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**Issue 1**

**January 2010**

**A new beginning and a fresh start - how does that sound to you?**

Thinking both back and ahead at the same time has caused me to get stuck on the present. How can we move past where we are? Or, should we continue as we are? Have you ever been stuck?

I recall several years ago I bought a new 1985 Ford Bronco. I really loved this truck. It was new and it was 4-wheel drive. What more could I have asked for? I was unstoppable, or so I thought.

I cannot recall the year, but it was winter. It had been snowing heavily that day, and I needed to get some guys back to town. One of the guys asked me if I thought I would be able to make it through the snow. Without hesitation I spouted off, "Nothing can get me stuck." These turned out to be very big words from a little man. I didn't even make it a half mile down the road when I came upon a huge snow drift. I stopped for a minute to size up the obstacle, but without giving any consideration of getting stuck I let out the clutch and hammered on the accelerator

and way I went. I was only about half way through the drift when I came to a complete stop. I assured my passengers not to worry and commenced working the truck back and forth. Before I knew what had happened I had slipped into the side ditch. I was in the snow so deep that I couldn't even open my door. Oh, by the way, did I tell you that this was before cell phones became so widely used? Well, to keep a long story short, I spent the next hour or so shoveling my way out of a tight spot.

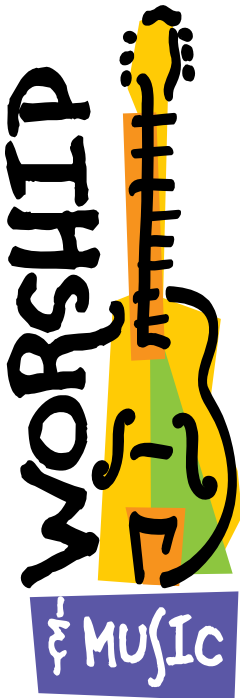
Life is at times like this snow drift causing us to get stuck. We start to think about what is ahead and become nostalgic about our past, causing us to get stuck in the present. What would have happened if the first church (Acts 2:42-47) would have gotten stuck in the present? What would have happened if these early Christians would not have shared God's saving message with others? Where would we be today?

We as a church have a responsibility to share God's saving message with others. We don't have a right to keep it to ourselves. I read recently we have two ways of determining the authenticity of our faith in Christ. First, the extent of our love for God should be played out through our thinking and behavior. The second is our growing ability to love others. To put it simply, our love for God and our love for people (Matt. 22:37-40) determines the authenticity of our salvation. We cannot say that we love God and not have a desire to reach out to His people.

This new year ushers in a new beginning and a fresh start not only for us but for many others. I hope we don't get stuck in the present.

Pastor  
Marvin





## Worship & Music

**What's Pastor Marvin going to talk about**

**Jan. 3rd** – Acts 9:1-19a

“The Right Way”

**Jan. 10th** – Acts 2:42-47

“Working Together”

**Jan. 17th** – Genesis 45:1-15

“Choosing to Do Right”

**Jan. 24th** – Genesis 9:1-17

“Remembering the Promise”

**Jan. 31st** – Romans 12:1

“How Does **MY** Life Relate to God?”

## January Helpers

### First Service

**Jan. 3rd** – Jennifer Hamrick, Bryan Sutton, Donna Foster, Chris Heitkamp, Sandy King, John Foster

**Jan. 10th** – Jerrold Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Martha Baltzell, Margie Sill, Larry Worden, Ed Garver

**Jan. 17th** – Jamie Pontsler,

Rod Heiser, Donna Riley, Jan Heiser, Bill Miller, Rob Hoehamer

**Jan. 24th** – Jerrold & Sue

Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Ralph & Susan Moeller, Ed Garver

**Jan. 31st** – Connie Sell,

Rob Hoehamer, Joe & Annette Felver, Bill Miller, Jerry Sill

### Second Service

**Jan. 3rd** – same as 1st service

**Jan. 10th** – Mike & Candy Weitz, Adam & Lisa Williams, Bob Schumm, Bart Beerbower

**Jan. 17th** – same as 1st service

**Jan. 24th** – Jerry Sell, Bob Schumm, Sharon Davis, Tom & Shirley Pryer, Bart Beerbower

**Jan. 31st** – same as 1st service

## Happy Birthday !!!

2nd – Bill Hurless

3rd – Rob Hoehamer

5th – Amber Slusher

6th – Jeremy Heiser

Steve Lugabihl

8th – Abbea Hoehamer

John Foster

Jodi Zimmerman

Jane Fisher

10th – Adam Williams

13th – Dave Kimmel

16th – Susan Moeller

20th – Judy Jackson

23rd – Dorothy Barber

24th – Andrew Long

Ned Hileman

26th – Josh Felver

31st – Ed Jackson

## Christian Education

Praise God for the wonderful teachers and volunteers we have at New Horizons in the Christian Education area. We are looking forward to great things in 2010. We continue to offer programs for children through 5th grade during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Please join us!!!

### January camp fundraisers:

Did you get to taste the gourmet popcorn that the campers made during their bake sale? Did you have a favorite flavor? If so be sure to order some, the campers will begin taking orders for popcorn on January 17th thru January 31st. They will make the popcorn on February 6th and ready to be picked up on the 7th just in time

for the Super Bowl game. There will be samples of the sizes available hanging on the bulletin board in the foyer.

