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Here is love vast as  
the ocean,  
Loving kindness  
as the flood,  
When the Prince of life,  
our ransom,  
Shed for us  
His precious blood  
Who His love  
will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing  
His praise?  
He can never be  
forgotten,  
Throughout  
heaven's eternal days.  
On the mount of  
crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep  
and wide,  
Through the floodgates  
of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and  
gracious tide  
Grace and love like  
mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from  
above  
And heaven's peace  
and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world  
in love.

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## Elder's Note

### **Trusting God & the Teaching Elder Search**

By Lars Stenersen

*Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; (Psalms 37:4-7 NKJV)*

On behalf of the elder board and search committee, I would like to thank you, the members of Hope Fellowship. Thank you for your patience, prayers, love, and support through this "Teaching Elder" search process. We know that there had to be times of frustration and impatience as the process seemed to drag on.

This process started in August of 2013. We completed one search process, eliminating approximately 20 candidates. We are confident that God needed to grow us, the elders. Therefore, we weren't able to reach an agreement, and had to begin the search again. Though to most this seemed to be a delay, God used this time to grow and mature the elders. Where we were dependent on others, we needed to step up and fill these responsibilities. We needed to be able to do this so that we could not only experience but understand the responsibilities we place on a teaching elder. We understand now that if the first search would have ended successfully, in our minds, we wouldn't have given him the support he needed. God is never late, and He's never early. His timing is always perfect.

We've now completed our second search. The elders have selected and voted to move forward with Jordan Moody. The first six months that he serves at Hope Fellowship will be a period where we get to know him, and he gets to know us. During this time he will go through the twelve week elder study, teach on Sunday mornings, and hopefully get to know each of you more. As his time grows at Hope, so will his responsibilities.

Lord willing, at our annual meeting in January, we the elders, you the members, and Jordan with his wife Jamie, will have a clear vision to take the next step. It would be at this time (Lord willing) that with the blessing of the congregation, Jordan would be blessed into this position full time. We ask that each of you would take the time to pray for Jordan and his wife Jamie, pray for the elders, and pray for the body of Hope Fellowship. May God be honored and glorified in and through all that we do. To Him be all praise honor and glory, for He alone is worthy! Once again thank you for your support through this process.

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' (Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV)*

## Sunday School Corner

Submitted By Karen Kangas

We have completed another successful year of Sunday school. Thank you to all of the teachers who faithfully taught and prayed for the children of Hope Fellowship Church. Kindergarten was taught by Adam Seppala and assisted by Amy Holombo. First grade was taught by Amanda Ketola and Heidi Aho. Second grade was taught by Laura and Kacy Sauvola. Third grade was taught by Karen Kangas. Fourth grade was taught by Jody Ojala. Fifth grade was taught by Sheila O'Brien. Sixth grade was taught by Chad Gibson and Lars Sauvola. Seventh grade was taught by Doug Seppala. Eighth grade was taught by Ben Olson. Ninth grade was taught by Bob Seppala and then by Lars Traffie. We are thankful for our substitutes this year, Angela Traffie, Mark Holombo, Kara Olson, Oren Traffie, Jody Rautiola, Randy Kangas and Sharlene Seppala. Also, a big thank you to David Sikkila for playing for the Sunday school.

### Some key points from our large group lessons from the Beatitudes are:

Jesus Calls His Disciples: Jesus wants to be our friend, *Matthew 4:18-22*.

The Crowds Follow Jesus: We want to follow Jesus, *Matthew 4:23-25*.

The Sermon on the Mount: Following Jesus' teaching changes our hearts for good. *Matthew 5:1-2*.

God Blesses Those Who are Poor: God is with us when we're in need. *Matthew 5:3*.

God Blesses Those Who are Sad: God comforts us when we hurt. *Matthew 5:4*.

God Blesses Those Who are Gentle and Kind: God will reward us in heaven. *Matthew 5:5*.

God Blesses Those Who are Fair: God makes everything right. *Matthew 5:6*.

God Blesses Those Who are Merciful: God is kind to us. *Matthew 5:7*.

God Blesses Those Whose Hearts are Pure: God helps us know him. *Matthew 5:8*

God Blesses Those Who Work for Peace: God calls us his children. *Matthew 5:9*.

God Blesses Those Who are Punished for Doing Right: God takes care of us. *Matthew 5:10*.

God Blesses Those Who are Made Fun of: God says we belong to him. *Matthew 5:11*.

A great Reward Awaits: God wants us to live for him. *Matthew 5:12*.

## Confirmation Class of 2015....Congratulations!

### Our Prayer for You

We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And we pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (*Ephesians 3:15-21*)



Left-Right: Sanders Ketola, Tavin Rautiola, Markus Anderson, Dallas Wooster, Noah Olson, Christa Ojala, Melonie Ojala. (The class was taught by Lars Traffie.)

