



STATED MEETING OF SESSION
New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at **5PM in the Sanctuary**

Minutes

Teaching Elders:		Pastor Eddie Spencer	P	Pastor Mike Jones	P
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022	
David Carpenter	Z	Bill Ashton	Z	Steve Boutelle	P
Bill Enslen	P	Al Frees	P	Sheldon Church	P
Art Hunkins	P	Randy Hincks	P	Sean Ellis	P
Pat Mehaffie	P	Jeannie Martin	P	Jackie Elliott	P
Signe Pagel	P			Jerry Franz	P
				Ken Seim	P
Ed Harger (Staff)	P	Jordan Bates (Dir Student Ministries)	P	Bob Welsh (Member)	P
Zack Unkenholz (Ass't Dir Student Ministries)	P	Lincoln Rus (member)	P	Quorum	Yes
P=Present, EA= Excused Absence, A= Absence, Z=Zoom					

1. Worship service was held in the Sanctuary for the accepting of New members (see attached list)
 - a. Pastor Eddie opened in Prayer
 - b. Each young confirmand gave their testimony and their profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
 - c. Baptism conducted by Pastor Eddie for those who needed to be baptized.
 - d. The charge was given by Pastor Eddie and affirmed by the confirmands
 - e. **MSC (Art H./Pat M/unanimous)** to accept all those presented to become members of the church based on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
It was a time of praise and thanksgiving as unto the Lord for these young people.
 - f. Singing of a hymn lead by Pastor Mike
 - g. Pastor Mike Jones' family was presented for church membership.
 - h. The charge was given by Pastor Mike to his family
 - i. **MSC (Bill E./Jerry F./unanimous)** to accept the Jones' family (Gina- Wife and the children, Anna, Roman and Christian) into the church based on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or letter of transfer.

1. Opening Prayer for the Start of the Session Meeting: Art H.
2. Clerk of Session Report
 - a. MSC (Ken S/Randy H/Unanimous) to approve the Session minutes (May 26th) as presented. (See attached report).
 - b. MSC (Sheldon C./Pat M/Unanimous) to approve the Membership Statistical Report as presented. (See attached report)
 - c. MSC (Al F/Bill E/Unanimous) to approve, with some exceptions, the removal of members from active membership (See attached report).
3. Lincoln Rus is beginning seminary at RTS in Orlando. He shared with us his plans and how the Lord is calling him into full time ministry. It was a real pleasure discussing with him his calling.
4. Jordan Bates is being called to a Youth ministry in another church. She expressed her thanks for the support and opportunities that New Hope gave her in her ministry here. She will be sorely missed.
5. Zack Unkenholz gave his thoughts and concerns as he will, in the interim, be picking up some of Jordan's responsibilities. (see Item# 7.a)
6. Financial Reports (Randy H): (See attachment)
Randy gave a very positive update on how the Lord is blessing us through His people.
7. Personnel Committee Report (Al Frees):
 - a. After much discussion, it was MSC (Jackie E/Steve B/Unanimous) to make Zack Unkenholz Interim Director of Student Ministries with the full understanding that this is an interim position until someone can be found to replace Jordan or other arrangements are made. Along these lines Zack will need as much support as we can give him. Pastor Mike and the Personnel Council will be working very closely with him.
 - b. Again, after much discussion, it was MSC (Sheldon C/Jeannie M/Unanimous) to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Council (see attachment) for additional expenditures to cover our technical and personnel requirements as it supports the filming and broadcasting of the Traditional and Contemporary Worship services.
It was noted how thankful we are to Kevin Kenworthy for the many long hours he put in to successfully launch our on-demand worship services. We are sorry to see him leave. He also will be sorely missed.

8. Status on opening up the sanctuary for worship services on Thursday and Sunday (Pastor Eddie)
MSC (Pat M/Sean E/majority carries) to leave in place for now the current plan for opening up the sanctuary for Worship services. If necessary, because of the pandemic, changes can and will be made.
9. Other Council/Ministry Status Updates and/or Reports (See attached reports):
 1. Youth and Student Ministries report: Jordan Bates,
 2. Children Ministries report: Debbie Norris
 3. Early Childhood Ministries report: Pam Poland
 4. Mission/Outreach Council Minutes: Jim Mayer
 5. Deacon's Minutes: Jill Ritterbusch
10. New Business:
 - a. Status on facilities use for outside groups.
It was the consensus, based on the pandemic reports, we do not open up the church to group activities at this time. However, we will take another look at it during our July Session Meeting.
 - b. After some discussion, **MSC (Bill E/Jackie E/Unanimous)** to establish a Seminary Student Scholarship Fund for NHP members.
11. Old Business:
 - a. **MCS (Sean E/Art H/Unanimous)** to approve as presented the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Mission's Council. (See attached manual)
 - a. Review and approval on the Revised Constitution and By-laws. (Still Tabled)
 - b. **MSC (Jennie M/AI F/Unanimous)** to approve the recommendation to support another Cub Pack under the oversight of Steve Shimp. (See attached recommendation)
 - c. Look at establishing a Nominating Committee for the next class (2021) of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. (Tabled for next month's meeting)
12. Closing Prayer: Randy H.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Eddie, Moderator
Art Hunkins, Clerk of Session



