



# Doorway to Hope

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## Calm Your Busy Heart

Part of cross-cultural travel is learning the greetings. I had regular interactions with my security guard in Madagascar that went something like this:

Me: Manao ahoana?! (How are you?)

Josue: Tsara. (Good)

Me: Ina vaovao? (What's up?)

Josue: Tsisy. (Nothing)

Small talk is universal. Yet *our* conversations are slightly different. When was the last time you had someone, who is not 10 years old, respond to, "How are you?" with, "I am so bored! I wish someone would give me something to do!"?

The new 'I'm good' is, "I'm busy." And along with busyness comes anxiety, stress and exhaustion. We are busy working, playing, chasing, pursuing and living life. To be busy is to feel important. Sound familiar?

In 1965, a Senate subcommittee predicted that Americans would work 14-hour weeks in the new millennium. Our government was creatively planning for the endless leisure that would be our life. About 40 years before, John Maynard Keynes wrote that technology

would allow us to only work 15 hours a week. They were laughably wrong. Instead we have technology aiding our 14 hour days. Americans are known as the 'no-vacation nation,' because of our love of being busy and inability to unplug.

We need the Preacher's wisdom to slow us down. Listen to Ecclesiastes 2:24-25, "There is *nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil*. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?" This refrain is repeated four times! It is a picture of someone who has found the rest at the end of the proverbial rainbow and finds great delight in eating, drinking and even their work. What a foreign idea for those who often have to work through their meals!

Here is another picture of rest from Deuteronomy 5: Nobody is working. Everyone in the family is at the dinner table. Your employees

were given the day off. Even the dogs and horses are enjoying an afternoon slumber, twitching through the loud laughter that echoes from the dining room. There is a deep joy at the meal because even the smallest family members are remembering the life of slavery, endlessly busy serving an overbearing and abusive boss (Pharaoh... nobody liked that guy!). The small talk around the table this week is about the land of milk and honey. One day, God will bring us in! It'll be a place where work is a joy and food abounds. When asked how we are, no longer will the answer be, "I'm busy, tired and over-worked," but will be followed with a satisfied sigh. "I'm good," we will reply.

We are talking about Sabbath rest, God's prescribed day of rest for the over-worked, the anxious and the exhausted. Why is rest so elusive? Why can we be sitting on a beach in a tropical paradise thinking about our cubicle back home? Or canoe-

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ing in the Adirondacks, wishing for better cell-service?

The answer the Bible gives is simple and profound. God rested from His work on the seventh day. There was a joy and satisfaction because on this good earth He would dwell with man. It appears as if God intended to eat and drink with Adam and Eve, tasting the rewards of their toil of the last week even as they walk together in the cool of the Garden. We do not know because God's loved ones decided to enjoy a meal, not with their Heavenly Father, but with a crafty snake. The thorns and thistles of Genesis 3:18, the curse, leaves us working 70 hour work weeks wishing for a vacation. And it simultaneously haunts us when we are on holiday. How do we get in the joy of Sabbath rest? Even the family eating and drinking in Deuteronomy 5 on the plains of Moab, looking to enter into God's Promised Rest never arrived. The cycle of work to rest never ended, hence the Preacher in Ecclesiastes cries, "Meaningless! Everything is vanity! What does man gain by all his toil and work under the sun?"



*"I just want to go home, crawl into bed, and do some more work."*

Enter Jesus. The God-man who worked so we could rest. He feared God and kept his commandments (Eccl. 12:13).

And he feasted and laughed on a Sabbath. He enjoyed His work. Because it was His Heavenly Father's work. On the cross He cried out, "It is finished!" and entered the rest of His Father. Now in Christ, we can say, "I'm good, because I'm in." The writer to the Hebrews says something astounding, "For we who have believed enter (right now!) that rest. (Heb. 4:3)

This summer as you look forward to vacations and fun in the sun, remember we as Christians don't work to rest. We work as those are in God's rest! So enjoy a good meal with family and friends, play catch with your children, explore God's creation in the cool of the evening and enjoy your work. For this is just a small taste of what life will be like in Immanuel's land. Sundays are a taste of heaven when we gather together to hear the gospel proclaimed. We get to feast not on the results of our work, but the work of our Lord, whose yoke is easy and burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30). God's rest is an invitation to lay your deadly doing down, down at Jesus' feet. Stand in him alone, gloriously complete.

