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On the cover:

High School Football has begun. We have interviews and schedules for both teams on pages 8 and 9.

Manager's Comments

Fire is latest challenge for NHTC in 2009



My phone rang around 10:20 p.m. on Wednesday night, August 5th, and on the other end was NHTC's engineer Robert Patterson. He's also the fire chief of Grant Fire Department, and he was calling to let me know his guys were fighting hard to keep our remote office in Grant from going up in flames.

As I climbed the mountain headed toward the blaze, I couldn't help but think, "here we go again." The year 2009 began with a flood that found us using sand bags to keep water out of the cable head end in New Hope. The following months found us recovering from two tornados and a gravity wave, repairing a number of accidental cuts by contractors to our underground fiber network, restoring service after a mobile home being transported down the road yanked down our cable (this happened twice), and a few instances of lightning damage to our equipment.

And now, here I was driving to the scene of what could become a burned out remote switch. To make matters worse, we had just set in place a new fiber hut the day before to continue our fiber expansion project throughout the Grant area.

For the next several hours, firefighters from the Grant, Swarengin, Hebron and Waterfront fire departments battled the intense flames that were destroying McDonald's Building Supply. The store and lumber yard fed the flames as they shot

seven or eight stories into the air, reaching temperatures of some 1,800 degrees.

The unbearable heat consumed the building supply property, damaged the air conditioning units on NHTC's buildings, melted copper pair together, burned a hole in our remote switch office, and buckled the vinyl siding on a house next door.

But thanks to the hard work of those crews, and the quick thinking of Robert Patterson, our remote equipment was saved from extensive fire or water damage. Had our building been engulfed, or water pumped directly onto our equipment, the Grant area would likely have been without service for a few days as we brought in and positioned temporary switching equipment.

Our hat is off to those who worked so hard to battle the blaze. I also want to express our appreciation to Garrison & Garrison Heating and Cooling, along with Steven Barnes Electric Service, who got the air conditioning wired and installed the very next day. Thank you to our employees who worked tirelessly to restore phone and cable service interrupted by the damage, and to the Red Cross who brought food and water for everyone.

Our thoughts go out to the McDonald family, who lost more than anyone in the blaze. The town lost a piece of its history.

We dodged a big bullet the night of August 5th. Now let's hope things calm down a bit for the rest of 2009.▲

Tom Wing

*General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative*

**NHTC will be closed Monday, September 7
in observance of Labor Day.**

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

Sun outages could be headed our way

Every Spring and Fall, usually during March and September, television viewers encounter a brief inconvenience known as sun interference. Sun interference occurs when a satellite transmitting TV signals comes directly between the Earth and sun. The rays from the sun are so strong that they overpower the satellite's signals and cause channel outages.

For roughly two weeks during these periods, television signals may be interrupted or lost during the sunniest part of the day, between noon and 3 p.m. These interferences range from minor freezing or sparkles to a complete loss of signal, but usually only last 5 to 15 minutes.

Since signals are received from many different satellites, sun interference may occur at different times on different channels.

Sun outages are a short-term problem and are not cable outages. There is no need to report an outage caused by the sun to our office.

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Fire destroys Grant landmark

The historic W.O. McDonald building on Main Street in Grant burned to the ground on the night of Wednesday, August 5.

The structure was home to a family-run building supply business owned and operated by Grant native Billy McDonald.

Built in the early 1920's, the rock building originally served as a one-room schoolhouse until DAR High School was built in 1925. The structure was also used as a theater, a church and a home before Billy McDonald's late father, W.O. McDonald, turned the historic structure into a building supply business in the 1960's.

Firefighters were called to the scene at about 10 p.m. where they battled



The W.O. McDonald building burned to the ground on August 5.

flames that were reportedly 70 to 80 feet high. The heat of the blaze was so intense that vinyl siding on a home across the street was melted.

Fortunately, firemen were able to prevent the blaze from spreading to

surrounding structures, including NHTC's remote building that provides service to the entire Grant area. A recently placed NHTC fiber hut close to the fire was also saved from the blaze.

NHTC General Manager Tom Wing says he is appreciative to the firemen who fought the blaze.

"New Hope Telephone Cooperative and its members are thankful to the men and women who fought this fire," Wing says.

"There is no doubt that without their brave intervention and quick action, our cooperative would have lost both our Grant remote and our fiber hut. We also extend our sympathy to the people of Grant for the loss of a true historical landmark."