New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)

RptMS01- Monthly Membership Statistics for:

May 2020

Active Membership as of the Beginning of Month		1,027
New Members this Month	0	
Membership (Unadjusted)		1,027

Membership Removals for the Month

Members Deceased this Month	3	
Members Transfer Out this Month	0	
Members- Session has Approved to Remove	0	
Total Removals for this Month		-3

**** Total Active Members as of the End of Month 1,024 ****

Active Affiliates as of the Beginning of Month		32
New Affiliates this Month	0	
Affiliates (Unadjusted)		32

Affiliate Removals for the Month

Affiliates Deceased this Month	0	
Affiliates Transfer Out this Month	0	
Affiliates- Session has Approved to Remove	0	
* Total Removals for this Month		0

**** Total Active Affiliates as of the End of Month 32 ****

***** Total Active Membership: 1,056 *****

Prepared by the Church Admin Office 19-Jun-20

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New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2020

06/10/20

Cash Basis

	May 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
11001 · Busey Operating	287,956.24
11005 · Finemark Checking	138,812.58
11009 · Petty Cash	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	426,968.82
Total Current Assets	426,968.82
Fixed Assets	
13003 · Office Equipment	49,011.94
13010 · Church Organ	736,149.04
13101 · Land Acquisition	2,451,549.32
14101 · Pre-Project Capital Costs	146,401.37
15101 · New Building Costs	7,754,368.97
19101 · Accumulated Depreciation	-72,739.56
Total Fixed Assets	11,064,741.08
TOTAL ASSETS	11,491,709.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
22001 · Federal Tax Payables	377.22
22002 · FICA/Medicare Payables	-177.22
22101 · Retirement/IRA Payable	401.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	601.17
Total Current Liabilities	601.17
Long Term Liabilities	
24001 · Capital Building Mortgage	403,155.74
Total Long Term Liabilities	403,155.74
Total Liabilities	403,756.91
Equity	
30001 · General Fund	149,856.27
31001 · Amortized Capital Reserve Fund	50,000.00
31201 · Operational Contingency	4,868.00
31301 · Land/Facilities/Equip/Furnish	9,891,587.80
31302 · Organ Fund	736,149.04
31401 · Campus Debt Reduction Fund	9,372.70
32001 · Worship Fund	
32101 · Worship/Music Fund	2,640.98
32201 · Organ Maintenance Fund	16,531.64
32301 · Memorial Fund	2,179.10
Total 32001 · Worship Fund	21,351.72
33001 · Preschool Fund	199.63
34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund	
34101 · Kids Ministry General	6,902.83
34301 · Kids Special Projects/Events	104.92
34501 · Kids Camp KidJam	-450.00
Total 34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund	6,557.75
35001 · Student Ministry Fund	
35101 · Student Ministry General	261.95
35201 · Student Events	1,351.32
35202 · Student Projects	268.35
35301 · Student Retreat	50.00

