

*Journey with Grace... Journey with Us...  
New Vision Presbyterian Church*



July 29, 2015

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**PASTORS CORNER at New Vision**

After a very successful Vacation Bible School where the children learned of the Fruits of the Spirit ~ Galatians 5:22-23, we reviewed with the congregation the ways in which these tie together in our Christian walk.

The focus of Sunday's service was on Peace. It is important in the work of the church that we have one mind in Christ as we strive to share the gospel with our community and our world. There are many who struggle each day without a sense of an inner peace. That peace comes only from God; the knowledge of the saving grace of His Son Jesus Christ and by the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we know Christ, we experience that peace and it is our obligation to share the good news of the gospel with all those we come in contact with.



~ Mark Osborne 828.228.1714

**THIS WEEK at New Vision**

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| Sun | 8/2 | 9:00 am  | Classes for Adults, Youth and Children  |
|     |     | 10:00 am | Worship: Mark Osborne ~ Sharing the Gospel<br>~ Childcare                                   |
| Wed | 8/5 | 6:30 pm  | Dinner  |
|     |     | 7:00 pm  | Mid-Week Journey<br>~ Classes for children and adults<br>~ A Love Letter from God ~ Malachi |
| Sun | 8/9 | 9:00 am  | Classes for Adults, Youth and Children  |
|     |     | 10:00 am | Worship: Mark Osborne<br>~ Childcare<br>~ Communion<br>~ Feed the Hungry                    |

Children's Church 8/2: Hailey Cline  
Attendance on 7/26: 54  
Feed the Hungry 7/26:

Refreshments 8/2:  
Offering for 7/26: \$ 650.00  
(\$1600 needed to support our weekly budget)

## WEDNESDAY at New Vision

*A Bible Study for ALL Ages*



**August 5th**  
***A Love Letter from God***  
***Malachi***

6:30 Dinner ~ 7:00 Bible Study

Join us for a four week series full of hope and encouragement

This is a time of fellowship and an opportunity for spiritual growth in Your daily walk with Christ.

Don't miss this opportunity to renew yourself in the middle of the week.

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## OUR YOUTH GROUP at New Vision

**August 16th**

**Ready.  
Set.  
Baseball!**

**JOIN US AT THE BALLPARK!**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 AT**  
**L.P. FRANS STADIUM**  
*2500 CLEMENT BLVD NW, HICKORY, NC 28601*

*Christian Concert Night  
with Colton Dixon*

**Cost: \$5.00 per person  
for game, concert, and  
meal voucher.**

**Arrive at 5:30 p.m.  
First Pitch at 6 p.m.**

**We have 10 tickets  
available for this event  
at this price.**

Payment due to  
Mike and Patty  
by August 9th.

*(Tickets distributed  
on a first paid  
first served  
basis.)*

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***If you have an announcement that you would like included in the News for the Journey, please send FULL details to [newvisionchurch@gmail.com](mailto:newvisionchurch@gmail.com), by Tuesday at least two weeks prior to your event.***

## Exciting News for New Vision

On behalf of the Steering Team, it is my honor and privilege to announce the call of Mark Osborne as the Designated Pastoral Leader for New Vision. Mark has been a dedicated servant leader for New Vision and a great help to the Presbytery. During this transitional period, Mark will be handling the majority of preaching and pastoral care duties for New Vision. In addition, Dennis Stamper will continue to assist as needed.

I realize there may be some confusion as to what this all means for New Vision. As was explained after Frank and Ann left, there is a process that is followed in calling a new pastor for a Presbyterian church. That process started with the congregational survey and completion of the Ministry Information Form that was submitted to Presbytery earlier this year. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected and began meeting to review resumes and work to discern who God has called to be the next pastor for New Vision. At this point, The PNC continues to meet and review resumes from candidates. They have been dedicated in both work and prayer as they continue to focus on their duties.

You may also be asking why Mark can't just be named pastor for New Vision on a permanent basis. Our particular situation at New Vision is unique. The Presbytery has provided significant assistance both financially and administratively over the past few years. However, the ultimate goal is to become a chartered, self-sustaining congregation. That can only happen through outreach and growth. By allowing the PNC to continue its work and Mark to step into this new role, it gives the opportunity for New Vision to continue the evangelistic outreach to the community with the goal to grow the church which is needed for ultimate self-sustainment.

For now, the Steering Team and Presbytery feel it is in the best interest of New Vision to allow the PNC to continue its work of looking for a new pastor. At the same time, we wish to recognize the work and commitment of Mark by calling him to a paid part-time leadership position for the church.

There are many exciting things happening at New Vision. The Holy Spirit is moving in many ways throughout. We are excited about this next chapter for New Vision and look forward to seeing what God has in store. There are already some things being planned that you will hear more about in the weeks to come.

As 1 Corinthians 12:27 reminds us, **we** are the body of Christ and each of us has unique gifts to offer. I am asking you to join the Steering team in using your gifts for New Vision to the glory of God. If you are not already involved with one of the Ministry teams, check them out! Your help and ideas can always be used. If you know of someone looking for a new church home, invite them to New Vision! **We** must be His hands and feet. Continue to pray for the PNC as they seek to do God's will and pray for Mark as he steps into his new leadership role.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the Steering team members to discuss. My e-mail is [gesmith40@charter.net](mailto:gesmith40@charter.net). I cannot promise we will have an answer, but we will find someone who does! With your dedication, prayers and support we will continue to make New Vision a witness of Christ for the community.

Sincerely,  
Greg Smith  
Chair, Steering Team  
New Vision, NCD