



# ***HERALD OF HOPE***

***February, 2012***

## **REFLECTIONS**

Ballwin, Missouri native Timothy Dolan was recently installed as a Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. Addressing an audience, Dolan noted that a Cardinal's red cassock is symbolic of his willingness to defend the faith even if it meant the spilling of his own blood. He then turned to Pope Benedict and said, "Holy Father, can you omit the part about shedding my blood?" It was a well-delivered question that set up the response. Amidst the shock and humor that got everyone's attention, even Pope Benedict's, Dolan answered his own question: "Of course not! We are brothers called to be ready to suffer and die for Jesus." Dolan's speech was praised as stirring, joyous, and profound. It was also an appropriate message as we begin Lent. Lent is a season of forty days that we use as a preparation for Easter. Preparation includes acts of self-denial or inclusion that are reminders that we are headed to the festival of Easter. The climax, of course, begins during Holy Week. This final week invites the community of faith to journey with Jesus from the upper room to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. The journey, at least symbolically, has always meant that those who choose it are willing to do so at the risk of their lives. I dare say that most would not go that far. Most of us would mirror the response that Peter gave when accused of being a follower: "I am not!" Peter's devotion was intact only when the cost was not a personal risk and the price was not too high. Some things don't change.

Lent invites us to a deeper relationship that is accomplished as we inch closer through personal behaviors of discipline and self-denial. Perhaps then we can achieve a readiness to boldly enter Holy Week not as an observer but as a participant. Perhaps then we will be ready to answer if asked about our loyalty to Jesus, "Yes, I am!"

Grace & Peace,  
Jay

## BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

Todd Rasch	3-04-62
Paige Russell	3-05-06
Michael Munie	3-08-70
Reine Grant	3-13-05
River Jakob	3-15-09
Thomas Martin	3-21-04
Billy Blackburn	3-21-04
Ann Martin	3-22-81
Marshall Grant	3-23-08
Donovan McCrary	3-23-08
Whitey Morrison	3-23-08
Lyn Williams	3-23-08
Jackie Rasch	3-23-08
Hayden Rasch	3-23-08
Trinity Rasch	3-23-08
Alina Rohde	3-23-08
Jeremy Russell	3-23-08
Tabatha Russell	3-23-08
Maura Lougeay	3-25-07
Sandy Rhodes	3-28-37
Jerry Russell	3-29-53
Susan Holcomb	3-30-57

## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

### March 4

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

### March 11

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### March 18

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

### March 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

## HOPE CHURCH 2012 CONSISTORY

<b>Kaye Pruitt</b>	President
<b>Robert Ripley</b>	Vice President
	Personnel and Pastoral Relations
<b>Amy Pannier</b>	Secretary
	Christian Education
<b>Lori Nevenner</b>	Outreach/Evangelism
<b>Ray Kueker</b>	Grounds and Property
<b>Dave Steinkamp</b>	Memorials
<b>Jo Doctorman</b>	Stewardship and Finance
<b>Gerry Staley</b>	Church Life and Membership
<b>Larry Mueller</b>	Missions

## 2012 Hope Church Directory

We are preparing the new telephone and address directory. If you need to update your address, telephone number, email address or any other information, please send Bonnie a note or put in her mailbox outside the church office. Any changes need to be received by March 2nd.

[hopesec@peaknet.net](mailto:hopesec@peaknet.net)

## WE ARE COLLECTING COUPONS!

Unused coupons, even if they are expired can be brought to Hope Church and put in a container in the Wilkinson Giving Room. These coupons will be sent to families or bases overseas. The military commissaries will redeem coupons for up to six months after their U.S. expiration date. If you want to help, please put your coupons in the box labeled "**COUPONS**" in the Wilkinson Giving Room. We will take care of the mailing for you. If you have any questions, please check with the church office.