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35411 · Student Trip Scholarship	2,453.89
Total 35001 · Student Ministry Fund	4,385.51
36001 · Adult Class Funds	
36102 · Adult New Community Class	1,655.42
Total 36001 · Adult Class Funds	1,655.42
36201 · Womens Ministry Fund	
36211 · COF World Mission	2,099.53
36212 · COF Deborah Circle	311.38
36214 · COF Lois Circle	267.07
36215 · COF Rebekah Circle	818.00
36222 · Womens Mission	1,999.81
36231 · Womens Retreat Registrations	425.93
36232 · Womens Retreat Donations	229.43
Total 36201 · Womens Ministry Fund	6,151.15
36301 · MOPS Fund	
36311 · MOPS AM	5,821.60
36321 · MomsNext AM	2,498.04
36331 · Moms @ Night	1,727.86
Total 36301 · MOPS Fund	10,047.50
37001 · Missions Fund	
37121 · Local Brittany Apartments	1,789.68
37131 · Local Dunbar Booster Club	5,354.52
37161 · Local Verity	40.00
37301 · Supporting Ministry Fund	3,363.71
37321 · Supporting Mission Kid Care	375.00
37501 · Outreach Ministry Fund	5,202.96
37511 · Outreach ECHO	1,710.00
37700 · Mission Trips Fund	
37701 · Mission Trip DR 2020	159.50
Total 37700 · Mission Trips Fund	159.50
37711 · Mission Trips Scholarships	861.14
37801 · Mission Projects	43,662.95
Total 37001 · Missions Fund	62,519.46
38011 · Care & Compassion Fund	31,482.41
38201 · Single Moms Ministry	1,392.00
38901 · Memorial Garden Perpetual Care	35,537.94
Net Income	64,838.69
Total Equity	11,087,952.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	11,491,709.90

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Cash Basis

New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.
Finance Ministry 2020 Restricted by Month
May 2020

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
42000 · Worship	
42031 · Memorial Gift	200.00
Total 42000 · Worship	200.00
44100 · Kids Ministry	
44101 · Kids Ministry General	50.00
Total 44100 · Kids Ministry	50.00
49001 · Miscellaneous Income	2,700.00
49101 · Building Fund Pledge	4,363.20
51000 · Missions	
57000 · Missions Misc	
57011 · Missions General Income	301.10
Total 57000 · Missions Misc	301.10
Total 51000 · Missions	301.10
58100 · Caring Ministries	
58101 · Care & Compassion	7,214.40
Total 58100 · Caring Ministries	7,214.40
Total Income	14,828.70
Gross Profit	14,828.70
Expense	
63000 · Christian Education	
64100 · Kids	
64381 · Camp KidJam	450.00
Total 64100 · Kids	450.00
65000 · Student Ministries	
65701 · MS Summer Missions Trip	2,472.94
65711 · HS Summer Missions Trip	1,658.00
Total 65000 · Student Ministries	4,130.94
66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM	
66401 · MOPS	1,110.39
Total 66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM	1,110.39
Total 63000 · Christian Education	5,691.33
78100 · Care Ministries	
78101 · Care and Compassion	4,462.57
Total 78100 · Care Ministries	4,462.57
Total Expense	10,153.90
Net Ordinary Income	4,674.80
Net Income	4,674.80

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Cash Basis

New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.
Session General Fund Financials vs Budget
May 2020

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Jan - May 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Annual Bud...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income	152,301.72	148,992.70	102.2%	830,523.60	825,217.50	100.6%	1,981,161.00
Gross Profit	152,301.72	148,992.70	102.2%	830,523.60	825,217.50	100.6%	1,981,161.00
Expense							
62000 · Worship/Music	1,755.28	0.00	100.0%	11,111.79	23,600.00	47.1%	23,600.00
63000 · Christian Education	3,255.26	0.00	100.0%	31,818.29	91,900.00	34.6%	91,900.00
66800 · Hospitality/Fellowship	408.49	0.00	100.0%	5,732.04	11,550.00	49.6%	11,550.00
70000 · Missions & Outreach							
71000 · Local Outreach	682.00	0.00	100.0%	9,550.14	38,000.00	25.1%	38,000.00
73100 · Supporting Roles	0.00	0.00	0.0%	15,500.00	31,000.00	50.0%	31,000.00
75000 · Outreach	26,125.00	0.00	100.0%	52,250.00	104,500.00	50.0%	104,500.00
76000 · Missionary Care & Trips	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%	15,000.00
77001 · Administration	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%	1,500.00
77011 · Mission General Spending	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,739.58	5,000.00	34.8%	5,000.00
77021 · Mission Events	0.00	0.00	0.0%	822.28	5,000.00	16.4%	5,000.00
Total 70000 · Missions & Outreach	26,807.00	0.00	100.0%	79,862.00	200,000.00	39.9%	200,000.00
78100 · Care Ministries	2,113.33	0.00	100.0%	11,054.72	29,500.00	37.5%	29,500.00
78500 · Deacons	0.00	0.00	0.0%	777.15	3,050.00	25.5%	3,050.00
79000 · EPC Support	2,833.33	0.00	100.0%	14,959.29	38,000.00	39.4%	38,000.00
88000 · Facilities & Campus	13,659.00	0.00	100.0%	63,919.53	188,070.00	34.0%	188,070.00
88500 · Administration	8,220.10	0.00	100.0%	44,453.25	135,890.00	32.7%	135,890.00
89001 · Mortgage Principal and Interest	14,000.00	0.00	100.0%	70,000.00	168,000.00	41.7%	168,000.00
90000 · Personnel	78,383.00	0.00	100.0%	441,064.77	1,091,601.00	40.4%	1,091,601.00
Total Expense	151,434.79	0.00	100.0%	774,752.83	1,981,161.00	39.1%	1,981,161.00
Net Ordinary Income	866.93	148,992.70	0.6%	55,770.77	-1,155,943.50	-4.8%	0.00
Net Income	866.93	148,992.70	0.6%	55,770.77	-1,155,943.50	-4.8%	0.00

