

## Following Examples of Faith

My true walk with Christ began at 12 years old when a friend invited me to a youth group swimming party. I quickly became a staple in this group and remained a fixture there until after I graduated from college. For 10 years, the friends I made and the adults that worked in the youth and college ministries at that church were a major part of my life, and their influence has had a lasting impact.

This week, I received word that one of those adults has passed away. Mr. Jack Hode (or just simply "Jack", as most everyone knew him) was a sweet, quiet middle-aged man who poured his heart and soul into the youth and college students of that church. In everything we did, Jack was there right alongside us.

Jack's unwavering example of Christian love, quiet wisdom, and gentle spirit comes to mind when I reflect of the impact he had on my life. I am reminded of Hebrews 13:7: "Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives and follow the example of their faith".

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# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS



January 27, 2019

**CONGREGATION'S ANNUAL MEETING** will be today January 27 after worship. Members will be able to ask questions about the budget, the pastor search, and we will elect a new Officer Nominating Committee.

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS** – Missions would like you to save grocery bags for pack-a-snack. Also bring gently used clothes for Clothes-to-Kids. Missions is collecting new socks and undies for "Undy Sunday" during February.

**FLEA MARKET** - COME ONE...!!!! COME ALL...!!!!

Hope is hosting a "FREE" neighborhood Flea Market, 8 to noon, Saturday February 16th. Spread the word...!!!! Invite friends and neighbors to come out and buy or sell ...!!!! Pull up out front, set up and sell your wares from your trunk.

**HOPE FELLOWSHIP DINNER**– Hope Fellowship will be having their usual get together on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Perkins (on Gulf to Bay) at 5:30 p.m. Come along and join us, have a good meal and wonderful fellowship. Chat to old friends and catchup on their news

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"The prime reason the Savior personally acts as the gatekeeper of the celestial kingdom is not to exclude people, but to personally welcome and embrace those who have made it back home."

**Tad R. Callister**

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Today I am taking this scripture to heart. Jack was an amazing example of what a Christ-follower should be, and I want to do more to emulate him.

Today, I also challenge each of you to remember the examples of Christian love and faith in your own lives. Contemplate them and hide them deep in your heart. Remember their faith, their wisdom, their service, their lives, and their love, and emulate those examples in your own life so that you can live the life God wants for you.

Thank you, Lord, for the people you place in our lives who serve as examples of your love and wisdom. Help us to pay attention to their teachings and to keep them with us always. Help us to use the examples you provide us to better our relationship and understanding of you your will for our lives.

**Beth Walley**

or meet new ones and maybe create a bond that will last a long time. Whatever your “cup of tea” come along and have a great time.

Do not forget that 20% percentage of the taking is given to the church from Perkins.

Hope Fellowship meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

### CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sunday	01/27	10:15 a.m.	Congregational Annual meeting
		11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting
Monday	01/28	06:00 p.m.	PNC R5
Wed.	01/29	05:45 p.m.	WNA prepared meal
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Saturday	02/02	05:30 p.m.	Hope Fellowship dinner at Perkins

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