Brenda Barnes
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“Myths, Legends, and Crazy Rumors...”

I was watching 20/20 one day. John Stossel had an interesting segment on myths that just aren't true at all. Here they are – it's very eye opening.

The first myth is polluted air and chemicals are killing us, but cancer is actually on the decline. We're running out of places for our garbage, but due to recycling we really are not. The most shocking was the myth that the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes. According to the IRS the top 1% of Americans pay 1/3 of all income taxes. I'm not going to cover the boring ones, such as the myth that money buys happiness. I think deep down we all already knew that wasn't true – but it sure doesn't hurt any.

Now I want to cover some myths concerning Chiropractic. The first myth is that if you see a Chiropractor you will likely be paralyzed. My malpractice premiums are \$858 per year and recently were only about \$600. How many MDs can say that? “Popping” your knuckles or neck will cause arthritis. Actually, keeping motion in joints helps to reduce the risk, and this was proven by a study at UCLA. The last myth is MD's do not want their patients to be adjusted. A lot of MD's have started referring patients to Chiropractors, and there is a branch of the medical field called Osteopathy. These are MDs who are trained in spinal manipulation similar to Chiropractic.

Now for Emma, who is the little girl in the photo. About a year ago, she was plagued by asthma. Each day as I changed her diaper, I would give her an adjustment. The asthma started to improve immediately, and now she is virtually symptom free.

The other child, my son Nicholas, has recently been having some headaches. He'll come up to me and say, “Daddy, adjust my neck.” And even before he gets up he'll say, “man that feels a lot better, it's all gone.”

It's strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me with

their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few. Here's what some of my patients had to say:



“Dr. Mike has been helping me with my low back pain, and headaches for over nine years.” (Larry Luttrell)

“My sciatica stays in check thanks to Dr. Mike.” (Leonard McPeters)

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That's just incredible!

Forty-eight million Americans no longer have health insurance, and those who do have found that their benefits are reduced. That's where chiropractic comes in. Many people find that they actually save money on their health care expenses by seeing a chiropractor. Another way to save... studies show that chiropractic may double your immune capacity, naturally and without drugs. The immune system fights colds, the flu, and other sicknesses. So you may not be running off to the doctor as much. This is especially important if you are self-employed. And an entire week of care in my office may cost what you could pay for one visit elsewhere.

You benefit from an Amazing Offer - Look, it shouldn't cost you an arm and a leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. *When you bring in this article by September 30, 2009, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$27. That's with x-rays...the whole ball of wax.* And, further care is very affordable. You see, I'm not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about **quality of care** just because I have a lower exam fee. You'll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications... I'm a 1991 graduate of Life University. I'm certified by the National Boards as well as the states of Alabama and Tennessee. I've practiced in Marshall County for 16 years after a one-year associateship in Huntsville. I just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care. Results may vary in individual cases.

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Designing New Hope

The man behind the murals



If you spend enough time in the city of New Hope, there is a good chance you will come across the work of Scottie Henley. That's because Henley, graphic designer at Tara Graphics, has been very busy lately.

You can find his work all over New Hope. A few of Henley's recent projects have included murals in the CARE Center and New Hope Children's Clinic, a mural on the side of the Tara Graphics building, a sports mural in the gymnasium at New Hope High School, signs for local businesses downtown, even a sign welcoming people to the city of New Hope.

A talented artist from a very young age, Henley attended college at one of the most respected art schools in the country, Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. After college Henley

worked for about 10 years as a graphic designer for the Department of Defense, designing for the U.S. Army. Henley has also worked as a designer for NASA.

"I have just always loved art," Henley says. "It has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. There was never a question about what I wanted to do in life. God has blessed me with a talent for creating and that is something I do not take for granted. None of this would be possible without his grace. None of it."

Henley has a true passion for giving back to his community. In addition to his work for Tara Graphics, Henley has devoted countless hours of personal time to projects for the city of New Hope, New Hope High School and other nonprofit organizations in the area.

"This town has been good to me,"

Henley says. "This is my way of giving back."

Henley's murals are probably his most recognizable work. He has a knack for taking historic photographs and documents and creating a living collage that tells the story of a particular time and place.