On Friday, January 22nd, the campers will be holding a soup and sandwich dinner before the boy's home basketball game. They will have a variety of soups and sandwiches available. Be sure to stop and eat before the game.

### 9:30 Service Nursery

**Jan. 3rd** – Linda Schwartz  
Barb Schumm

**Jan. 10th** – Janice Peel  
Andrew Peel

**Jan. 17th** – Laura Schleucher, Jenna Schleucher

**Jan. 24th** – Katy Sill

Jane Smith

**Jan. 31st** – Sue Eichenauer

Barb Schumm

### 11:00 Service Nursery

**Jan. 3rd** – Donna Riley

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**Jan. 10th** – Amy Bransteter

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**Jan. 17th** – Barb Schumm

Bridget Brogan

**Jan. 24th** – Pam Meyer

Madison Meyer

**Jan. 31st** – Julie Long

Youth Helper

**Clean Nursery Toys & Linens** – Marianna Fetters



## Youth and Parents

What's the best thing about winter? Sure...Christmas is fun. But once all the gifts have been unwrapped what else is there to look forward to? Snow days!!! Enjoy snow as a teenager, because once you're an adult snow is not fun any longer. You have to shovel your driveway, scrape the ice off your car, and the worst thing of all - no more snow days! What a bummer!

There was one winter in particular that I remember from my childhood. I was 12 years old and it was the middle of January. I woke up one morning and we had like four feet of snow on the ground

(maybe I'm exaggerating a bit...give me a break - I was a kid!!!). All of us lucky kids were off school for a solid two weeks! Those were probably one of the best two weeks of my life.

We did it all: snowball fights, sledding, tubing, snowmen, igloos! You've got to love a good snow day. It's a great time just to have fun maybe hanging out with friends or chilling at home recharging from the busyness of life. Now, have you ever had a spiritual snow day? Hmm...You have - you just

don't know it!

Everything that Wired Youth Group offers for you is an opportunity to have a spiritual snow day. It's a time to remove yourself from the busyness of life. It's a time to hang out with Christian friends. And, more importantly, it's a time to recharge your relationship with God!

"Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of Jesus' return is drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25).



## Spiritual Care

Congratulations to our newest members: Ben & Laura Schleucher, Jenna Schleucher, Rick & Rachel Schleucher, Ed & Judy Jackson, Bridget Brogan, and Amber Slusher.

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Pastor Marvin for more information. Our next membership class will be held on May 2nd.

### Family Fun Night

Do you like to play **BINGO** or just like to have some family fun?

On Thursday, January 14th @ 6:30 p.m. the Congregational Care Committee will be having a family fun night.

We will be providing drinks and will have prizes for the winners of each game. So bring a **friend** and bring a snack for a night of **BINGO**

Please watch the calendar and bulletin for more opportunities to fellowship together in 2010 as we will have more "Fun Nights" and fellowship dinners.

If you have any ideas for a family fun night please let Sue Eichenauer or Sandy King know.



## Finance

Dear New Horizons Members and Attendees:

We look forward to 2010 with great anticipation. Like all years, 2009 was a year of up's and down's, positive and negative. To a large degree it is our attitude that shapes our experiences. This is true regarding financial matters: II Cor.: 9:7.

The year-end contribution statements will be in your boxes within the next two weeks. Please review them and let me

know if you have any questions. I try to make sure your giving is accurately posted to your account, but I do make mistakes (more than I like).

We have put a dent in the parking lot loan. To date, we have applied in excess of \$7,000 against the \$50,000 loan. If you feel led to contribute to this project, just indicate "parking lot" on your giving envelope and we'll do the rest.

I pray you earnestly seek

God's direction in all areas of life, including your finances. He will honor your faithfulness, obedience, and tithe.

Blessings,  
Tom Burch



## Missions

*We at New Horizons Community Church support Missionaries in other countries, within our state, our church, and community. We are asking our congregation to go above and beyond your giving of tithes to help support these Missionaries.*



Our supporters are:

**Mrs. Prabhakar** – is involved with multi-faceted ministry in Narsapur, India. She runs a large Narsapur Christian Hospital and she does the Beautiful Children Program which supports children of a parent who has leprosy.

**Paul Goodwin** – is on staff with the Navigators, a non-denominational Christian organization that works on college campuses.

**Laurel Missions** – is a ministry to the mountain people of southeast Kentucky. They teach at Living Water Christian School, directing Laurel Mission, entertaining mission friends and work teams, V.B.S., summer camps, community visitation, weddings, funerals and hospital calls which makes up their busy lives.

**The Hendricks** – are on staff with Send International which is a working church planting team in Spain.

**Fenning's** – Randy will teach at the Evangelical College of Theology near Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**Home Missions** – is used to help families from our church and community who are in need. Your giving in this area has enabled us to respond to various needs that may arise throughout the year.

We have three options for giving:

1. Weekly – by writing amount x 52 = amount for the year.
2. Monthly – by writing amount x 12 = amount for the year.
3. One time – by writing one amount for the year.

A form will be in your bulletin to fill out, then place it in the offering basket.

**Thank you for your support!**

## 30 Hour Famine

Hey Youth!!! Don't forget to start your famine after lunch on Friday, January 8th. Be at the church by 6 p.m. The famine will take place until Saturday, January 9th at 6 p.m.

**This is what you need to bring:**

Bring warm clothes (coat, gloves, etc.), sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste,

Deodorant, etc.), collected money, positive attitude, and Bible.

