us to refresh and restart our relationship with God. Sermons for February through March will focus on the **life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus**, as we lead up to Good Friday and Easter celebrations.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> we held our first, annual **"All Church Meeting"** after worship to revisit our mission, vision, and core values, and to discuss our future direction and the challenges ahead. As we look forward to 2011, a significant shift will be to increase teaching God's Word at all levels, while we continue our focus on community service and missions. Our developing plans for the first half of 2011 include:

- Developing our International Missions – East Africa (with possible exploratory trip, Fall 2011)
- Local Missions / Community Service:
  - Jan. & Feb. – Serving the Community at Wal-Mart
  - March – possible house repair or maintenance for older adult
  - April – Easter celebration event for the community at the downtown Christian Mission
  - May/June – Next mission trip in U.S. (Nashville, McDowell County, WV.)
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> – Serving the meal and worship at The SOUP KITCHEN
  - July – One week VBS at and for clients of the downtown Christian Mission
- “Journey to the Cross” Bible Study during our Thursday Connection Café in Lent, with daily readings from the Passion texts in chronological order.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Information class, six Sundays beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>

If you are not currently attending a specific church and would like to experience God’s grace, love, and acceptance, while also finding the fulfillment that comes from serving others in need, we invite you to consider becoming a part of New Hope Missions Church. If we can assist you with connecting with God, please, give us a call or email!

God’s blessings,

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