"Scottie brings creativity and heart to everything he works on," says Tara Furlough, owner of Tara Graphics. "He has a genuine love for this community that comes out in his work. His creativity makes a big difference in New Hope. He is able to bring out the history and charm of this town in a way that is just beautiful. He is an asset to our company and a blessing to this community."

Despite the recognition Henley receives for his work, he is quick to point out the hard work and abilities of fellow



Tara Graphics designers Tina Denson and Tina Rogers.

"My co-workers are incredibly talented," Henley says. "They deserve all the credit. Our team would not be the same without them."

Henley, who has worked at Tara Graphics for about four years, says he enjoys his job as a graphic designer.

"It means a lot to me when people come to me with an idea and trust me enough to simply take it from there," Henley says. "That is the work I enjoy most, when there is no limit on creativity."

Henley would like to open an interior design business one day. He says he is also interested in opening an art gallery and teaching art classes.

A devoted single father, Henley lives in New Hope with twelve-year-old son Keegan.▲



Above: Henley's most recent project was for the New Hope Children's Clinic, which recently opened in New Hope (See, New Hope Children's Clinic Celebrates Grand Opening, p. 11). Henley designed this mural to brighten the walls in the waiting room of the clinic. Henley also designed the business sign for the New Hope Children's Clinic. He designed murals in the CARE Center and the center's business sign as well. Opposite top: Henley's mural at the Tara Graphics building Opposite bottom: Various projects.

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DAR PATRIOTS FOOTBALL

Entering his third season as head football coach for the DAR Patriots, Hunter Holland says he is looking forward to a promising season in 2009.



**COACH
HOLLAND**

Holland began coaching junior varsity football at DAR when the football program was established five years ago. The following year, DAR fielded a varsity squad for the first time.

Holland took the reins as head coach the season after that.

"I have been with this team since most of them were in the 7th grade," Holland says. "I am the only coach most of them have ever known. They know our system and what we want done and how we want it done. They are leaders on and off the field and I'm excited about this season."

Holland says the Patriots had a very productive summer.

"Nobody quit on me," Holland says. "We had 42 or 43 come out for Spring, and we worked hard this summer and gained both strength and size."

The Patriots proved their strength

this summer when they competed in and won a Lineman Challenge that included various strength competitions against teams from all over the area.

"Winning the Lineman Challenge was a good boost for our guys," Holland says. "It helped our confidence and showed us we are as strong as anybody."

With 8 of eleven offensive starters returning this season and two backs who each rushed for over 1,200 yards returning, things are looking good on the offensive side of the ball for the Patriots.

However, one offensive challenge for the Patriots this season will be training a new quarterback.

"We look pretty good offensively," Holland says. "We graduated a quarterback last year so we're breaking in a new player at that position, but if he progresses and comes along like we think he will, we feel like it will be a good year for us offensively."

On the defensive side of the ball DAR will replace five starters from last season.

"Defensively, we are not as experienced as we are offensively," Holland says. "We graduated six seniors and will pretty much be replacing our entire secondary. We will have to grow and mature very quickly back there to be

effective defensively, but we have a veteran group this year and I feel like we will adjust quickly."

Holland says the fate of the season will be determined by the Patriots' ability to progress their quarterback and stay healthy.

"As always, depth is an issue this year," Holland says. "We are a little thin in the depth department, but we feel like we've got enough good players to get the job done and be very competitive. Staying healthy will be key to our success this season. Our goal is to have a winning season and make it to the playoffs, and I believe that goal is obtainable."

Coach Holland is joined by Assistant Coaches Justin Cooper, Lance Gary, Ronnie Perkins, John Hart, Steve Keller, Matt Smart and Jake Lemons.

THE SCHEDULE

Aug 20	Jamboree - Section	Home
Aug 27	Crossville	Home
Sep 4	Guntersville	Away
Sep 11	North Jackson	Home
Sep 18	Fairview	Away
Sep 25	Brindlee Mtn.	Away
Oct 2	Priceville	Home
Oct 9	Douglas	Home
Oct 15	Columbia	Away
Oct 23	Plainview	Home
Oct 30	New Hope	Away

NEW HOPE INDIANS FOOTBALL

New Hope High School head football coach Obie Childers says 2009 should be a good year for the Indians.

"We had a really good off season," Childers says. "From November to



**COACH
CHILDERS**

May, we could not have asked our kids to work any harder. We made some substantial progress in terms of getting bigger, faster and stronger."