## TRANSPORT FOR CHRIST TRIVIA NIGHT – MARCH 10TH CANCELLED

If you want the last word in  
an argument, try saying  
"You're absolutely right."

## **SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to:

**Dwight Kiggins** in the loss of his sister **Claire Stone** who passed away on Friday, February 10, 2012. Claire was a member of our Hope Church family.

The family and friends of **Margaret Brand** who passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012. Margaret was a member of our Hope Church family.

**Gwen Beard and Michelle Smith** in the loss of Gwen's uncle **Rollio Burgdorf**.

## **MOSAIC**

### **PREGNANCY & HEALTH CENTERS**

**MOSAIC** has been revealing truth to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in the St. Louis metro east area since 1987. Over 9,000 clients have contacted Mosaic PHC and received godly, moral counseling from Christian peer counselors. Mosaic PHC is there for clients throughout their time of need offering pregnancy and STD testing, childbirth and parenting classes with free baby supplies, ultrasounds, post-abortion counseling, male mentoring and abstinence education.

Thank you for helping support this ministry with the Baby Bottle Collection we did at Hope in January. We collected approximately 35 bottles and we will know the total dollars collected in a few weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, you may call Mosaic at 618-451-2002 and ask for Donna or visit their website:

[www.supportmosaic.com](http://www.supportmosaic.com)

## **NEIGHBORS FOR RENEWAL**

Neighbors for Renewal is a not-for-profit corporation which purchases houses that are in severe disrepair, rehabilitates them using volunteer labor as much as possible, and makes those houses available at a significantly reduced price. These houses are made available to working families whose income falls within established program guidelines.

Neighbors for Renewal welcomes and uses the involvement of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled volunteers from church groups, organizations, companies, and the community in general. They also welcome and have benefitted from monetary contributions, materials and houses.

Prospective buyers of the houses are also required to contribute sweat equity to the rehabilitation process of the house as a condition of purchase.

Work is currently being done on a house on South 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Belleville. If you would like more information concerning Neighbors for Renewal, please contact Julie Altman, Sue Poole or the church office.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, we are offering a worship service at Hope at 7:00p.m.

The total collected for Lenten Offerings this year will be divided evenly between Call for Help, Humane Society, Beacon, Project Compassion, Violence Prevention Center, and Hope Church Benevolence Fund.

## **COMING EVENTS AT HOPE**

March 3..... Mardi Gras Party at Hope  
March 4..... Bazaar Meeting  
March 19..... Kids for Christ Begins!  
March 22..... Blood Drive at Hope  
March 24..... BUNCO Night, 6P

## OPERATION SHOEBOX

To increase our number of donated shoeboxes in 2012, our Mission's Committee has decided to try something different. Each month, beginning in March, you will be asked to bring in one item for the shoeboxes. In November, we will gather all the items and put the shoeboxes together. This will make it easier for all of you—just pick up one item each month, place in the box in the Wilkinson Giving Room and by November you are finished.

Each month, we will post in the bulletin and Herald, what item we are collecting. The following schedule will be used for the collection:

<b>March</b>	<b>Small or travel size toothpaste</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Toothbrushes</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Combs and Hairbrushes</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Washcloths</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Bars of Soap</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Boxes of Crayons (24 count or less)</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Tablet, Pad of Paper or Coloring Books</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Gum, Candy (not chocolate)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Cash Donations for Mailing or Filled Shoeboxes</b>

If you enjoy buying the items and packing your own shoebox, that is wonderful too. We will let you know what date in November the packed boxes should be brought to our church.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The pictorial directories have arrived and can be picked up in the church office. If you had your picture taken, you can get a **free** directory. We still have a couple portraits in the office that have not been picked up. If you have not received yours, please call the office.