Technology Plan/Staff and Volunteers

Audio Video Coordinator - (Paid part time staff position)

- Responsible for coordinating all audio production personnel
- Responsible for all coordinating all video production, editing and posting of services
- Responsible for maintaining and updating all audio and video equipment

Thursday 5:00 Traditional

- Audio-tech for House board- (Paid)
- Audio-tech for Video Board- (Paid)
- Camera Operator- (Volunteer)
- CG operator- (Paid)
- Post Editor- (Paid)

Thursday 7:00 Contemporary

- Audio-tech for House Board- (Paid)
- Audio-tech for Video Board-(Paid)
- Camera Operator- (Volunteer)
- CG operator- (Paid)
- Post Editor- (Paid)

Sunday 9:00 Traditional

- Audio-tech for House Board- (Paid)
- Audio-tech for Video Board-(Paid) (hire immediately but dependent upon our overflow crowd)
- Camera Operator- (Volunteer)
- CC Operator-(Volunteer in youth room)
- CG operator- (Paid)

Sunday 11:00 Contemporary

- Audio-tech for House Board- (Paid)
- Audio-tech for Video Board- (Paid) (hire immediately but dependent on our overflow crowd)
- Camera operator (Volunteer)
- CC Operator- (Volunteer in youth room)
- CG operator- (Paid)

Duties and expectations:

Audio tech (House mix)- provide professional mixing skills to enhance the live experience of the congregation of New Hope Church. This includes all aspects of the live environment: platform inputs, in ear and aviom monitor systems, pro presenter, projectors, general maintenance (batteries for mics, etc.) The house tech is expected to interact personably with congregants but will report to the tech director. During the COVID schedule, the house mix tech is expected to serve about 4 hours per Thursday- 4:15-8:15 and, beginning June 28th, Sunday's 8:30-12:30 **NOTE- the Audio Visual Coordinator will also serve as one of the audio techs and will also serve as the Post video editor.**

Audio tech (Video mix)- provide professional mixing skills to enhance the online experience of the congregation of New Hope Church. This includes all aspects of the online environment: mixing the musicians and speakers for recording. This will entail live to disc recording using our Presonus console. Gifts and experience in audio recording are required. The video mix tech will also oversee maintenance/updating of the console and any issues related to it. The video tech is expected to interact personably with congregants but will report to the tech director. During the COVID schedule, the house mix tech is expected to serve about 4 hours per Thursday- 4:15-8:15, beginning June 28th, Sunday's 8:30-12:30.

Camera operator: serves a vital role in that they are the "eyes" for the online congregation. The operator will run the livestream multi camera system that is installed at New Hope. Consistent attention to action on the platform during services and an artist's eye for what camera shots look best are required. During the COVID schedule, the video mix tech is expected to serve about 4 hours per Thursday- 4:15-8:15 and, beginning June 28th, Sunday's 8:30-12:30. This schedule may be split with other camera operator team members.

Post video editor- Skilled and gifted editor to preview the service and fix any issues with sound or video quality (as much as possible) and then post the file to upload to our YouTube and Video channels. During the COVID schedule, the Post editor is expected to serve about 10 hours per week per posted service. We will need a post editor for each of the two services posted per week. **The Audio Visual Coordinator will also serve as the post video editor.**

Minutes for Mission Council Meeting
May 11, 2020 via Zoom

Members Present: Bill Ashton, Art Hunkins, Bonnie Hunkins, Olivia Myers, Ken Seim, Jim LaRue, Jim Mayer and Veronica Towe

Members Absent: Robin Flanagan, Pam LaRiviere and Bob White

The meeting was called to order by Ken Seim at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Jim LaRue opened with prayer and then gave the devotional on third chapter in *Across the Street and Around the World* which talked about engaging international students and refugees.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved as written by a motion made by Jim LaRue seconded by Jim Mayer and unanimously approved by the council. The minutes for the April meeting were approved as written by a motion made by Jim LaRue, seconded by Bill Ashton and unanimously approved by the council.