Childers says the main concern of the

coaching staff is transferring those gains onto the field.

"It doesn't matter how much you can squat or cling or bench or how well you go through dots if you can't step up and put it on the field on Friday night," Childers says. "If you can't do that, it doesn't mean anything."

Childers says the Indians have a number of solid athletes returning this year.

"As far as having just tremendous standout athletes, we don't have many," Childers says. "But what we do have is a bunch of really good athletes who have busted their tails and worked hard, and if they learn to play together

as one, we could be a pretty good little football team this year."

Childers says that offensively the Indians are in good shape.

"Our backs are small in stature, but they're very quick and have decent speed," Childers says. "We've got about seven or eight that can flat out play, and there's not a whole lot of separation between them. If they don't start on offense, we'll put them on defense as linebackers or in the secondary."

Childers says this Indian team brings more experience than in recent years.

"This is the first season in a long time that we are going to start all juniors and seniors," Childers says. "Last year we started seven sophomores. The year before that, two freshmen started and played in every game on both sides."

Childers says that while the team has experience, there is a real need for more leadership.

"I can't go out on that field with them on Friday nights," Childers says. "We've got to have some people step up and be leaders. I think that will happen because this is a good group of kids, and when the time comes someone will step up. They've got to."

Childers says depth will be a strength for this team.

"We have not had the luxury of this kind of depth in a long time," Childers says. "This year, if someone misses a block or is having a bad game or gets a bad attitude, we can put someone in there who wants it, someone who will perform. Some of our guys haven't had to look over their shoulders in a while. This year they've got to."

Childers said his team's goal is to have a winning season and to make it to the playoffs.

"We are athletic enough to compete with anyone in our region," Childers says. "There is not a team on our schedule who we could not beat."

Childers coaching staff is made up of Defensive Coordinator Mack Malone, Co-defensive Coordinator Bobby Milam and community helpers Eddie Thomas, Rusty Hyatt, Jason Durham and Matt Lang.

THE SCHEDULE

Aug 28	Tanner	Home
Sep 4	Sardis	Away
Sep 11	Brindlee Mtn.*HOMECOMING	Home
Sep 18	Susan Moore	Away
Sep 25	Douglas	Away
Oct 2	Crossville	Home
Oct 9	Holly Pond	Away
Oct 16	Pisgah	Home
Oct 23	Sylvania	Away
Oct 30	DAR	Home



NHHS alum has dedicated life to education

Waymon E. Burke, Ph.D. has a passion for education. A 1969 graduate of New Hope High School, Burke has spent most of his adult life teaching others.

A former high school teacher and current college professor, Burke received an associate's degree from Calhoun Community College in 1971, a bachelor's from the University of Montevallo in 1973, a master's in education from Alabama A&M University in 1977 and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1987.

Burke embarked on his journey as an educator 37 years ago at Stone Junior High School in Huntsville. A year later, he began a 16-year stint at Butler High School. As a high school teacher, Burke taught World, American and Alabama History, as well as government, economics and several AP courses.

"I love teaching," Burke says. "It is my niche in life. Every day I look forward to going to work. Every day I get to face young people who are excited about learning—young people who want to better themselves through education. That is very rewarding."

From 1981 until 1990, while still teaching at Butler High School, Burke was Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Adjunct Instructor of History and Political Science at Calhoun Community College.

He began teaching college full-time in 1990 when he took positions he still holds today as Adjunct Instructor of History and Political Science at Alabama A&M University and full-time Instructor

of History and Political Science at Calhoun Community College. Burke has been History and Political Science Academic Division Chair at Calhoun Community College since 1995.



New Hope graduate Dr. Waymon E. Burke has been an educator for more than 37 years. He is a professor of history and political science.

In 1996 Burke founded the Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture. Over the years, the organization has put together an impressive archive of political literature from national, state and local elections. Burke's organization works to promote political involvement at all levels of government. The Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture also develops educational materials such as films and printed items for schools and

the public.

Burke reflects fondly upon his time at New Hope High School and says the education he received there had a great impact on his life.

"I enjoyed my time at New Hope," Burke says. "I am proud to call myself a New Hope High School graduate. This is where my education began. I still feel a great cultural connection to the school, town and its people, and that is something that will never change."

Burke feels that the job of an educator is very important.