## Start A Ministry at 68? Why not?

Submitted By Linda Cramb

Did you ever wonder how God would use you in your lifetime? Did you ever feel your opportunity to impact the world just passed you by? Think again, brother! Today, I met a man who began a ministry half way around the world when he was 68 years old, grey-haired and retired. His name is Joe Bodanza. He started working with teens from Vietnam in 1995, many years after the end of the Vietnam War.

This is how it all came about. Joe was asked by a young Vietnamese man to travel with him to his home country to see his parents. Joe agreed to go. There Joe got to see the country and fall in love with the people. Having experienced polio himself as a child, Joe's heart was torn to see many children in Vietnam with polio, scoliosis, and other physical deformities. These little ones did not have the medical care available to help them thrive.



*Joe in his Leominster apartment, displaying a Vietnamese Magazine with an article about Child Medical Connection*

Using all his financial resources, Joe started his work by bringing one youngster to Massachusetts for care. This young man improved greatly here in the US with the care of Shriner's Hospitals in Springfield and Boston. Inspired to do more, Joe Bodanza began offering assistance to more Vietnamese teens. Korean Airlines offered free transportation for this effort. Soon Joe's dream of helping disabled young people became an incorporated entity, Child Medical Connection, Inc. of Leominster, Mass.

"I tried to help them spiritually and materially," says Joe, who ended up selling a home in Gardner to pay off debts incurred from the new organization. But money did not matter to Joe, "It didn't mean anything," he said.

Because Joe had 7 to 10 students living as a group, he rented 4 apartments to house the boys and girls who came for medical help. Most returned to Vietnam after 6 months in the States. Some of the young people committed their lives to Jesus Christ as Joe took care of them and provided time for church attendance.

As Joe aged, he adapted his work in Vietnam to helping needy children and teens with funds to provide dental work, vision care, and school tuition. His tiny apartment is full of filing cabinets holding the file folders of hundreds of children he helped with sponsorships.

Of course, Joe had the financial help of donors, and the invaluable help of Nguyen Hoang Tuan (Tuan) a young man who has received medical treatment and education here in the US. The Lord has been Joe's Guiding Hand through it all. Joe said, "When God closes a door, He opens a window. God provides windows in all our lives."

There is a lot more to be written about the work of Joe Bodanza. Maybe your heart is touched by his work. Maybe your spirit and mind sense a new direction for your energy. Perhaps a window is opening today!

## Helping Uncle Joe

Submitted By Linda Cramb

Name: Joe Bodanza, unmarried, no children (unless you count the *hundreds* he has taught as a language teacher, or the youngsters of Vietnam that he helped to receive education and medical care).

Age: "I am 87 years young!"

Residence: Lives in small apartment in Leominster, in the neighborhood behind the Mall at Whitney Fields.

Health: It is what you can expect for an octogenarian. He can still drive but needs help getting to doctors' appointments.

Care Needs: Joe could use a friendly visit (especially on Mondays or Tuesdays) to check in on him. Occasionally, on a weekend night, he would be comforted to have someone present overnight. Food is appreciated, but definitely soft foods like pasta, soups, fruits and vegetables.



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Other help: Doing small amount of laundry, washing a few dishes. Basic office help such as filing, sending emails, stuffing envelopes for fundraising of Vietnam ministry.

Joe is just like a dear uncle that needs a little attention to “keep on keeping on”. Please help if you can. I promise you will enjoy your time visiting him. He loves the Lord, and maybe will share a few Bible verses with you that will bless your world. At a visit to his home, Joe shared the verse from the story of the Good Samaritan: “Go and do likewise!” Luke 10:37. That is a key verse for anyone who aspires to be like Christ.  
*Thank you, Lord, for great people who are our neighbors. We know You want us to be a true neighbor.*



*Adam Traffie finishes 2<sup>nd</sup>, right behind Avery Traffie, in the “Hope for Nica”*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Hope for Nica” 5K

Submitted By Jody Ojala

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Hope for Nica” 5K. Signs, Facebook, word of mouth and a flyer in our Sunday bulletin got the invitation out. “Come join us as we walk/run for Nica! Help educate, feed, clothe children from the El Padul Christian school in Nicaragua!”

Early that morning, cars, trucks and trailers full of supplies for the event came rolling into the NeWest mall plaza. Under Marla Somero’s direction, volunteers set up tents and tables for registration, food, raffle items and prizes. A bounce house and inflated slide were brought in to entertain the children. Marla is known for her attention to detail and when everything was in its place, the site was beautiful! Meanwhile, Lars Sauvola worked on marking out the route for the runners and walkers.

It was a cool and sunny day, perfect temperatures for a 5K run.

Soon people began lining up to register and receive their bib numbers and t-shirts. As 9 a.m. got close, the crowd moved next door to Hutter Construction to find a place at the “Start” line. One hundred thirty people had registered. After a short speech and a prayer, the race was on! A group hung back at the finish line to cheer the runners in. Eighteen minutes, twenty-seven seconds later, the first runner, Avery Traffie, crossed the line. He was followed by Adam Traffie just fifteen seconds behind. For the next hour, runners and eventually walkers, some pushing strollers, crossed the finish line as a crowd clapped and cheered. One man crossed over in a wheelchair; he’d worked hard at navigating New Ipswich hills.