Old Business

- The Mission Council Monthly Financial Review was given by Ken Seim.
- The liaison contacts for the month were reviewed (see attachment).
- The Moving Up Ceremony for Colonial 5th Graders has been canceled due to the coronavirus.
- The weekly prayer call will continue on Thursdays at 9:00 am.

New Business

- No decision was made about the use of the \$25,000 returned from Next Level. The council will continue to field ideas to see where the biggest local needs are.
- City Gate's leadership is discussing the future of the program (Jim Mayer will contact the church leadership on this question). If it continues, help is needed from other churches. The council brainstormed some ideas and will look for additional input from Tanya Johnson at We Care and the City Manager whom Jim LaRue is meeting with.
- Veronica also asked about the possible needs of the farm people from Immokalee. Jim Larue will contact Bill Loy who has some contacts in Immokalee.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The devotion and opening prayer will be given by Veronica Towe.

Ken Seim closed the meeting in prayer at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hunkins

June 17, 2020

To: Session

From: Jordan Bates, Dir Student Ministry

RE: Student Ministry Report May-June

- Jordan and Zack have continued to post Daily Devotions a couple of times a week on Instagram @nhpstudents to encourage students to be in God's Word throughout the week, though that will discontinue this summer.
- Between Jordan and Zack and the adult small group leaders, we are actively reaching out to every student in our ministry via texts/calls/social media/zoom.
- With the input of their student ministry leaders, Jordan and Zack have made a summer calendar for activities for students. These include socially distanced events once or twice a week through July 8 (for now).
- Last week student ministry started a RightNow Media bible study in the book of Mark and Jordan & Zack will be doing zoom calls each week to discuss the video and bible content. This study will continue through the first week of August.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jordan Bates

Director of Student Ministry



Minutes of Deacon Meeting

May 26, 2020

Deacons present - Chris Bundschu, David Childs, Linda Daniels, Mark Dillehay, Candy Engleman, Christine Glatz, Doug Keno, Pam LaRiviere, Steve McKinnon, Sandra Raak, Kathy Orkowski, Emily Reese, Jill Ritterbusch, Mindy Rutherford, Alan Staffon

Unable to attend – Sue Bova, Al Cason, Marlys Norve

The Deacon meeting was held on Zoom due to the Covid-19 virus.

Moderator, Doug Keno, wished Al Staffon, Mindy Rutherford and Marlys Norve a happy May birthday.

Minutes approval - The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report – Of the Deacon's \$3000 budget for 2020, we have spent \$577.15.

Old Business

If anyone has a ministry team report, please send them to Jill so she can include them in the minutes.

We discussed the calling of all church members during this pandemic. It was thought to be worthwhile letting members know they are not forgotten. Even if we left a message on the answering machine, people knew that New Hope was thinking of them. Judy Clarke also sent notes to those she could not reach by phone.

Please continue to send out cards to our assigned people and others in our congregation who are having surgery, health problems or are shut-in. It is important that people know they are not forgotten. Evelyn Landbo and Marge Middleton should be taken off the list. Doug will send us an updated list.

There continues to be no sanctuary flower delivery, however, on June 7 Kathy Orkowski has given flowers in memory of Ed. She will take care of these flowers herself.

Thank you to deacons who have provided peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and breakfast casseroles and more to the homeless ministry We Care.

New Business

Property Council

Chris Bundschu reported that a roof leak has been repaired and a tree removed from the children's playground. Also Ed Harger and his team are working hard to disinfect our sanctuary and buildings.

Blood Drive

The blood drive was very successful. Pre-registration went very well and 20 units were collected. The full report is attached.

Deacons felt that our staff has done a tremendous job with the on-line services the last few months.

Mark Dillehay concluded our meeting with prayer.

Just before we all signed off Pastor Mike joined our meeting with an update for us from the elder meeting. We will begin services on Sunday, June 28. Only 112 people will be allowed in the sanctuary and overflow of 30 in room 212.

On Sundays 9:00 am traditional and 11:00 contemporary services will be held. Sundays at 5:00 pm a hybrid service will be held with Mike and Ben providing music.

On Thursdays there will be services at 5:00 (traditional) and 7:00 (contemporary) and they will be recorded for the online Sunday service.

