

*New Hope Baptist Church*

# Children's Church Newsletter

*Growing in Christ : Empower Me!*

On Saturday, September 30, 2017 the Children's Department will hold a workshop, Empower Me! When we read the Bible, we find verses on God's power throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament. All three parts of the Godhead share power—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each demonstrates power differently and shows the various ways to display power. The Old Testament shows God's might in his protection of his people, the Israelites. God exhibits soft power in His promise of His Son, who will come as a babe that will live among men. In the New Testament, Jesus employs his power to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, cure insanity, make the lame walk, and feed the poor. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit spreads its power to the disciples so that they can boldly preach the Gospel and continue Jesus' healing, caring ministry.

Why should we want to empower our children? How do we define the power that we want to give them? Developing power in children, as in adults, allows them to be more thoughtful, seek future fulfillment rather than immediate pleasure, to be resilient, alert, and willing to fight for principles that they learn in Sunday School and Children's Church. People who have power normally live longer, healthier, and wealthier lives than those of similar health, age, and economic status that feel powerless. Power, like achievement, is a basic human drive.

What power has God given to our children? Man has created an unjust world, with income, education, job, and other disparities getting more pronounced every day. For that reason, the church should provide children a place to cultivate their power by constructing a positive image and reputation—teaching in Sunday School, leading Children's Church, being presidents of Junior Ushers, Angel Choir, Teen Ministry, and all organizations they participate. We should constantly give them the opportunity to practice and encourage their efforts to achieve power.

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*Celebrating New Life & Offering Hope*

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## Empower Me! : Examples of Power in the Bible

### Old Testament

God's Power and protection over the Children of Israel

Moses in Exodus 15: 6 *Your right hand, Lord was majestic in power*

David in 2 Samuel 22 : 2 *The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliver;*

*My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,*

*He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—*

*From violent people you save me.*

David's Prayer 1 Chronicles 29: 11 *Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor*

*For everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;*

*You are exalted as head over all*

*Wealth and honor come from you;*

*You are the ruler of all things.*

*In your hands are strength and power*

***To exalt and give strength to all.***

Holy Spirit and Power

Micah 3: 8 *But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord,*

*And with justice and might*

### New Testament

Jesus and Power

Matthew 28: 18—20 *And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commended You: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen*

## Bible Focus for September : Empower Me!

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1: 12

# Qualities of Power

## **Ambition :**

Try something hard or something outside your comfort zone.

## **Energy:**

Expend effort on what is important. Energize the people around you to achieve. Show commitment and loyalty. Stick to the task until the end.

## **Focus:**

Excel in what you do best. Complete what is most important first. Ignore distractions, such as Facebook, the smart phone, television.

## **Self-Knowledge:**

Keep a diary of your strengths and weaknesses. Write a plan to improve your strengths and eliminate weaknesses.

## **Confidence:**

Lead a group, contribute to class discussion, ask the teacher for help if you don't understand a concept.

## **Empathy:**

For all the people you do not like or distrust, write three sentences on how you believe they think of themselves

## **Capacity to Tolerate Conflict:**

Stand up for yourself if opposed by a bully by going to a teacher, parent, or other adult.

## Volunteer Your Time and Talents

**Your Local Library. Great on applications.** **Denver Public Library** has over 20 branches. The Blair-Caldwell and the Park Hill and other branches have need of teen volunteers. For volunteering details, go to <https://teens.denverlibrary.org/volunteering-activism?qt-life=8#qt-life>

### **Aurora Parks and Recreation**

Teen volunteering opportunities. Go to <https://volunteer.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=507&class=VolunteerRegistration>

## **EMPOWER ME WORKSHOP**

### **DISCOVERING WHO I AM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**10 AM—2 PM AGES: 9—15  
FUN INFOMATIVE GAMES PRIZES**

**Contact Karen Moham for details.**

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## Awesome Reads!!

**In Plain Sight** by Richard Jackson and Jerry Pinkney. Illustrating the relationship between generations, a grand daughter and her grandfather, this story shows the love between them and the respect they had for each other.

Elementary **The Paperboy** by Dav Pilkey For those of us who delivered papers as children, this book will give the smart-phone generation a look at one way their parents received news events of the day.

Upper Elementary. **Freedom over Me** by Ashley Bryan. The author discovered the bill of sale for a plantation's slaves dated July 28, 1828 and decided to add life to their eleven stories.

**The Port Chicago 50** by Steve Sheinkin. A true story of the discrimination that Black sailors experienced during World War II because of their reluctance to re-board an unsafe vessel and load ammunition without proper training.

**Podcast for Parents "Are Smart Phones Harming Teenagers" by the BBC.** Since most U. S. middle schoolers have phones, this podcast discusses the consequences of its use, how parents can monitor use, and what parents can expect in the future. I recommend parents listen to this podcast with their kids.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02dbd4m/e>

## Calendar of Events

Empower Me Workshop                      September 30, 2017  
Fifth (5th) Saturday of the month. There will be no  
Angel Choir rehearsal.