Every runner had a story and a reason for being there. Some had steadily trained with an eye on the first place prize. Others had decided that morning to run. A few accompanied a friend or spouse, holding back on his own ability and letting the weaker one set the pace. It was exciting to hear that cancer, aging, childbearing, loss of a limb, little time to practice—none of these challenges deterred runners and walkers from being at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope for Nica 5K. “We run for the food!” one woman told me enthusiastically after the race, as she dished out homemade yogurt and granola, fresh fruit and delicious pastries from the food table. The race was exciting; the activities and food afterward were rewarding and memorable. The best part is that participants shared a satisfying experience and became anonymous benefactors to the children of El Padul Christian School in Nicaragua. This was truly an exciting race, well run!



*Volunteers help with the race & events.*

## GOTeam Update

Submitted By Bob O'Brien

We offer the following areas of outreach and encourage you to pray about where the Lord wants you to serve.

Be Blessed: You can serve at Be Blessed several hours during the week or donate gently used clothing and home goods, or simply stop by to say hello at our new location across from Belletetes, contact Linda Cramb (603-831-2393) or Jeanne Haase (603-562-5702).

Keene Community Kitchen: The second Tuesday of every month, contact John Jankowski (978-660-0192) or Dave Tourigny (978-297-1370).

Big Brother Big Sister: Consider becoming a big brother or sister and spending an hour per month encouraging a little (brother or sister). To learn more you can contact Bob O'Brien (603-831-4952) or go to:

<http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.9iILI3NGKhK6F/b.5962335/k.BE16/Home.htm>.

Narnia: Narnia is considered a closed country (UNreached) with less than 2% evangelical. Even though it is legal to be a follower of Jesus, there is a tremendous amount of persecution for citizens that follow Jesus. Indigenous believers will be refused employment; families will see them as outcasts and typically discontinue any financial support and abandon them. It is currently illegal to share the gospel in Narnia however our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would break down the wall of hostility and open the country to the good news. We covet your prayers for the indigenous believers to fellowship, encourage one another and actively share the good news. Lord willing a small team will travel to Narnia in October later this year (10-day expedition) to encourage our indigenous friends, visit schools to shine our light and expand our nets of influence in preparation for when the Lord allows us to openly share. If you are interested in learning more please see Ben Olson (603-562-5181) or Bob O'Brien (603-831-4952).

Nicaragua: There is a team leaving later this month for VBS (Vacation Bible School) and there is also a team scheduled for community development in December this year. Please see Marla Somero (603-670-9661) or Hosea Ketola (978-855-4373). We covet your prayers for


Ronnie & Tandy Seppala, serving long term in Nicaragua, discipling and raising up an indigenous pastor.

## News from Nicaragua

Submitted By Ronnie & Tandy Seppala



On April 27, 2015, a daughter, **Lydia Karen Seppala**, was born to Ronnie and Tandy Seppala, of Managua, Nicaragua. She joined big brother, Nathaniel. Tandy's sister, Lisbeth Aho, of New Ipswich, N.H. was in Nicaragua for the time of Lydia's birth. Thank you, Hope Fellowship church family for your support, prayers and making it possible for Lisbeth to be there!

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 or entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade

## Stewardship Corner

Submitted by Bob O'Brien

### Counsel

(Chapter 4)

#### **The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.**

Proverbs 12:15 NKJV

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *wisdom* as -  
"1. Understanding of what is true, right, or lasting. 2. Common sense; sagacity; good judgment: *"It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things"* (Thoreau).

The Liberty Illustrated Bible Dictionary defines *wisdom* as – ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding.

*Two attitudes keep us from seeking counsel:*

1. *Pride:* Our culture perceives seeking advice as a sign of weakness. We are often times encouraged to stand on our own two feet and that we do not need anyone to help us make a decision. Major advertisers coerce us to make impulse decisions because they know if we seek counsel it may lead to a lost sale.

2. *Stubbornness:* We often times resist seeking counsel or advice because we know that when we are objectively confronted with the facts, the decision would go against our emotional desires.

*Recommended sources of wise counsel:*

#### 1. *Scripture:*

- a. Psalm 119:24 "Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors."
- b. Psalm 119:98-99 "You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation."
- c. Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days."
- d. Proverbs 10:8 "The wise in heart will receive commands, but a prating fool will fall."

#### 2. *Counsel of Godly People:*

- a. Psalm 37:30-31 "The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice. The law of his God is in his heart;"

#### 3. *Spouse:*

- a. It will preserve your relationship: Both should agree because you will both experience the consequences. Even if the choice proves to be disastrous, the relationship remains intact and there are no grounds for "I told you so".
- b. It honors your spouse: Seeking your spouse's counsel helps develop a healthy self-esteem with your spouse and it communicates that "I love you, I respect you and I value your insight."
- c. It prepares your spouse for the future: It is an effective way to communicate and insure your spouse is attuned to your thought process, especially with regard to future planning, finances and commitments.

