



Serving the people & communities of New Hampshire

Granite State Church of Christ

Built on the Rock

Jesus-Concern for the Poor and Needy



Throughout the gospels we find Jesus' concern for the physical needs of people demonstrated through his words and actions. When people were hungry he fed them. When they needed a safe place in a storm he provided it for them. When they were heartbroken over the death of a family member he comforted them. He touched the leper. Gave sight to the blind. His concern went beyond simply meeting a physical need. His concern and hope was to ultimately lead them to his Father in Heaven. It was part of his mission.

Often times physical struggles distract us from seeing our spiritual needs. A starving man spends his time looking for a morsel of food to ease his pain rather than the promise of a distant salvation. He longs for food and hope. And when his family is also suffering his pain takes on an added dimension - providing for their needs.

"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the LORD will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them." (Isaiah 41:17). The poor and needy face these special challenges in life. God loves the poor, wants them to be saved and will not forsake them. He needs his people, us, to help overcome the special challenges they face.

The poor and needy have a special place in God's heart. And therefore should have a special place in ours. When we give to the poor, we give to God. *"Whatever you did for*

one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40)

We share a common connection with the poor. *"Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all."* (Prov. 22:2)

We can accomplish more together. *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."* (Ecc. 4:9-12). There is much to do, even in the state of New Hampshire. Much can be accomplished through individual effort. But when we collectively come together even great good can be done.

With this in mind we have decided to develop a HOPE worldwide chapter in New Hampshire. The goal is to build up God's Kingdom thru service to the poor. Simply put - to serve the poor and needy in New Hampshire thru local efforts and utilizing support of HOPE worldwide.

The benefits of starting a chapter in NH are many. It provides the ability to tap into the HOPE worldwide reputation of helping the poor. HOPE worldwide is known and respected in governments around the world and is recognized by the United Nations. The US government provides grants to HOPE for projects in the US as well as foreign countries
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Calendar

Tuesday, Jan 31- 7:00 PM
 Teen dgroup at TBD
SNH- Campus devotional at Lelesi clubhouse

Wednesday, Feb 1- 7:00 PM
PORTS- Men's midweek in family groups
SNH- Campus Bible talk at Lelesi clubhouse

7:30 PM

SNH- Men's midweek at LHS room 205

Thursday, Feb 2- 7:00 PM
SNH- Campus Bible talk at Daniel Webster College

Sunday, Feb 5- 10:00 AM
PORTS- Church service at Dover Middle School
SNH- Church service at South School

Tuesday, Feb 7- 7:00 PM
 Teen dgroup at TBD
SNH- Campus devotional at Lelesi clubhouse

Wednesday, Feb 8- 7:00 PM
PORTS- Women's midweek in family groups
SNH- Women's midweek at LHS room 205

PM Contribution Report

<u>Budget:</u>	<u>\$1,500 per week</u>
Jan 8	\$1,390
Jan 15	\$1,536
Jan 22	\$1,635
2012 YTD budget: \$6,000	2012 YTD actual: \$7,190

SNH Contribution & Attendance Report

<u>Budget:</u>	<u>\$4,900 per week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Jan 8	\$5,733	141
Jan 15	\$4,482	141
Jan 22	\$3,858	142
2012 YTD budget: \$19,600	2012 YTD actual: \$18,412	

2012 Corporate Meeting

The 2012 GSCC Corporate Meeting will be held in Southern New Hampshire Ministry on Sunday, February 12 and on Sunday, February 19 in the Portsmouth Ministry in conjunction with the church service.

The meeting will include a report on the 2011 work of the Board of Trustees, 2011 Financial Report, 2012 Budget Report and election of the slate for the 2012 Board of Trustees. The slate for 2012 is: Carl Christensen, Mike Fix, Mike Klein, Greg Martin, Jeff Richards, Carol Searles and Mike Vinson. Mike Villars has decided to step down from serving on

the Board.

Mike has served on the GSCC Board since 1994. His contributions and wisdom have been immeasurable. We are deeply indebted to Mike, and will miss his participation on the Board.

The Board made an amendment to the by-laws, which now requires approval by a majority of the congregation present at the corporate meeting. The original by-law is written below, with the amended changes underlined.

Article VI, Officers

Section 6.7

Secretary

The Secretary, or their desig-

nee, shall 1) keep the minutes of the Corporation and the meetings of the Board of Trustees, 2) see that all the notices are given in accordance with these Bylaws or as required by law, 3) be custodian of the corporate records, using either physical or electronic storage, and 4) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Please note that according to our by-laws only baptized members of the GSCC are eligible to vote at the Corporate Meeting.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Sandra Meads who had a bad fall; Chris Perez's cousin who recently had some tumors biopsied; Nancy Grimes and her family in the death of her mother. Also for

Susan Compas' friend Anna's daughter who was diagnosed with breast cancer; Traci Iwanowski's cousin who is battling cancer and Rebecca Christensen who would like prayers for increased faith.

Please keep the following in your prayers for their health: Traci Iwanowski's

mother who had surgery; Rhonda Meninno; Glenn Petruzzi's father, Leo; Bobbi Jackson; Susan Compas' mother; Tom Farmer's mother, Jean; Edna Cyr; Lorenna Cyr; Brynn Marcellino; Joy Paradise's friend Miss Rena; Rebecca Christensen.

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Announcements

"Life Changing Worship"

Dave Eastman's new book, "Life Changing Worship" will be available in February 2012. Dave, you'll remember, came to NH in April of 2011 and lead a fantastic workshop on Worship. His new book includes additional insights into daily worship of our Lord. If we, as a church, preorder the book we'd receive a discounted price of \$12.00 per book. His new book will provide inspiration, direction and creative ideas for each of us to enjoy and enrich our worship.

If you are interested in ordering a book or books please complete and turn in an Order Form to Andrea Te-

jada or Greg Martin with a check or cash for \$12.00 per book.

GSCC T-shirts

The tees are in and will be distributed in SNH at mid-week Wednesday night and in Portsmouth next Sunday.

If you ordered tees and haven't paid for them you will need to before you can pick them up. If you didn't order we will have a few extras in adult sizes S-XL available on a first-come first-served basis. We will be ordering more shirts in the future.

2012 Teen Winter Retreat

Who: The Older Teens (9th -12th) of the New England Churches

When: Friday, February 24th - Sunday, February 26th 2012

Where: Camp Cody in Freedom, N.H. The weekend will include spiritual lessons, group building games, dodgeball, fellowship, great food, and lots of fun!

The permission slips, cost and additional information will be announced in the coming weeks.

Campus Ministry

All NE Campus Devotionals

On Friday, February 3rd there will be a devotional at 8 PM at the Framingham building.

On Friday, March 2nd there will be a devotional at 8 PM at MIT.

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The local chapter can also respond quickly to local needs and efforts.

The New Hampshire HOPE *worldwide* Chapter will include an Advisory Board consisting of Mike & Debbie Villars, Jeff and Lisa Morris and Ken and Naomi Kruger. Our Chapter Representative will be Tim and Natalie Chien.

The GSCC Local HOPE Chapter Advisory Board will review existing programs and efforts in NH along with global efforts. The local board will recommend the best opportunities to involve the church in

servicing the poor to the Glory of God and to build up His kingdom in New Hampshire.

I believe meeting physical needs was part of Jesus' plan for his mission. For when physical needs were met people were more apt to consider their spiritual needs. I also believe Jesus knew it was important for our own hearts to help those in need (Matt. 25).

We've seen the amazing, self-less efforts of many in our congregation to personally help the poor and needy. We have members

who distribute food to families in need, volunteer in a soup kitchen and one who serves in a Prison Ministry. We've collected food and money for the New Hampshire Food Bank, shoe boxes for soldiers and the Nashua Foster Care Holiday Party.

We look forward to working together as a congregation to meet the physical needs of the poor and needy with the hope of meeting their spiritual needs as well.

Mike Villars

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**GSCC - SNH
2012 Church Calendar**

MIDWEEK MONTHLY PLAN

1st Wed.	Men
2nd Wed.	Women
3rd Wed.	All (men, women, children)
4th Wed.	Small Groups in homes

MIDWEEK TEACHING SCHEDULE

Feb. - May	Gospels of Mark and Matthew (NH Teaching Team)
June	"I Choose Us" Marriage Workshop (Mike & Laura Fix)
July	TBD
Aug. - Dec.	Gospels of Luke and John (NH Teaching Team)

JANUARY

19	Board of Trustees Conference Call
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FEBRUARY

5	Super Bowl (Go Patriots)
12	Church Service followed by Corporate Meeting
19	Women's Night Out
23	Board of Trustees Meeting
24-26	Teen Winter Camp

MARCH

18	Bring Your Neighbor Day with meal
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APRIL

8	Easter Sunday
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MAY

6	New Hampshire Missions Contribution
13	Mother's Day
28	Memorial Day

JUNE

6, 13, 20, 27	"I Choose Us" Marriage Workshops
17	Father's Day

JULY

5-8	International World Conference (San Antonio, TX)
22	FUN in the Sunday

AUGUST

12-19	NE Teen Camp
14-19	NE Preteen Camp

SEPTEMBER

3	Labor Day
23	Bring Your Neighbor Day with meal

OCTOBER

14	Men's Night Out (tentative date)
21	World Missions Special Contribution

NOVEMBER

22	Thanksgiving Day
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DECEMBER

16	Christmas Service
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