"I believe that teaching is the highest calling," Burke says. "But my colleagues at the elementary and high school levels do the most important and difficult work. They deserve the credit."

"My job is easy compared to theirs. What happens in those early years makes a tremendous difference in a child's life."

"There were teachers in my early years who helped make me who I am today—like Mildred Brawley from Owens Cross Roads and Tresse Maples, and my history teacher Charles McKay

from New Hope—whom I have tried to emulate in my own career. I love all of these people, and I have never forgotten how important they were in my academic and personal development."

Burke is also a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and the board of the North Alabama Educators Credit Union. He and his wife Jan have been married for 37 years. ▲

New Hope Children's Clinic celebrates grand opening



CUTTING THE RIBBON — Local children partner with local elected officials and clinic administrators in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of New Hope Children's Clinic.

A large crowd was joined by several members of the media as the New Hope Children's Clinic celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 6.

Several local leaders including U.S. Congressman Parker Griffith, Alabama Rep. Butch Taylor and Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig were honored guests and speakers at the event.

The clinic, located on the campus of New Hope School at the site of the former HEALS clinic, will provide pediatric medical care at little or no cost to thousands of children in the area.

Because of high costs and lack of medical insurance, many children do not have access to quality health care. The New Hope Children's Clinic was created with these children in mind.

"This will not just be a free medical clinic offering minimal care," says Amy Thomas, Executive Director of New Hope Children's Clinic. "This will

be a full-blown pediatric medical facility complete with labs and medicine, staffed with some of the best medical professionals in the area. Eventually, we will have x-ray capabilities and will offer full vision and dental care as well.

"It is wonderful that God has allowed us to provide this service," Thomas adds. "There are no pediatricians in the immediate area, so this clinic will be an asset not only to children who do not have insurance or may need a little help with costs, but a viable option for quality medical care for all children in the area."

New Hope Children's Clinic will accept payments from those who can and want to pay and children covered by insurance, but will turn no one away due to lack of insurance or inability to pay.

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.newhopechildrensclinic.org or call (256) 723-HOPE. ▲



PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE

Have you seen the movie *Facing The Giants*? It is a wholesome family movie that inspires viewers to live with faith, hope, and love. It portrays a football coach that overcomes devastating circumstances as he cries out to God in desperation. He dares to challenge his players to believe in God for the impossible on and off the field. When faced with unbelievable odds, his team must step up to their greatest test of strength and courage.

The bible has a "Giant" story. Perhaps you've heard of Goliath?

He was ugly; he was huge standing well over nine feet tall in his bare feet. His armor was made of bronze and weighed over two hundred pounds. Day after day he would march along the slope of the Valley of Elah shouting threatening words that sounded like a blast of trumpets. He was very successful with his strategy of intimidation.

About ten miles away from all this noise there lived a handsome young teenager. David was the youngest of eight boys. Serving as an errand boy he carried a message from his father to his brothers and upon his arrival just stood in disbelief. David saw through Goliath's strategy and stood on solid faith.

He took a well-worn leather sling and one stone and with unbending confidence in his mighty God, defeated that "giant" (I Samuel 17:50).

Are you facing any "giants"? Why not explain to God how anxious you are for Him to win the victory.

See you in church.

Legislative Update

By Rep. Butch Taylor
Alabama House of Representatives, Dist. 22



We recently wrapped up a special session of the Alabama Legislature to address the financial crisis in Jefferson County.

While I did not think taxpayers should be forced to pay for a special legislative session that affects only one county in the state, I was glad to be able to help leaders in Jefferson County help themselves.

The solution came in the form of two bills. I do not agree with both of them, but the bottom line is that something had to be done to stop the bleeding. With the lay off of more than one third of county employees and the very real prospect of becoming the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history, the people of Jefferson County needed relief.

The first bill reinstated an occupational tax for anyone who is employed in Jefferson County. The second bill requires Jefferson County to hire a County Manager to oversee the financial operation of the county.

I do not believe that an occupational tax is a fair tax. It forces people who work in Jefferson County, but do not live there, to pay taxes to fund another county's government.

That is why I co-authored a bill to ensure that an occupational tax could never be enacted in Madison County. However, at the urging of local officials opposed to this bill, a Senator from a different county blocked this legislation. I want to assure the people of Madison County that I will make this bill a top priority in the next legislative session. ▲

Community Events

September/October **SCHOOL PAPER DRIVE**

The New Hope & Owens Cross Roads Beautification Committees are sponsoring a "Paper Drive". Both Owens Cross Roads and New Hope Schools are in need of copy paper. Paper donations can be dropped off at both schools, Tara Graphics, or NHTC.