#### 4. *Parents:*

- a. Proverbs 6:20-22 "My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you."

#### 5. *Experienced People:*

- a. We should consult with people that are respected and experienced in the particular area that we are making a decision; real estate, automobiles, doctors, etc. and insure it aligns with scripture.

#### 6. *A Multitude of Counselors:*

- a. Proverbs 15:22 "Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established."
- b. Proverbs 11:14 "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety."
- c. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone?"

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- d. *Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

7. *Counsel of the Lord:*

- a. Psalm 32:8 *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."*
- b. Psalm 73:24 *"You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."*
- c. Psalm 16:7 *"I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons."*

*Counsel to avoid:*

1. *Counsel of the wicked:*
- a. Psalm 1:1 *"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;"*
2. *Fortune tellers, mediums and spiritualists:*
- a. Leviticus 19:31 *"Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God."*
- b. 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 *"So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. <sup>14</sup>But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse."*
3. *Biased Counsel:* What stake does the one offering counsel have in the outcome of your decision?

This information is from the Dictionary, Bible and Crown Financial Biblical Study. There is a small group study offered by Crown Financial, led by Bob & Sheila O'Brien. The series covers the major stewardship topics and can help you develop a balanced biblical approach that when followed will lead to reduced financial strain and a great plan while still relying fully on the Lord.

*If you would like to learn more about biblical principles of stewardship please speak to Bob O'Brien at church or you can also call or text at 603-831-4952.*

## Good News Club

Submitted By Wanda Knisley

Praise God for helpers! Starting January 26<sup>th</sup>, every Monday after school, at Highbridge Hill Elementary School in New Ipswich, 4 local ladies taught interested kids about the Living God of the Bible. They began in Genesis, with the story of Creation and worked their way through to the account of Noah. The children were taught about talking to God and hearing Him by reading His Word. One generous family donated "A Child's Action Bible" to every family with a child in the Good News club, nineteen Bibles in all. The children were excited to receive them and hungry to read His Word. Thirty-eight children attended. Four children accepted Jesus as their Savior. The Good News Club convened for the year on April 13<sup>th</sup> and will begin again, Lord willing, next January. The Club will be helping out with games and events at the New Ipswich Children's Fair this coming August. If you are interested in knowing more about the Good News club, please contact Wanda Knisley, (603) 878-2523.

### Congratulations

Hope Fellowship  
**GRADUATES 2015!**

**Ashlyn Somero**  
Victory High School

**Mackenzie Seppala**  
Victory High School

**Kylee Ojala**  
Mascenic Regional High School

**Shane Rautiola**  
Mascenic Regional High School

**Emily Rines**  
Mascenic Regional High School

**Dakota Chamberlain**  
Conant High School

**Sharlene Seppala**  
Conant High School

**Emari Traffic**  
Emerson College,  
Bachelor of Science in Journalism



# Get to Know

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Sunday School Class

Submitted By Laura Sauvola



Bottom L–R: Faith and Sofia, Top L-R: Ayden, Anden, Ashton & Donovan

**Faith Wooster:**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

John 3:16

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Playing and Basketball

**Ayden Seppala**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

The Bible story of Paul

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Fishing and Basketball

**Sofia Anderson**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

1 Thessalonians 5:14

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Go outside and Softball

**Anden Ketola**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

(Book of) Matthew

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Baseball

**Donovan Krook**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

All!

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Drawing and Mini-golf

**Ashton Somero**

**What is your favorite Bible story or verse?**

Easter Story

**What is your favorite hobby and or sport?**

Drawing and Mini-golf

## Concert to Benefit Hope’s Building Fund

Hope Fellowship will be hosting **ROBIN MARK** in concert on **Saturday, August 1, 2015, 6:30 pm, Mascenic Regional High School**. Some of Robin’s most popular songs include, “Days of Elijah”, “Take us to the River”, and “Be unto Your Name”. The proceeds from this concert will go toward Hope Fellowship’s Building Fund. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chad Gibson at 603-620-1030. Tickets are limited. To purchase tickets and for more info, see Hope Fellowship Church’s Facebook page.**



## Authority of the Holy Bible

Submitted By Ethan Ketola

As a Christian living in a world where some people do not share the same beliefs in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God our father many questions arise as to why a believer has faith. In the book of Peter we are encouraged as followers of Christ to be prepared for questions from unbelievers *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give and answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1Pet. 3:15)*. The answers that Peter is speaking about are found in God's word- the Holy Bible. This essay will examine how the Bible is indeed God's word and that it has power.