So please, rest yourself before you wreck yourself.



### **It Is Finished!**

James Proctor, 1864

Weary, working, burdened one,  
Wherefore toil you so?  
Cease your doing; all was done  
Long, long ago.

Till to Jesus' work you cling  
By a simple faith,  
"Doing" is a deadly thing—  
"Doing" ends in death.

Lift your deadly "doing" down—  
Down at Jesus' feet;  
Stand in Him, in Him alone,  
Gloriously complete

Chorus:  
"It is finished!" yes, indeed,  
Finished, ev'ry jot;  
Sinner, this is all you need,  
Tell me, is it not?

# Learn God's Word

## Impressions of Presbytery

By Rae Whitehead

The New York State Presbytery met at Hope Church on May 12 and 13. Because I'd never been to any State Presbytery meeting, and because it's open to all, I decided to attend. Wow! What a wonderful experience! When I went through the doors into the foyer, I was hit with a wave of energy! About 50 men (and maybe three women) seemed to be talking at the tops of their lungs! Clearly, these men were happy to be together! And they were catching up with news of one another's churches and families. It was great to see our neighbors from Queensbury and Duaneburg and Schenectady—and even more special to meet pastors from farther afield. Even Garnet Zoellner, from Montreal, was there. (Our church has supported him and his ministry for many, many years). And our own Tom Corey and Jim Farinacci were there! It was a very reverend gathering (though many ruling elders were there, too)!

Saturday began with a worship service, during which communion was served. Pastor Nate led the service and served communion—but the sermon was given by John Michael Samek, who is currently serving at First Presbyterian Church in Unionville. He spoke about love: love's origin, love's expression, and love's

obedience. You can imagine how the singing of hymns, with all of those strong male voices, practically raised the roof! It was very moving to be worshipping together with so many, with so much in common.

After the service everyone ate together. Terry and Jim, Sally, Melanie, Mike and Jeff prepared and served a wonderful luncheon, featuring PJ's Barbeque (some important local cuisine)! Thanks so much for your service! And many thanks go out to those who had baked and provided goodies to munch on during the day.

The business of Presbytery continued throughout the afternoon. John Michael Samek was examined for licensure. This involved much questioning, with formal testing (which I assume John Michael had been able to specifically prepare for) and other spontaneous questions from the floor. Because he "passed" the examination, he is now able to preach regularly. Then Jonathan Hunt, who has a "call" from Armor PCA in Orchard Park, was examined for ordination. He has served as pastor in a Reformed Baptist Church (his background is Baptist), but he requested that he be ordained in the PCA as well. Again, the questioning was very thorough. (Ordination in the

PCA also requires the passage of a vigorous written exam!)

If you want an overview of Reformed theology, go to a Presbytery meeting! I was impressed by how these elders care for one another—but I was also amazed at how careful they are to guard us from heresy! Justification, sanctification, propitiation, covenantal continuity, eschatology: these were all discussed. The value of knowing church history was emphasized, with questions and discussion about the councils, the "spark" of the Reformation and what came before and after. It was a truly enlightening afternoon (if nerve-racking for the examinees)!

Following the examinations, general news about the churches was shared. We heard about church plants in Syracuse, Buffalo, Ithaca, Rochester, and Cobleskill! Again, it was obvious that the leaders of the churches stay in touch and that they care for one another.

If you have the opportunity to sit in on one of the annual New York State Presbytery meetings, I recommend that you do so! The experience encouraged my heart and stretched my brain—and moved me to tears.



*"Doctrine is never meant to be a cold pursuit of facts, but a red-hot pursuit of the living God that leads to joyful obedience." —Tim Challies, Visual Theology*

*The Gospel is bad news before it is good news. It is bad news that man is a sinner...that he is evil in the imagination of his heart, that when he looks in the mirror all in a lather what he sees is at least eight parts chicken, phony, slob. That is the tragedy. But it is also the news that he is loved anyway, cherished, forgiven, bleeding to be sure, but also bled for. That is the comedy...the news of the Gospel is that extraordinary things happen to him just as in fairy tales...Zaccheus climbs up a sycamore tree a crook and climbs down a saint. Paul sets out a hatchet man for the Pharisees and comes back a fool for Christ.*

Frederick Buechner (Quoted as the Reflection in the bulletin for the New York State Presbytery meeting).