September 12 **New Hope Rec Football Games**

At NHHS Football Field. Admission \$4 Adults/\$2 Kids, concessions available.
9 a.m. - Freshman vs. Monrovia
10:30 a.m. - Sophomore Team vs. Monrovia-blue
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2 p.m. - Senior Team vs. Monrovia-white

September 14-18 **Constitution Week**

Sponsored by the Gunter Mountain Chapter NSDAR - Displays will be placed

in the New Hope and Grant Public Libraries. Proclamations will be signed by Grant and New Hope Mayors to proclaim Constitution Week. Stop by and check out these patriotic displays as we celebrate the birth of our Constitution.

September 19 **CARE Center 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk**

Race Starts at 8:00 a.m. To register, visit www.thecarecenter.us. Registration is \$15 before Sept. 15th and \$20 thereafter.

September 26 **Grant's Mile Plus Yard Sale**

Rise and shine - this annual event on Main Street in Grant begins at 5 a.m. and goes through the afternoon. Register for a booth by calling Peoples State Bank at 728-4213. There will be food and entertainment. Come out early to find your treasure!

Inspiration Corner

The little boy saw the sign in the window, "Puppies for sale". Calling out to the storeowner he asked the price of a puppy. The man said, "\$30 dollars". The boy replied, "I have \$2.75, can I see one?" The man called out, "Here Lady". Out came the momma and four puppies, with one limping along behind. The boy jumped in excitement, "How much for the one in the back?" "You don't want that, he's crippled and won't ever be able to run and play with you." It was then the little boy rolled up his britches leg revealing a heavy metal brace on a twisted leg, replying, "I think we'll be able to play just fine."

Have you ever been made to feel unworthy in this world? Whether it's age, health, ability or lack thereof, the devil

is going to do all he can to remind us of any weaknesses. Sometimes it doesn't even have to be a physical weakness, but here's the "Good News"; "Christ died for US while we were yet sinners, and that proves God's love for US." In other words, the devil works in the ways of this world, but God works in the ways of His Love. It doesn't matter what your worth may be to this world, what does matter is that you are worth the life of God's Son. If you want to feel worthy while living in this world, serve the Lord in a church ministry near you.



Michael Carpenter, Pastor
New Hope United Methodist
Church & Oak Bowery
United Methodist Church

From the Kitchen of Beverly Overman-Vital



COMMUNITY RECIPES

PARTY CHICKEN SALAD

4 to 5 cups chicken breast (3 lb.)
1-1/2 cups celery, chopped fine
1 cup slivered almonds
1 cup chopped green grapes
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup mayonnaise
salt to taste

Boil chicken in salty water. Let cool, then place back in broth and place in refrigerator until cold. Remove from broth and drain. Chop chicken fine and mix with other ingredients. Makes enough for approximately 96 miniature pastry cups. Can serve on bread or crackers.

MINIATURE PASTRY CUPS

1 cup plain flour
3 oz. cream cheese
3/4 stick Parkay margarine

Let the margarine and cream cheese soften at room temperature. Mix with flour. In miniature muffin pan, press small ball (quarter size) in each muffin cup (no liner required), using thumb. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Can be frozen. Makes 24. Fill with chicken salad when ready to

serve. Decorate with grapes if desire, or sprinkle with paprika.

BEVERLY'S RED BEANS AND RICE

2 cans red beans (not kidney), rinsed and drained
1 can chicken broth
2 cups water
1 can (Mild or Hot) Rotel tomatoes and chiles, with juice
1 can diced tomatoes, with juice
1/2 Tbsp. McCormick's cajun seasoning
1/3 cup chopped onion
chopped garlic to taste (I use one heaping tablespoon, pre-diced)
5 Italian sausage links (I use Johnsonville Italian Sausage – Mild or store brand)
olive oil (approximately 3 Tbsp.)
salt and pepper to taste
2 cups of raw instant rice

Follow directions on the box for cooking instant rice. Rinse and drain red beans in a colander. Put drained beans into pan; add chicken broth and 2 cups of water. To this add the Rotel tomatoes, diced tomatoes, garlic, onions, salt, pepper and cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil and cook at medium temperature approximately 25 minutes. Remove casings from each Italian sausage (easily done with a sharp knife or kitchen scissors) and cut each into 1/2" slices. Cover the bottom of a frying pan with olive oil and heat to medium temperature. Brown the skinned sausage slices on both sides. After browned, pour the sausage AND olive oil into the bean mixture (add more water if needed). Continue to cook mixture for

approximately 20 minutes for flavors to blend. Make sure you keep it stirred to avoid burning. Serve over the rice. Even better leftover!

CHOCOLATE CHIP TREASURE COOKIES

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup margarine/butter, softened
1-1/3 cups coconut
1 pkg. (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup walnuts/pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix graham cracker crumbs, flour and baking powder. In large mixing bowl, beat Eagle Brand milk and butter until smooth. Add crumb mixture. Mix well. Stir in coconut, chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8 minutes (for soft) – 10 mins (for crisp) or until lightly browned. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Send us your recipes

NHTC members have been enjoying the recipes they find in the pages of *The Communicator* for years. In order to continue this feature we need more recipes. If you have any recipes you want to share, please send them to us by mail or email. As long as we continue to receive great recipes from our members, we will continue to feature them here. Send your recipes to:
NHTC • The Communicator • PO Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760, or email your recipe to communicator@nehp.net.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

Gone Fishin'



Eight-year-old Cameron Cooper with Papa Earnest Salyer at Lake Guntersville.



Austin Pinkston with a good catch of crappie. Photo sent by Daniel Pinkston.



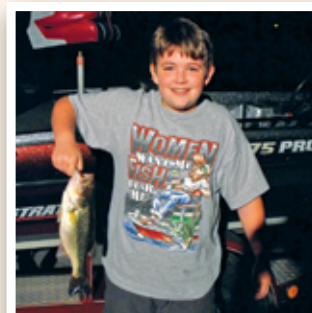
Caroline Largen's first catch. Photo sent by mom, Amy Largen.



Jason & Savanna Ginn. Photo sent by mother, Angie.



Photo of Fred Baswell sent in his memory by his son, Marty.



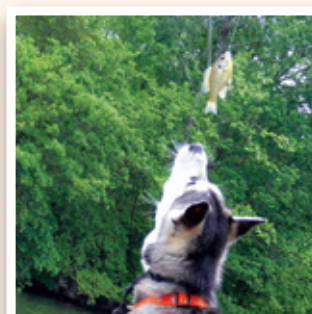
Taylor, son of Jackie & Jamie Selvage, with large mouth bass from Lake Guntersville.



Bobby Rodgers in Red Lake, Ontario, Canada.



Lori Batey with a crappie. Photo by Sonya Batey.



Shasta with his big catch. Photo by Andrea Bridges.



Mitchell White with his big bass caught on the Tennessee River.



Robbie and Matt Keel during crappie season. Photo by Phoebe Keel.



Hallie Lang. Photo sent by Claud Lang.



Owen & Rody Stephens, Jonathan & Daniel Sharp with ten Blue Hole Stripe. Photo by Dana Stephens.



Owen Stephens cleaning his big catch of crappie. Photo sent by Peggy Stephens.



Craig Hill and six-year-old Hudson Hill with his first catch.

Next month's
photo theme:
Iron Bowl



John Daniel Stapler. Photo sent by son Carl Stapler.



Fish from Guntersville Dam - Heath Marks and Tala Manning of Grant.



Harry Brooks, Sr. in 1995. His daughter Stella Dowdy submitted this photo taken at Richard's house.



Carlee Largen's first catfish. Photo sent by her mom, Amy Largen.



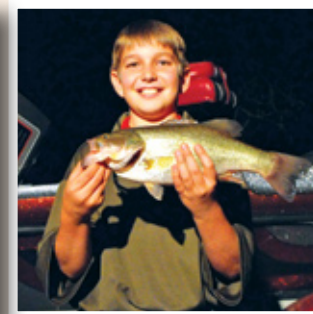
Scott Shubert with his 'big catch'. Photo sent by wife, Stephanie.



George Goff's grandson Isaac cave fishing with night crawlers on Lake Guntersville.



John Whitaker with 3 lb. 2 oz. crappie. It was 18 in. long.



Casey, son of Jackie & Jamie Selvage, with bass from Lake Guntersville.

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