### *Authority of the Bible*

The first topic that needs to be addressed is establishing that the Bible has authority. After all the Holy Bible should be the guideline in which Christians live their lives in obedience to God. Jesus who the Bible determines is the Son of God, who came to save mankind from sin, spoke and healed with authority (Matt 7:29). Authority can also be inherent, when Jesus was asked by what authority he taught and acted he implied that the power was external (Elwell, 2001), as it came from his father in heaven. So Jesus clearly defines that his power comes from God to serve a purpose. The book of John declares that the word was with God and then took the form of human flesh- Jesus (John 1). Jesus the "word" came with authority therefore God's word the Bible has authority. The Prophets of the Old Testament found their certainty in God's revelation (Elwell, 2001) The Old Testament prophets also predicted historical events that came true such as Israel's fall to Babylon, the birth of Christ and many other historical markers.

### *Questions about the Authority of The Bible*

Many liberal theologians question the authority of scripture and declare that it is mostly man-made (Elwell, 2001). This theory however presents inconsistencies- "for insofar as it wishes the acceptance of its own unbiblical speculation it has to denounce the authority of the Bible" (Elwell, 2001). Or to put it more simply the Bible must be entirely true or entirely false. God declares that the Bible is indeed all true.

### *Inspiration of the Bible*

The Apostle Paul tells us "all scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Tim 3:16). This is a very accurate and lively way to establish that God gave life to scripture just as he breathed life and created the earth and everything in it.

### *Inerrancy of the Bible*

Inerrancy means to be without error. The Bible is inerrant. In 1978, 268 evangelical scholars met to at a conference in Chicago- to win Christians to the view of inerrancy (Elwell, 2001). They summarized that God only speaks truth, the Bible "written by men" was superintended by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit the divine author illumines readers and authenticates scripture, the Bible is without error in all of its teaching, the Bible's authority is impaired if inerrancy is impaired or denied (Elwell, 2001).

### *Questions of Inerrancy*

Some believe that because men wrote the Bible that there might be mistakes. For this question refer back to 2 Timothy where Paul declares that *all* scripture is God-Breathed and useful (2 Tim 3:16). If all scripture is God Breathed then it is perfect for God is perfect.

### *Relationship between Inspiration and Inerrancy*

God is perfect and without blemish. His son Jesus also "had no sin" (2 Cor 5:21) and was blameless. God who breathed (2 Tim) the scriptures into life is inerrant. His son Jesus Christ who in the beginning was the "word" is also inerrant. The relationship between God and his word are much like the relationship with the father and son. God sent both and both are without error.

### *Personal Summarization*

As I review the topics of scriptures authority, inspiration and inerrancy in the context of my own life I conclude that- God is perfect, He breathed scripture to life that we may know him and make him known, scripture is without error or contradiction as the Holy Spirit superintended the writing of scripture. I believe that a Christians should live their lives in accordance to The Bible. That sin has corrupted man and scripture is intended to remind us to focus our lives on Christ (Matt 6:33) that we must seek him. We must also do as Peter said, *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always*

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*be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*" (1 Pet. 3:15) The answers must be founded from the authoritative, inspirational work of God that is without blemish...The Holy Bible.

*God Bless,*

*Ethan Ketola*

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## IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY

### "Favorite Memories of My Dad..."

"Taking bike rides with my dad and playing catch."  
~ **Sofia Andersen (Dad: Jerry Andersen)**

"My dad took me to Great Wolf Lodge."  
~ **Draven Seppala (Dad: Doug Seppala)**

"Our dad always puts us first! He takes us to baseball practice and cheers us on at games. He watches intently while we learn gymnastics and is willing to spend his time doing what our interests are. He is teaching us that LOVE is sometimes sacrificial. We love you, Dad!"  
~ **Alden, Sadie and Elle Gibson (Dad: Casey Gibson)**

"Going to Camp Winamac, cooking marshmallows, fishing and doing other things." ~ **Ayden Seppala (Dad: Zach Seppala)**

"When we went on the log ride at Santa's Village, it was fun and I still have a snow globe of it." ~ **Donovan Krook (Dad: Ben Krook)**

"I was in South Carolina visiting my dad and when I was asleep he checked in on me. I was barely awake, when I felt him put a blanket on me..."  
~ **Israel Pyhala (Dad: Jesse Pyhala)**

"I love my dad because he takes me to Christian concerts." ~ **Decker Ketola (Dad: Jeremiah Ketola)**

"Having ice cream at Kimball's, going camping and going to car shows." ~ **Tiffany Wooster (Dad: Scott Wooster)**

"Dad you're the backbone of our family...the one that keeps us going. Thank you, Dad." ~ **Shannon Wooster (Dad: Scott Wooster)**

"Camping on top of Mt. Monadnock on the 4th of July with my dad and cousins." ~ **Laura Sauvola (Dad: Paul Somero)**