## Interact in Worship

### Our Father's day, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

By Jeff Butler

My memories of Sundays as a child were days spent with my Dad. He worked six days a week and on his day off we would attend church service and then head off on an adventure: winter snow skiing, messing about in boats, or fall car trips to scenic over views. Sundays were special. We didn't do chores or go shopping; we enjoyed whatever my Dad wanted to do. I have been thinking about the fourth commandment recently and an article by Sinclair Ferguson has caused me pleasant reflection while calling a challenge for today.

*In creation, man was made as God's image—intended “naturally” as God's child to reflect his Father. Since his Father worked creatively for six days and rested on the seventh, Adam, like a son, was to copy Him. Together, on the seventh day, they were to walk in the garden. That day was a time to listen to all the Father had to show and tell about the wonders of His creating work.*

*Thus the Sabbath Day was meant to be “Father's Day” every week. It was “made” for Adam. It also had a hint of the future in it. The Father had finished His work, but Adam had not.*

*But Adam fell. He ruined everything, including the Sabbath. Instead of walking with God, he hid from God (Gen. 3:8). It was the Sabbath, Father's Day, but God had to look for him!*

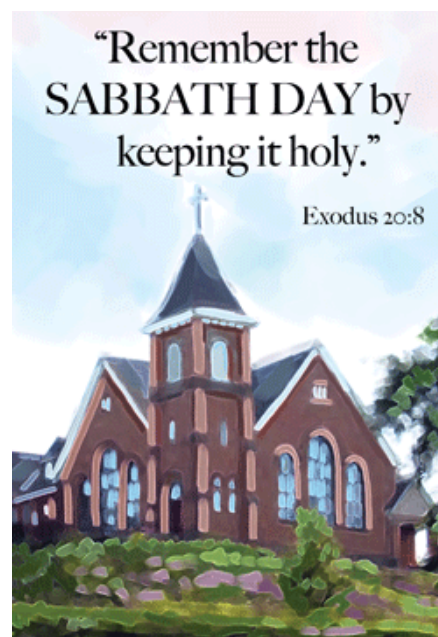
*This new context helps us to un-*

*derstand the significance of the fourth commandment. It was given to fallen man—that is why it contains a “you shall not.” He was not to work, but to rest. Externally, that meant ceasing from his ordinary tasks in order to meet with God. Internally, it involved ceasing from all self-sufficiency in order to rest in God's grace.*

*Considering this, what difference did the coming of Jesus make to the Sabbath day? In Christ crucified and risen, we find eternal rest (Matt. 11:28-30), and we are restored to communion with God (Matt. 11:25-30). The lost treasures of the Sabbath are restored. We rest in Christ from our labor of self-sufficiency, and we have access to the Father (Eph. 2:18). As we meet with Him, He shows us Himself, His ways, His world, His purposes, His glory. And whatever was temporary about the Mosaic Sabbath must be left behind as the reality of the intimate communion of the Adamic Sabbath is again experienced in our worship of the risen Savior on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day.*

*But we have not yet reached the goal. We still struggle to rest from our labors; we still must “strive to enter that rest” (Heb. 4:11). Consequently the weekly nature of the Sabbath continues as a reminder that we are not yet home with the Father. And since this rest is ours only through union with Christ in His death and resurrection, our struggles to refuse the old life and enjoy the new continue.*

Dr. Ferguson goes on to suggest that minds in renewal by the Gospel may lose track of time during worship service, and engage in activities on Sunday that mirror the Sabbath rest we will enjoy in heaven. and that Sundays viewed as “Father's Day” shape the worship, fellowship, and ministries of our churches. May God's people at Hope be so found about our Fathers business. Happy Fathers Day!



## Foster Loving Relationships

## **H.O.P.E. for Seniors Mother's Day Tea Party**

By Marybeth Gibbins



On May 10th our senior group transformed the upstairs lounge into an elegant tea parlor. Each table was gracefully dressed with linens and cloth napkins, along with a teapot for the center, all from Betse Smith's collectibles.

A variety of teas were available along with a delightful assortment of decorative finger foods that were so attractive, one wondered if they were for eating or just for enhancement.



Soon the clinking from teacups could be heard as everyone enjoyed their choice of tea, and laughter rang out while engaging in the company of our tablemates. Three lovely ladies were the fortunate winners of the door prizes: congratulations go out to Nancy Robinson, Terry Cornick and Ruth Dinova.