## HOPE BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, March 22 - 10:30a.m.**  
**"Still Alice" by Lisa Genova**

## DELEGATES AND BOARD MEMBER FOR CHRISTIAN HOMECARE SERVICES ARE NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to serve the ministry of Christian HomeCare Services. We will be replacing JoAnn Buchanan, our board member, whose three year term has expired. Three delegates for CHCS are also needed. We would like to thank JoAnn Buchanan, Deborah Hicks, Sue Poole and Bonnie Jones for serving in these positions. The new board member elected would need to attend monthly meetings and the delegates are asked to attend three or four meetings annually. Please contact Christy Pannier or the church office for more information on these positions.

## SENIOR SINGLES LUNCHEON March 19, 2012

If you are a senior and single, please join us for great food, fellowship and fun!

## BAZAAR MEETING RESCHEDULED New Date: Sunday, March 4th Room 7 (after worship)

## A. A. MEETING AT HOPE Mondays at 6:30PM in Room 7

## MEMORIALS

During the past month, the following gifts were received in memory/honor of:

### Vivian Fox

By: Darwin & Janet Stephens  
James & Marian Latinette  
Mary Ann Cox, Yvonne Weber

### Ron & Judy Brindley's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By: Eric & Debbie Ebel, Frieda Vogt  
Bruce & Debbie Hicks

### Bill Harris

By: Dolores Harris

## **THANK YOU**

### **Dear Church family and Pastor Jay,**

Thanks to everyone who has expressed some caring and prayers for Ted while he has been in the hospital. He was slowly recuperating from the spine surgery when he had pulmonary embolisms and a heart attack that was totally unexpected. To top it all off he got gout in the hospital. We are so very thankful for Pastor Jay visiting with us and many visits from other church members. Also, the cards and calls are very much appreciated. But most of all we thank God that Ted is still here and that prayers have been answered. We love all of our church family for their caring and encouragement.

### **Ted and Henri Lawrence**

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### **Dear Hope Church:**

I wanted to say a big warm Thank You to all of you who sent cards and gave prayers. Melody is a bundle of joy that God has blessed our family with. Thank you to the Manna Ministry for the lovely meal! Our family is truly blessed to have a great Hope family to help in a time of need!

### **The Grant Family**

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### **Dear Manna Ministry:**

The soup and cookies were delicious. May God Bless you all. Thank you so much!

### **Beatrice Blayney**

## **PRAYERS FOR HOPE CHURCH**

As people of prayer, Christians understand prayer to be a necessity. While we may not understand it completely, prayer causes us to focus on things that deserve the attention. I am calling the people of Hope Church to be prayerfully focused on our future and to invite the Holy Spirit to reveal our direction. Therefore, throughout this year our undershepherds and the people for whom they are responsible for will be called to pray for the church during a designated week. May we faithfully pursue God's purposes! This month's schedule for undershepherds and their families to pray for our church is listed below. We will be calling the undershepherd each week to remind them to call their families.

### **MARCH 4-10**

#### **JULIE ALTMAN, Undershepherd**

Alison Baltz-DaRugna, Fred & Beverly Baltz, Kevin, Sally, Brett and Jody Baltz, Dolores Harris, Whitey Morrison, Rhonda Pittman, Ellen Rhein

### **MARCH 11-17**

#### **ARLENE BIERI, Undershepherd**

Marian Brown, Jim & Barbara Fickel, Dale & Carol Helle, Ruth Lloyd, Pam & Paige Russell, Lonnie White, Dolores Williams

### **MARCH 18-24**

#### **JOANN BUCHANAN, Undershepherd**

Bea Blayney, Lee French, Harriet Goto, Bruce & Deborah Hicks, Amy Klein, Karl & Amy Pannier, Paul & Marian Sanford, Virginia Williams

### **MARCH 25 –31**

#### **JACK BUENTE, Undershepherd**

Mark & Julie Douglas, James Fricke, Roland & LuAnn Fricke, Mike Krausz, Wilmer & Janet Krausz, Jay Krumeich & Holly Wood, Bob & Sonja Myland, Carol & Tammi Rasch