"I remember playing Monopoly and board games with my dad and siblings on wintry Sunday afternoons. In the summer, I remember backyard badminton matches and fishing. Sunday mornings, after breakfast, dad would sit in a lazy boy with a hymn book, rocking and singing loudly! He works hard tending his yard and fruit trees, and we look forward to eating blueberries and raspberries from his bushes, even to this day! Thank you Dad! ~ **Jody Ojala (Dad: Walter Aho)**

"I have many favorite memories of my dad of which many include him laughing, joking and having a good time. He loves his wife, kids and grandkids dearly. His favorite is teasing his grand kids and also giving them lots of hugs. He is also is one of the hardest working men I know, has a desire to seek the Lord and is humble and encouraging. What I really wanted to expound upon though, was how his relationship with The Lord impacted me. He modeled for me what it looked like to have an intimate relationship with Jesus beyond just being saved. I have seen him many times with his Bible open and in prayer. I've witnessed him telling others about Jesus and being bold in his walk. I've seen him offering encouragement to others (many times to me). I have been impacted by his faith that "with God all things are possible" and that He has a plan for each of us. I can't thank you enough dad! Your love for Jesus and your family is very evident! You are an incredible dad and Papi and we are so blessed to have you! I love you!" ~ **Heather Sauvola (Dad: Mark Holombo)**

"My best memory of my dad is when we went to the diner and ate breakfast. I liked when he talked to me. He was in a good mood. I had French toast and he had pancakes. After, I went to a birthday party in Boston and then my baby brother Liam was born. I like my dad because he is weird, funny and a hard worker."  
~ **Alec Sauvola (Dad: Dane Sauvola)**

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I'm thankful to have a dad who understands the need for grace. He values people more than things. When I was a teen, I was driving too fast on a slushy road and went up and over a snowbank. I was sitting outside the car wondering what in the world to do next when my dad drove up next to me. He just said "Why don't we go get you another car and I'll pull this one out while you're gone." He brought me home to get another vehicle and when I got home my car was sitting in the yard. After many accidents he still told me "We can always replace cars but we can't replace you."

I was blessed to still be living at home when he started reading his Bible faithfully. I'd see him reading in the morning, on Sunday afternoons and late at night. I remember seeing him reading after an angry outburst and wondering why. As he continued to seek God in the Bible I watched him change. He became softer. He was more likely to let things go, quicker to apologize and less frustrated. It was then that I decided there must be something real in the Bible and started reading myself. I treasure the memories of him and mom at the counter reading the Bible and praying in the early mornings before he left to work. The old saying "More is caught than taught" is certainly true. Thank you dad, for teaching me that I don't have to be perfect...Just willing to seek God and allow Him to change me.

~ **Sasha Sikkila (Dad: Mark Holombo)**

### JOKES (& Riddles) JAR

**Q:** How many months have 28 days?

**A:** All 12 months!

**Q:** A man leaves home and turns left three times, only to return home facing two men wearing masks. Who are those two men?

**A:** A Catcher and Umpire

**Q:** What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

**A:** The letter M

**Q:** I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

**A:** A candle

**Q:** What do you call a story about a broken pencil?

**A:** Pointless!

## Recipe to Share

### FRUIT PIZZA

#### Crust:

1 c. butter, softened

1 ½ c. sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla

2 ¾ c. flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder

¼ tsp. salt

Place butter and sugar in mixing bowl. Beat well with electric mixer. Add egg and vanilla. Mix until incorporated. In separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in to the ingredients in mixing bowl and mix well until all combined. Divide dough in half. Shape into 2 logs. Wrap in waxed paper or plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour. You may freeze 1 log for later or bake both now. Slice into circles and place together on greased pizza pan or cookie sheet. Press circles together, forming one large, round cookie crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Cool completely. Repeat with 2<sup>nd</sup> dough log, if desired.

#### Frosting for 1 pizza:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

1/3 c. sugar

½ tap. vanilla

Combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat well. Spread over cooled crust. (Double for 2 crusts).

#### Toppings:

strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, mandarin oranges or fruits of your choice.

Arrange berries and mandarin oranges over the cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until serving.





## Welcome Jordan & Jamie Moody!

### Onboarding Process

Submitted By Jordan Moody & Hope Fellowship Elders

The elders at Hope Fellowship Church are in complete agreement to acknowledge the God given abilities and talents of Jordan Moody and through the teaching elder search process have selected Jordan Moody as our compensated Teaching Elder. The initial step in this process was to hire Jordan and get him set up in the office at 16 Prescott Rd in Jaffrey where he will keep hours for study and sermon preparation, overseeing administrative duties and using the space for meetings.

In an effort to confirm this call and make a smooth transition for the church and for Jordan, there will be a 6 month onboarding period where Jordan will come alongside the elders and become actively engaged in the duties of the Teaching Elder. This onboarding process is meant to ease the transition for both parties involved. This process will be a systematic road map of intentional fellowship and accountability programs, which will allow Jordan and the elders to build trust and cohesion. The expected and intended end result of this process will culminate at the annual meeting where Jordan and Jamie will be accepted into membership and be blessed officially as the Teaching Elder of Hope Fellowship. Until then, Jordan will function and operate as the Teaching Elder and gradually grow into accepting the responsibilities of this new role.

The details of onboarding process will include mentorship, fellowship, and encouragement. Jordan will attend and participate in all elder meetings and duties. He and the other elders will complete the 12 week *Alexander Strauch Biblical Eldership Study*. During this time Jordan will read and understand the Belief Statement and By-laws of Hope Fellowship Church and gain a better understanding of our history. Each elder together with their wife will sponsor Jordan and Jamie for a month hosting them for dinner, going to their place for dinner, involving them in their small group and be available for them. This elder will meet with Jordan weekly to encourage him and answer any questions as well as provide him support. Jordan and Ben (Elder Chairman) will meet bi-weekly to evaluate and discuss the progress as well as any ongoing needs. Jordan will be spending time with each ministry to gain exposure

and understanding of their work. He will develop a weekly schedule and spend time getting to know each of the members of Hope Fellowship Church.

We, the elder team, are excited about what God is doing here at Hope Fellowship Church. We thank you all for your patience in this selection process. Please introduce yourself and welcome Jordan and Jamie to our fellowship. So many of you have already done this and greatly helped to make Jordan and Jamie feel right at home. The selection process is complete, but please don't forget to pray for Jordan and the elders. Pray for Jordan as he is preparing to preach and studying for his seminary courses. Pray for our church that we would subject ourselves to the preaching of God's word and change more and more into the likeness of our glorious Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory.

#### PSALM 5

Give ear to my words, O LORD,  
Consider my meditation.

<sup>2</sup> Give heed to the voice of my cry,  
My King and my God,  
For to You I will pray.

<sup>3</sup> My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;  
In the morning I will direct *it* to You,  
And I will look up.

<sup>4</sup> For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,  
Nor shall evil dwell with You.

<sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;  
You hate all workers of iniquity.

<sup>6</sup> You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;  
The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

<sup>7</sup> But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of  
Your mercy;

In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my  
enemies;

Make Your way straight before my face.

<sup>9</sup> For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;

Their inward part *is* destruction;

Their throat *is* an open tomb;

They flatter with their tongue.

<sup>10</sup> Pronounce them guilty, O God!

Let them fall by their own counsels;

Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,

For they have rebelled against You.

<sup>11</sup> But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;

Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;

Let those also who love Your name

Be joyful in You.

<sup>12</sup> For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;

With favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.



### GET TO KNOW JORDAN & JAMIE

**What town do you live in?**  
Dublin, NH

**Where did you grow up?**  
Jordan: Dublin, NH  
Jamie: Union, Maine

**What school(s) did you attend?**  
Jordan and Jamie: Dublin Christian Academy - High School and Bob Jones University - College  
Jordan: Liberty University- Seminary

**How did you meet your spouse and how long have you been married?**

- Jordan: We met in high-school. Jamie visited a Winter Bible Conference at DCA and swore she would never like me. But a few years later, I got her to change her mind. We started dating my senior year (2007) and continued to date through college. We got married after both of us were finished with college in 2012. We dated for 6 years and have been married for 3 years.

**Can you tell us something you appreciate today about your spouse?**

- Jordan: Her compassion.
- Jamie: His patience.

**What do you enjoy doing together with your spouse?**

- We enjoy bike rides together and finding new places to explore.

**Before coming to Hope what was your job?**

- Jordan: I was a teacher, coach, and dorm supervisor at Dublin Christian Academy.
- Jamie: I am a Pre-k and Kindergarten teacher at DCA.

**How did you get into that field of work?**

- Jordan: I grew up in a household of teachers and was surrounded by the school atmosphere my entire life. I also had a lot of experiences working with youth at camps and teaching became a way I could use my gifts and talents for God.
- Jamie: I graduated from college with an Early Childhood Education degree and have always loved being with kids.

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

- Jordan: Playing and following sports. (Soccer, Basketball, skiing, and all things New England) I enjoy reading.
- Jamie: Hanging out with friends and turning the channel away from SportsCenter. ;)

**What is something you enjoy about Hope Fellowship?**

- Jordan and Jamie: The family atmosphere. The close knit relationships. Knowing people are praying for you. The committed group of believers dedicated to helping people grow.

**Who has been the most influential person in your life?**

- Jordan: My Dad. He is the perfect example of a servant-leader.
- Jamie: My Mom. She is my best friend and always willing to help me and give me advice.

**What are three things you know today about God?**

1. His timing is perfect even when we don't think it is.
2. His grace is sufficient.
3. His love is unconditional.

**Is there a message you would leave with your children, your children's children and others when you are gone?**

- My high-school math teacher and mentor taught me something that has always stuck with me and I hope to instill in my children. "Life is choices, choices have consequences, make right choices." - Cliff Jenkin
- The other message is drawn from a theme in Ecclesiastes. The book describes everything "under the sun" as being vain. Therefore, we ought to live our lives with the mindset of getting "over the sun." Live for eternity for this world is passing away.

*Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!*

## JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup>-Colson Seppala  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sanders Ketola  
 5<sup>th</sup>- Noah Olson  
 6<sup>th</sup>-Stefanie Traffie  
 8<sup>th</sup>-Clara Aho  
 8<sup>th</sup>-Jody Rautiola  
 8<sup>th</sup>-Azaria Sikkila  
 11<sup>th</sup>-Grady Krook  
 12<sup>th</sup>-Aubrey Seppala  
 13<sup>th</sup>-Cindy Weimann  
 15<sup>th</sup>-Hosea Ketola  
 16<sup>th</sup>-Brooke Bishop  
 16<sup>th</sup>-Lynzie Broome  
 17<sup>th</sup>-Trace Aho  
 17<sup>th</sup>-Chase Seppala  
 18<sup>th</sup>-Kara Olson  
 20<sup>th</sup>-Noah Holombo  
 21<sup>st</sup>-Jorin Traffie  
 22<sup>nd</sup>-Shane Carrier  
 24<sup>th</sup>- Emily Krook  
 26<sup>th</sup>-Sherree Hodgson  
 26<sup>th</sup>- Denver Somero  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Amie Broome  
 30<sup>th</sup>- Brayen Ketola  
 30<sup>th</sup>- Sheila O'Brien  
 30<sup>th</sup>- Noah Rautiola

## JULY

1<sup>st</sup>- Lainey Holombo  
 1<sup>st</sup>- Cheryl Jankowski  
 1<sup>st</sup>- Isabella Knisley  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Zachary Clark  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Blaine Krook  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Rand Traffie  
 8<sup>th</sup>- Rebecca Saari  
 10<sup>th</sup>- Hannah Clark  
 10<sup>th</sup>- Ashley Seppala  
 11<sup>th</sup>- Dane Sauvola  
 11<sup>th</sup>- Zaden Sikkila  
 11<sup>th</sup>- Ashley White  
 19<sup>th</sup>- Emmanuel Hodgson  
 22<sup>nd</sup>- Samantha Olson  
 22<sup>nd</sup>- Jarrett Sikkila  
 24<sup>th</sup>- Josie Seppala  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Raelene Somero  
 28<sup>th</sup>- Robert Ojala  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Dakota Somero

## AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup>- Chad Gibson  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Chad Saari  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jade Traffie  
 4<sup>th</sup>- Joni Somero  
 6<sup>th</sup>- Brandon Broome  
 6<sup>th</sup>- Ross Somero  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Asher Aho  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Jo-Lynn Somero  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Cole Traffie  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Kell Traffie  
 8<sup>th</sup>- Rowan Ducharme  
 11<sup>th</sup>- Derek Chamberlain  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Beth Clark  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Mia Saari  
 15<sup>th</sup>- Celia O'Brien  
 15<sup>th</sup>- Matson Seppala  
 16<sup>th</sup>-David Hill  
 17<sup>th</sup>-John Jankowski  
 19<sup>th</sup>- Jens Saari  
 20<sup>th</sup>- Wren Aho  
 20<sup>th</sup>- Justin Haase  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Gerald Anderson  
 23<sup>rd</sup>-Isabella Ducharme  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Britain Sauvola  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Draven Seppala  
 24<sup>th</sup>- Christa Ojala  
 24<sup>th</sup>- Mackenzie Seppala  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Trent Seppala  
 28<sup>th</sup>- Kathleen Muhonen  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Jeremiah Ketola

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### June

7<sup>th</sup>-Mr. & Mrs. Chad Saari  
 18<sup>th</sup>-Mr. & Mrs. Lars Stenersen  
 20<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Kangas  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Seppala

### July

3<sup>rd</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Todd Somero  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Aho  
 8<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. David Salo  
 16<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Dane Sauvola  
 20<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. David Sikkila  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Zane Broome  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Mrs. & Mrs. Lars Sauvola  
 25<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. & Mrs. Elijah Ketola  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seppala

### August

3<sup>rd</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Todd Chamberlain  
 11<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Ojala  
 21<sup>st</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Ken Sauvola  
 22<sup>nd</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cramb  
 23<sup>rd</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Anderson  
 31<sup>st</sup>- Mr. & Mrs. Kell Traffie

## New in the Nursery

*A daughter, Harlow Cambria, to (Aaron) and Katie Aho, Tyra, Asher, Trace and Cashton on March 21, 2015.*

*A son, Justus Isaiah, to Greg and Sharon Somero and Slater on March 30, 2015.*

*A son, Liam James, to Dane and Heather Sauvola, Alec and Charlize on April 12, 2015.*

*A daughter, Willa Marlie, to Austin and Lacy Aho, Wren and Sawyer on May 23, 2015.*

## Scripture to Memorize:

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Romans 12:2 NKJV