Everyone had a great time at our Mother's Day Tea and we will definitely be making this an annual event.



### **H.O.P.E. for Seniors Events**

Our senior group has definitely been busy. In the month of April we attended the Galway School play. Of course when we have grandkids in the play, it does make it more interesting. Rae Flint, Ruth and Fred Richard's granddaughter, made a lovely dancing daffodil along with Eva Anderson, granddaughter of Marybeth Gibbins.

At our April 12th meeting we enjoyed a delicious Easter Brunch. We all pitch in and sign up for a dish to bring. We love to eat good food and our luncheons are definite proof of that!

April 25th we took a trip to the Rotterdam Aquarium. Many more trips will be planned for the summer months.

On June 7th we will be celebrating the completion of our Wii Bowling Tournament. We all bowled ten games and are looking forward to the announcement of our top bowler of the year at our Awards Ceremony. The ceremony is held here at the church immediately following our banquet which will be held at the Malta Diner. All are welcome to attend our Awards Ceremony. Come and see who our top bowler is this year!

It's finally time to start planting our gardens and getting our lawns all spiffed up. Our group hopes to add to the beauty of our homes as we start to make clay pot lighthouses. Each senior will be able to take home a lighthouse to display. Our summer looks good and we are planning many exciting activities.

## Foster Loving Relationships

Thursday Nights at 7:00  
At the Cutler Home



(Thanks for providing and serving our  
Easter breakfast!)

Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday Nights at 6:30

(The Ladies' Bible Study Group will continue to  
meet through the summer for prayer and devotions  
using Foster and Smith's Devotional Classics.)



**Small Groups Continue to Meet**  
Interested in joining?  
Contact the Cutlers, Thompsons, or Perkins!

Wednesday Nights at 6:30  
At the Childs' Home



A ratio of 16:8  
Kids to Adults



## Foster Loving Relationships

Jim and Terry Cornick's retirement plans shifted when Jim was diagnosed with MS. Running had become their life-style, and they had participated in numerous marathons country-wide. Their running continued! However, their course is a little different: they now run as a team, which includes their son, Jeff. Even an Iron Man is on the horizon. Excerpts from Terry's Facebook pages follow:

**Life doesn't always unfold the way we plan or hope. Sometimes disease rears its ugly head and derails our norm...what comes naturally: like long-distance running. No problem. You just borrow someone else's legs and away you go...or roll!**

**Our son, Jeff Cornick is raising money to pursue a dream of continuing to participate in endurance events with his Pops [Jim] who battles MS. To do this, Jeff wanted to purchase a race chariot (a specialized race wheelchair). Hoping he'd be able to raise the necessary many thousands of dollars, he ordered one from Adaptive Star...While only requiring a small deposit to construct and deliver, the chariot has arrived! Adaptive Star is trusting him for the balance...Jeff has always had a strong work ethic and wants to work for donations that come his way. Hence collecting returnable can/bottles. Jeff, his friends, Jim and I have been scavenging for as many as we can find along the sides of roads, neighborhood bottle drives, Moreau State Park recycle bins, from anyone who will donate...**

