**Youth Committee Meeting**

**Date: 08/31/2014**

**The Vision:**

* For the youth of New Hope Baptist to come together to worship God and learn His word as it applies to the age and season each youth is at in his or her life.
* To encourage our youth to get to know one another, develop Christ-centered friendships, and then support one another outside of church; encouraging each other at school, on sports teams, and at work.
* To encourage gifts of each youth through participation in New Hope Youth Group, and activities such as the worship team/choir, dramas, and plays, and volunteering at church and community related functions.
* To define what being apart of a Missionary Baptist Church means and develop in the youth a heart for missions that extends out to those in the church, to the local community, and outward to missions’ trips, which encourages youth to serve others using the gifts and talents God has given each one, further developing relationships with God, those they serve, and each other.
* To train the youth to be a witness for God in their daily lives, witnessing to others and inviting others to attend church and other functions that encourage spiritual growth and maturity in Christ.

**Actions to Attain the Vision:**

* Invite the youth of our church to join New Hope Baptist Youth Group for events and functions. Often, youth who have been unable to attend one or more functions may no longer feel they can attend other functions. Make sure to invite each youth, sending or giving an invite to the event.
* In January begin an afternoon New Hope Baptist Youth group that will begin meeting once a month at a set time to be determined at the next meeting.
	+ Adopt a curriculum/program that gives structure to a separate New Hope Baptist Youth Sunday afternoon meeting, which targets a range of ages.
	+ Include food, fun games/activities, worship, and a time of studying God’s word.
	+ Potentially set some activities up like VBS.
	+ Pray about finding workers for the Sunday afternoon youth meeting so that various activities and ages can be accommodated during that time.
* Join up with other churches and do activities!
* Create schedule for activities for next 3-6 months to present to church with set dates, adding additional events that may arise as needed.
* Invite others to join Youth Committee or sign up to be a Worker. Encourage all parents and teachers to sign up to be on the committee or the worker list.
* Create a survey for all the kids in the church and have them fill it out. The survey would get the kids’ input on what activities, events, etc. they would like to have.
* Appoint a Youth Director and Assistant Director who will:
	+ Oversee program activities and events,
	+ Assist in recruiting volunteers,
	+ Encourage individuals in their respective duties by checking in with them and seeing if they have any needs,
	+ Presenting propositions requiring a vote from the Youth Committee to the church.
	+ Attend events and make sure events are staffed with the needed number of individuals.

**Youth Director:** Wesley Starling-Committee voted in by unanimous vote.

**Assistant Director:** Cassandra Wooten-Committee voted in by unanimous vote.

**Committee Members:**

* Jamie & Melissa Vestel
* Tina Mabe
* Josh & Cassandra Miller
* Wes & Jill Starling
* Steven Williams? (Ask Steven)
* Scott step down. Go over to being a Worker.

 Bridgett step down. Go over to being a Worker.

**Activities for Remainder of 2014 year:**

* Thanksgiving Boxes
* “Secret Santa” for kids
* Fruit Baskets—For shut ins and Widows
* Christmas Program
* Potentially a fall festival night—To be determined.
* Potentially float in Christmas Parade—To be determined.
* Any large church events.
* Any ministry events that may arise that encourage growth in relationship with God and/or closer relationship with one another as a youth group.

**Present to the Church:**

* If anyone would like to be on the youth committee please let Wesley or Cassandra know.
* Clarify what activities, decisions, etc. need to be brought before the Deacons and the Church.
* Change the youth account over to Wesley Starling and Cassandra Miller. Request debit cards as many places no longer accept checks or cash as payment.
* Request a budget be given for the youth. Youth Committee will create a spreadsheet for how money is managed and present information at each Church Conference.

**Next Youth Committee Meeting:**

* The next Youth Committee meeting will be **October 26th** right after church. It will be a working luncheon.
* At the next meeting discuss:
	+ Setting date & time for once a month youth meeting to start in January.
	+ Determine format for youth meeting.
	+ Potentially have kids determine new name for youth group to encourage their involvement and input.
	+ Determine any resources anyone needs that work with the kids at church, including anything that needs to be ordered for the monthly youth meetings.
	+ Any new ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc.