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# TAKENOTE

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THE BUSYNESS OF THE HOLIDAYS CAN LEAVE US EXHAUSTED AND FEELING UNFULFILLED, EVEN AS WE FILL OUR CALENDARS WITH EXCITEMENT.

HERITAGE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE INVITES US TO SLOW DOWN AS THEY BEGIN THEIR NEW SERMON SERIES, SHARING THEIR HEART AND VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR: GO. GROW. GO.

CHURCH SERVICES: SUNDAY 9:15/10:45AM





What is the pillar of Fellowship of the Mat all about? More importantly, what does it take to be apart of this kind of fellowship? The concept of this pillar comes from Mark 2:1-12. In this account you see several friends who are carrying a paralytic on a bed mat to Jesus to be healed. When they arrive at the house, there is no room to get in the front door, so they decided to carry him to the roof of the house and lower him to Jesus. They had one mission in mind...



GET THEIR FRIEND TO JESUS
NO MATTER WHAT! THIS
ACCOUNT ILLUSTRATES THE
QUALITIES WE STRIVE TO
POSSESS IN ORDER TO HAVE
A UNIFIED AND AUTHENTIC
COMMUNITY HERE AT NHCA.

The beautiful part is that Christ demonstrated each of these qualities for us. He was compelled by the love of His Father in heaven to come and rescue. Christ constantly demonstrated a priority of affection towards the sick, hurting, lost, weak, rejected, fatherless, etc. They were treasures in his eyes. He was genuine and vulnerable before his disciples. Christ trusted in the Father fully, even to the point of death. Repeatedly Christ would take about speaking only what he heard the father speak and doing the will of the Father. He fully entrusted himself to the Father. He was always willing to gather around not only the disciple's mats of unbelief, weakness, illness, and flawed thinking but also those that came to him. Christ even demonstrated his willingness to be carried in the garden as he prayed about the cup being taken from him if possible. He was always ready to teach, correct and rebuke his disciples when necessary out of love and knowing that truth brought life. Christ was willing to see it to completion, and pursued that goal unto the cross stating that it was finished. Even now, he continues to stand beside the Father interceding for us and gave us the Holy Spirit to enable us to accomplish the mission.

- The love of Christ compels and motivates you. We must abide in a personal relationship with Christ, knowing He is what we need.

  Anything else that motivates us will result in a limited desire to invest in others.
- Be vulnerable and trust those around you. We need to be willing to take the surface level mask off and trust others to get close.
- Be determined to carry others and be carried yourself. We have to refuse to just sit around and talk about problems, and be willing to engage no matter the cost or difficulty.
- Be accountable in love.

  Sometimes truth hurts, but we have to be willing to speak truth in love and also receive truth.
- Patiently endure. A willingness to see our investment through to the end instead of a "drop and go" mentality.





Thank you

### **VETERANS**

written by Noah Hamilton, 6th grade student

"Dear Veterans, we all want to thank you for your service! You might have been drafted or just volunteered, be either way you still helped, loved, and fought for our amazing country -this country that would not be the same without ALL of you! It would be impossible for anyone not in the military to realize how much hard work and dedication you put into this country! We may have museums and documentaries on TV about what it's like to be in the military, but we can never truly understand what goes on while fighting in the front lines of battle for our country! I am truly thankful for everything you've done to help all of us have better lives in this country! When I was writing this I thought of a Bible verse -James 1:2 says, "Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters whenever you face challenges of many kinds." This verse is what all veterans had to do. When they were faced with tragedies like 9/11 or any off the World Wars, they had to give all their anger, frustration, and sorrow to the Lord and because of them doing that, we are here today being HONORED as veterans – not only for fighting for our country but loving the Lord as well. I hope all of you here today will look up to these veterans and use them as an example in your life when you are going through its many challenges. I hope that this speech can remind you of how honored and special all the veterans here are."







## Alpha & Omega

KINDERGARTEN IS LEARNING MORE THAN THEIR ALPHABET

written by Tami McCallister

We are learning that God is called by many names in the Bible. We are focusing on two names in our small group discipleship this second quarter. Ms. Stewart and I are using "Good Shepherd" and "Alpha and Omega" as our two names to learn and focus on.

"Good Shepherd" comes from John 10:11-18 and Luke 15. We talked about how God is our good shepherd and how He loves us. He is always reaching out to us even when we occasionally stray like sheep stray from a shepherd. We used the parable of the one hundred sheep and hid a stuffed sheep in the classroom. We sent a "shepherd" into the hall and when he came back into the room, the other students made "bahhhhh" noises as he searched for the missing sheep. As our shepherd got closer, the sheep grew louder until our shepherd excitedly spotted the missing sheep and ran to find him! The sheep in the class all cheered. Through this activity, students saw a real-life example of how the Lord searches for us and gets excited when we find Him! As fellow believers we cheer, as well. We also made sheep using pretzels and marshmallows and had fun eating our snack!

Alpha and Omega is a little harder to understand (Revelation 1:8). We talked about the greek alphabet. Alpha is the first word and Omega is the last. Using this, we talked about how God is the first--HE created everything and HE will be at the end. When I think about God, I love that He was the first person to love us, created us, and gave us to our parents. No one loves us like the Alpha Father! We made the connection that, just like the sheep, there are no mistakes that we can ever make that the Alpha and Omega won't forgive us for. We went around and told each child that HE chose them first and went around again telling the children that HE will choose them last. We had the students make pictures of what Jesus means to them or other names we can call Him.

We were so amazed at how quickly the children grasped the concept of our God being the Good Shepherd and the Alpha and Omega. However, we really shouldn't have been. God had already been preparing their hearts for our message.

#### LEAVING A LEGACY

written by Allison Catlos

During the "KNOW" portion of our discipleship groups, the high school girls introduced the idea of a mentoring opportunity with our middle school girls. This is an initiative that the high school ladies designed in order to provide the middle school girls the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ with a seasoned Statesman.

The junior and senior ladies created a "Get To Know You" survey that each 6th and 7th grade girl completed. They then collected and analyzed the surveys and matched the middle school girls with someone from the junior/senior discipleship group. Our goal is for these girls to form friendships where they will pray together and share in chapel and discipleship times together. The hope is that the middle school ladies can count on their friend to help them with schoolwork, sit with them occasionally at lunch, and have some girl time together. We will reveal the "matches" through a tea party during chapel where the girls will enjoy refreshments and share in a fellowship time together.

As these ladies strive to know Christ on a more intimate level, their hearts have begun to shift towards the mindset of leaving a legacy. This mentoring opportunity will not only forge friendships across grade levels, but it will encourage the younger girls to seek out other young girls to mentor as they progress through their own high school years.

The junior and senior girls are so excited for the opportunity to pour into these young ladies and we are excited to see where God leads these friendships in the future!









At the beginning of the year, our administration and music boosters gave us a challenge to go out and to serve the community. So to fulfill this challenge the high school choir decided to serve and bless the residents at Genesis Healthcare nursing home. While at the nursing home, high school students were singing carols and songs that they had been preparing for our Christmas concert. We began singing in the residential hall with some of the residents, and then moved throughout the hallways to sing to the residents who were unable to come to the resident hall. Watching the smiles and the complete joy from the residents showed us how important it is to serve.

### ANYONE AT ANY AGE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

One of the most satisfying parts of the trip was not only blessing the residents, but watching the leadership of my students. At one point I was unable to direct the students because a resident was giving me kisses on the cheek. When I was finally able to kindly get back to my choir, they were no longer in that section of the hallway. As I walked through the next door the choir took it upon themselves to continue to go through the halls and sing carols without my direction. The students continued leading the carols without my direction for the rest of our time there. After our visit I could hear many of our students taking about how much they enjoyed serving and how this trip needs to be something that the choir must do every year.

Here at New Hope we have been challenged in our discipleship groups to deny ourselves and to go and share the love of Jesus to others. This trip was exactly what we wanted to accomplish. Watching my students leading in these areas shows that anyone at any age can make a difference in someone's life. This trip will now become part of the many ways the music department of New Hope Christian Academy can serve in our community.





Arbor Counseling provides consultation and supportive services to the staff and students at New Hope Christian Academy. Carrie DeBord, Licensed Professional Counselor at Arbor, is currently in her second year of working with NHCA. As a result of this partnership, when a need for support or counseling services is recognized, school principals arrange a time for the student to work with Carrie during the designated school hours. These hours are typically Mondays through Thursdays from 9am to 11am. Carrie works with students facing challenges related to classroom struggles, ADHD, peer conflicts, crisis, social skills, grief/loss, and emotional issues along with other life challenges that may impact the students' academic performance as well as their lives outside of the classroom. These services are free for students and families, and typically consist of approximately halfhour, solution-focused sessions for wellness.

Carrie gives presentations to classes based on classroom needs which have included building student skills in communication and conflict resolution; managing anxiety and emotions; bullying; and building social skills. Teachers may also consult with Carrie regarding student concerns and challenges.

Arbor Counseling is a faith-based counseling center which serves Central Ohio with offices in Dublin, Grove City, Marysville, and Circleville.

#### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ARBOR

www.ArborCounseling.org







#### COMMUNITY HELPERS

written by Charity Stewart

Kids LOVE thinking about what they want to be when they grow up! This makes teaching "Community Helpers" even more fun and exciting. Over the past two weeks Ms. Schutte and Ms. Stewart's Kindergarten classes had visitors come in and share what they do at their jobs.

Those who came in were:
Airforce-MSgt Taylor and CMSgt Taylor;
Principal- Mrs. Shepherd;
5-12 Music Teacher- Derek Radcliff;
Police Officers-Captain Tim Gay, Officer Shipley and K9 Roo;
Pastor-Bill Hines;
Farmer- PaulbDorrance;

Firefighter- Aaron Knotts;

Lawyer-Matthew Tootle;

Nurse- Samuel Johnson, Isaac

Robertson and Lindsey Stevenson;

Cyber Security-Ryan Sheskey;

Vet-Sarah Stevens.

Everyone explained their duties and responsibilities through interactive and interesting conversations and activities.





First of all, let me say that I absolutely LOVE my job! I tell Mrs. Shepherd that all the time!

Being able to see progress in a student who has been struggling, whether it's been with letters & sounds or a math concept, makes my job so worthwhile! I love being able to work with students one-on-one and in small groups; working closely with my students helps us get to know each other very well!

I guess the most gratifying situation for me was with a student last year who had some medical issues affecting her academic performance. She was so discouraged because of her situation, and I hurt for her. I made it a personal and professional mission to do as much for her as we, her teachers and tutor, possibly could. We were able to make accommodations for her, and she began to make progress! Not only could I see it in her school work, but I could see it on her face as well! That's what my job, my ministry, is about, and I'm so blessed to be able to do what I do here at New Hope.

written by Lisa Curry