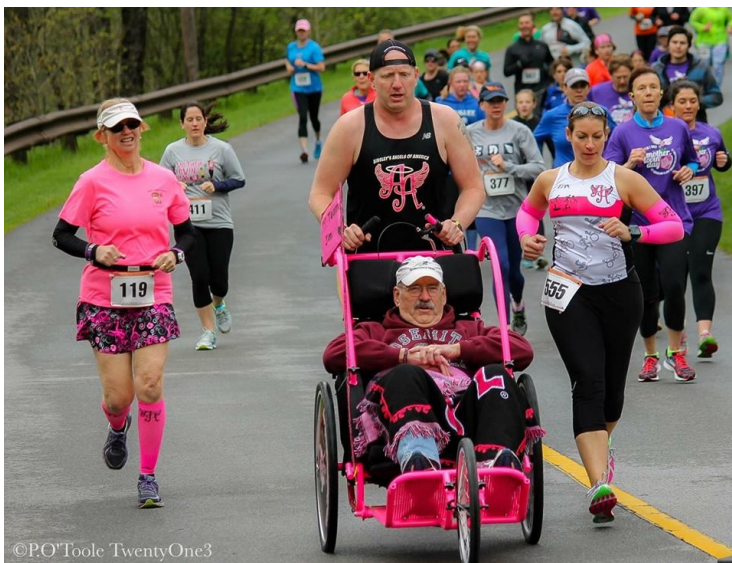
## **Team Cornick Perseveres!**

Rae Whitehead

**The chariot was specifically constructed and fitted for Jeff's 6'6" stature but is adjustable for me so I can also push Jim. It is not only used to push an individual in a foot race, but is also convertible and can be attached to the back of a bike for the bike portion of a triathlon...like IronMan...as in Boulder 2018. [This will involve] a 2.4 mile swim pulling Jim in an inflatable kayak, a 112 mile bike ride with the chariot attached to the back of the bike, and a 26.2 mile run pushing Jim around the Boulder, CO, terrain (YIKES!). And yes they are registered as a duo team! Their first triathlon together as a duo team will be June 24th at Tupper Lake, N.Y. This will qualify them for IronMan Boulder.**

Jeff adds, "Despite living with MS, he [Jim] has completed a 70.3 mile half-Ironman, countless half marathons and is a 10X marathon finisher. Losing the ability to tackle endurance events hasn't been easy for the life-long athlete. But, that's where I come into play. I get the honor and privilege to be his legs." ([www.crowdrise.com/cornick](http://www.crowdrise.com/cornick))

The Cornicks are raising money for two Freedom chairs (smaller race wheel chairs) to donate to children and smaller adults, as well as the custom built chair for Jim. To learn more about inclusion in athletics, they suggest that we go to <http://www.ainsleyangels.org/>



My Hope Church Friends,

The school year is coming to a close and our classes are busily finishing up all of their subject areas, as well as doing all sorts of memorable activities. One new thing this year is an 8th grade class trip, which took place during our spring break in April. We decided to bless others with this experience and take a trip to Steubenville, OH through a group called YouthWorks. This trip was focused on serving others and our students had to work hard and sacrificially, giving up their vacation to sleep on the floor, wake up early, stay up late, work all day in the hot sun, and really look towards the needs of others. One evening I heard a member of another team comment in amazement about how "that team from NY has their own Bibles, and they have notes and highlighting and underlines inside!" They were able to watch our 8th graders and see Jesus as they served and even played games alongside one another. There was something different about us and they noticed it. This is a testimony to their parents, their churches, their teachers, and the love of those of you who have always been a support to Spa. Thank you for being a part of that.

In the picture you'll see our 8th graders painting a jungle gym in order to bless a church who recently moved to an old school building. They worked hard and I was so proud of their hearts of service!



There are so many other things I could write to you about, but it would be a shame if I failed to invite you to a retirement reception to our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Connie Pattee, after 31 years of teaching at Spa Christian School. You are invited to join us as we honor Mrs. Pattee on Thursday, June 15th, from 4-6 down in the fellowship room. This is a time for friends and families to come and go as they please to greet Mrs. Pattee and thank her for her many years spent impacting the lives of children. Light refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to send in donations toward a gift card to be given to Connie that evening. Also, we invite you to send us any fond memories or letters of gratitude to be presented to her in a scrapbook. All notes can be sent to the school.

As always, we pray for you often and hope that things are going well with all of you. I love reading your newsletters and getting updates on what is happening within your church body. May the LORD bless you today and always as we are a reflection of His glory.

### **The Prayer of the Cock**

By Carmen de Gasztold (20th Century), translated by Rumer Godden

Do not forget, Lord,  
it is I who make the sun rise.  
I am your servant  
but, with the dignity of my calling,  
I need some glitter and ostentation.  
Noblesse oblige...  
all the same,  
I am your servant,  
Only...do not forget, Lord,  
I make the sun rise.

# Extend God's Hope

## Mekeel Dominican Republic Trip

By Brian McKeon

I strongly believe that missions trips are life changing in many ways. My first overseas trip was 25 years ago, and while there certainly was an immediate short-term impact, I see now how much greater the long-term impact was. Often we get caught up in looking for immediate results and forget that God's plans are life long, and some seeds take years or even decades to really take root and grow.



The trip was great. It was wonderful to see young people that I have been working hard to educate and disciple challenged to live out their faith in different ways. The kids worked very hard and never missed an opportunity to share. A veteran missionary we worked with commented that he was impressed with our team and had seen them do great things that adult teams often did not do. One example was giving up much of their free day to go back to the schools they had been working at in order to have more connection time with students there.