Pastor Mike sent an email with all the information regarding our Phase 1 reopening.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Ritterbusch



New Hope Blood Drive 2020

Committee report for Deacon mtg. 5.26.20

Yearly Goal & Dates:

There are 6 blood drives in 2020 with a committee goal of 100 units.

The dates for the six 2020 Blood Drives: Jan. 19, March 15, May 17, July 12, Sept. 13, and Nov. 15.

May 17th a total of 20 units were collected resulting in 57% of the committee goal of 100 units collected for 2020. Forty-eight lives will be touched because of the caring generosity of our church family. There was pre-registration through Eli, scheduled every 10 minutes. Cloth masks (made by women of the church) were given to anyone who did not have one. The Blood Mobile was parked on the Northside of church for easy access to restrooms.

The 25 Donor participants were: Scott Connell, Tommy Dudley, Kevin Ellis, Jaquie Essick, Tracey Fillmore, Deb Fransway, Heather Gonzales, Brandy Hart, Shaun Henderson, Warren Jalving, Chris Neubert, Kris Newlin, Kay Parkinson, Sandra Raak, Emily Reese, Scott Reese, Beth Schultz, Brian Schultz, Bruce Schultz, Ken Seim, Bud Slater, Veronica Towe, Bret Ziel, Anthony Zito and Maureen Zito.

Respectfully submitted,
New Hope Blood Drive Committee
Sandra Raak, Emily Reese & Al Cason
SKRdesign@comcast.net

Early Childhood Ministry Report- June 2020

Ministry has certainly looked a lot different these past few months.

I've kept in touch with all the nursery staff and volunteers and they are all doing ok. They're missing all their kids. Each Sunday worker has expressed appreciation for the church continuing to pay them.

I started in March with mailing notes and activity pages to all the preschoolers. I called or sent texts to the moms of toddlers and babies.

By April I started doing facetime calls with the preschoolers and continued mailing out activities.

When May came around I realized this is crazy. I need to see these families, so I started visiting them. I've driven all over this county and into Charlotte county to visit as many families as I can. I hand out pre-packaged snacks, their lesson placemat for the month, and have a little time with them in their driveway or yard. I've seen where they live, I've seen their puppies, chickens and watched their scooter riding skills. I've gotten to have some really good conversations with most moms, some dads and even a couple grandmas too. I plan to continue to visit all my families for however long this continues.

I've written a re-opening safety plan- I've given the draft to Ed and my assistant in the nursery, Julie, to look over and edit.

I'm also currently planning with Ed a possible event for preschoolers on campus.

I've watched lots of hours of webinars and read some good books.

If you have any further questions about the ministry, I'd be happy to answer.

Thank you so much for your continued support and leadership though this most surreal time.

Love,

Pam Poland

Children's ministry report

June 2020

Confirmation was interrupted in March. Most of the core theological foundations had been covered. Classes missed included discipleship, world views, worship, and the church. June 14th, a short class was held for students to work on their faith statements. Sarah Huge is also teaching on baptism and communion.

Seven students are ready to profess their faith. Five students are ready for baptism. The class list is attached.

Focus is the theme of our 8 week Summer Series. Kids are learning about Faith which is "believing in what you can't see because of what you can see."

A family Scavenger Hunt was hosted on Sunday, June 7th from 1-3 pm. Over 20 families participated, posting pictures in children's ministry private Facebook group. Michelle Myers captured the fun on this short video on the New Hope page.

<https://www.facebook.com/newhopefortmyers/videos/1480907992082164/>

Families were given a Focus book written by Debbie Norris and Ali Quandt. Jade Torok made it look engaging with her exciting graphics. Kids also received a DIY binoculars and a magnifying glass.

Additional daily videos were provided on Facebook. The week wrapped up with a video of Roxanne Spencer teaching about Jesus, our good Shepherd.

Each week, we follow up with a devotion relating to that week's Sunday lesson.

Staying in touch – at the end of the school year, children's ministry teachers and small group leaders took groups of 5-20 and sent hand written post cards to the 160 + children in their group/class.

Camp At Home – Camp Kid Jam had a surprise release last week of quiet times, track activities, Family Fun Friday activities, teaching segments plus leader training for 8 weeks! We will be posting these in the private FB group. With the recent discord plus vacations, FB viewership seems to be declining so approximately every other week, 107 families will receive a packet of fun and devotionals sent directly to the children. Snail mail continues to be popular for the children!

Father's Day – Instead of visiting the homes of our children, a decision was made to send a Father's Day card to each child to fill out and decorate for their dads.

2020: Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

Praying for God to draw His people to Himself and let us be part of the fun!