We worked with Dominican Advance, which primarily focuses on education through running schools and training adults in micro-economic endeavors. The students did presentations in each of the classrooms, helped with painting, planting, and other construction. They went out into local villages to pray for people, going door-to-door, and created numerous opportunities to interact with Dominicans through sports. As we walked towards town one evening, a man came running out and asked if any of us played baseball. More than half of the Mekeel baseball team was on the trip, and so with my permission, our boys (and one girl) jumped into a game with a local baseball club.

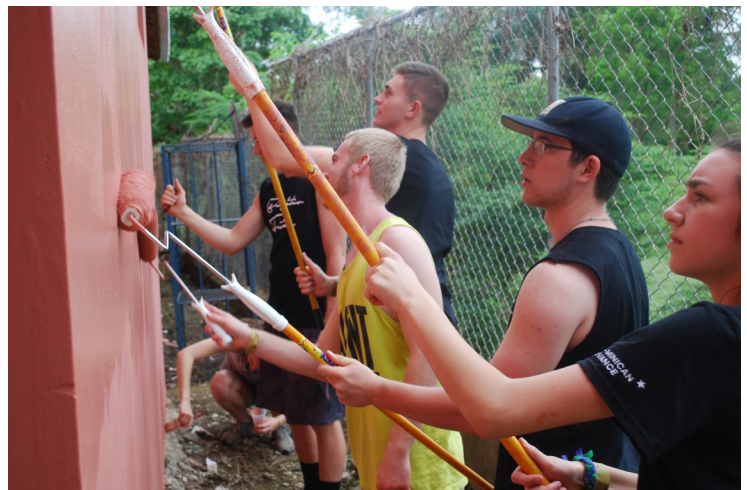
Another special memory was the relationships made with people we worked

with. Our translator, Rey, was a passionate young man whose joy for the Gospel was infectious. Everywhere we went he sang praise songs, and our students were greatly impacted by his fearlessness and enthusiasm.

Other highlights included visiting a ministry project in an extremely poor area. Many students had never really experienced poverty, and this was a life-changing moment. Time spent in a local church and youth group also will be remembered by many.

Thank you to all who prayed and supported us. Hellen and our kids are heading to Kenya in a few weeks to visit family, but are taking a young teacher from Mekeel with them who will be doing ministry. One of our hopes is to take a group to Kenya next summer, so Hellen will be holding various conversations with that in mind. I am staying behind and looking for work for the summer.

Many blessings –  
Brian McKeon



## Books in the Barnyard: Cultivating a Love of Reading

Camp H.O.P.E 2017 Informational Update

I want to give a brief history to those of you who may not yet know much about Camp HOPE. Seven years ago Hope Church had a dream to once again have a program to bless and serve the youth in our local community. There had been a soccer clinic and VBS programs in local trailer parks in the past but we hadn't been doing anything for awhile. One thought was that, because we had so many teachers in our congregation, we could do an after school homework/study program. That was a bit too ambitious with the Hope Church teachers' schedules. The next thought was to do a summer program that would work a bit like a VBS but be more of a teaching tool. Thus the reading camp idea was born.

This year's Camp HOPE theme is farming. Some of the Camp HOPE team has met and gotten a start on planning this year's program. I say "some" because I'm hoping we can count on YOU to be a part of our team. You don't have to be a teacher or work with children on a regular basis to help out. There are many opportunities to become involved. Here is a list of all the things that need to happen to make Camp HOPE a great program:

1. We have **teachers**, but could use more.
2. We have a couple of **teacher aides**, but could use more.
3. We have a **food coordinator** but she needs help with planning, purchasing, preparing, and serving.
4. We have a **games** coordinator, but she needs help with planning, preparing, and executing the games.
5. We need a **craft coordinator** and a **team** to help plan, prepare, set up, deliver crafts to each class.
6. We have a **nursery coordina-**

**tor**, but as she's also the nurse; we need staff to help in the nursery

7. We have a **Registrar**, but she could use help with follow-up calls, follow-up emails, and generally running errands during the week.

8. We could use some talented **writers/actors** that could help with closing program ideas and run songs or story time.

9. We have a **Building Team**, but they need help with planning, building, putting things together here at church, taking things apart after the program, etc.

10. There is a Family Fun Day held in late June/early July each year at the Saratoga Fairgrounds and we have a booth set up there each year to share the program with the community. We need volunteers to staff and run the booth.

11. We need volunteers to help put flyers up in local businesses.

12. We need volunteers to bring food, farm-themed items, farm-themed prize trinkets, craft supplies, donate books, etc. throughout the summer and during Camp week.

13. We need volunteers to decorate, set things up, take things down, come to the end-of-Camp Week picnic to meet and greet, etc.

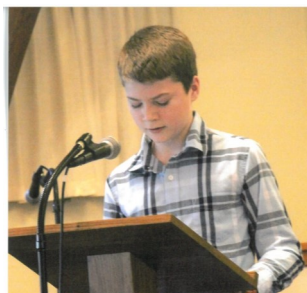
There are SOOOO many ways you can help be a part of the Camp HOPE team! If you are interested in any of these things, please talk to Melanie Combs. We will be having meetings every other week as soon as summer is officially started. You are welcome to any general meeting. You are also welcome to curriculum meetings but it's mostly teachers talking about what we are going to teach. Meetings will be posted in the bulletin as well as on the Camp HOPE bulletin board.



Snapshot on Children's Ministry  
By Melanie Combs

Summer is rapidly approaching....Yup, it's here! We will be having Sunday School through the end of June, then taking a break for the summer. Children's Church will be going through the summer so if you'd like to volunteer to run a Sunday Children's Church lesson, please talk to Melanie.

We love having your children with us here at Hope Church! It is because we love them that we seek to do everything possible to guard and protect them. Our insurance also demands that we love and protect them. Therefore, I will be planning a couple meetings throughout the summer for any volunteers that would like to work with our children in nursery, children's church, Sunday School, or the Camp HOPE program. This is even for current volunteers as I need updated information and signatures to show that you have met with church leaders and are a person we trust with our children. We all know, love, and trust each other, but God has been growing us and God-willing we will grow more. We build trust with one another and our visitors by thinking deeply about how to keep our kids safe. This also assures our insurance providers. These meetings last for about half an hour and we discuss matters that involve working with children. I will post dates in the bulletin and ask that you work to make one of the meetings. Thank you.



A couple of pictures of our children participating in our worship services. We love and appreciate our kids!



## Extend God's Hope



*"On a personal note, I'd like to thank those of you that helped me with my trip to New Orleans. It was such a blessing to me to know people were praying and that some of you blessed me with some money for my family to go. Thank you very much. Here is a picture of my mom and my siblings at the Mississippi River."*

Love, Melanie



## BIRTHDAYS

3	Brian McKeon
8	Bradley Childs
8	Nicholas Cutler
10	Micah Bodine
14	Jill Galarneau
17	Naomi Emerson
20	Sandy Mailloux
20	Theodore Perkins
20	Deanna Smith
23	John VanVoorhis
27	Marybeth Gibbins
30	Bill Digges
30	Jim Connick



## Hope Church's Annual Picnic

The Church Picnic (at the Cutlers' home, 71 Lake Road, Ballston Lake) will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 3; hot dogs and hamburgers will be cooked around 5:30 p.m.; beverages will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share, swimsuits, towels, sunscreen and bug spray. We will enjoy games, fishing, swimming and fellowship. The rain date is July 9<sup>th</sup> after church on Sunday until 5:00. So that we know how much meat to purchase, a signup sheet will be put up in the lobby towards the end of June.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Racing City Chorus with Bob Piester, recently won First Place (among eleven choruses) at the Mountain Division Contest in Lake George!

## WEDDINGS

The Galarneau Family is excited as they anticipate the July 1st marriage of their son Kyle to Emily Berben. Best Wishes Kyle and Emily as you start a new life together.

## GRADUATIONS

Michaela Miller  
Ballston Spa High School

Anna Turner  
Galway High School

## RETIREMENT

Jill Martz retired from her job at the Southern Adirondack Library System at the end of May after 32 years of service. Congratulations Jill! (Dave is looking forward to his turn at retirement in the fall.)

## ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jonathan and Kara Cutler
6	Paul and Jill Miller
7	Dan and Naomi Emerson
10	Brian and Hellen McKeon
19	John and Pat VanVoorhis
20	Bob and Betse Smith



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

### DOORWAY TO HOPE STAFF

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