



**Our vision at New Hope Baptist Church is:**  
to be a multiethnic family of faith,  
united by God's grace,  
remaining faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ,  
growing in obedience to God's Word,  
and  
sharing the Gospel with a distinctive witness in word and deed.

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*Easter is coming...*

### **Who is Jesus?**

Over the years Jesus has been connected with 'Jesus Christ, the super star' - he was considered a hippie because of the pictures that artists have painted but is that what he truly looked like. Who is Jesus? What place does He truly hold in your heart? Let's stop for a second and think of where we find ourselves in this world today. Where does all the issues that we have to deal with through our government come from? How does it all happen? It comes from the heart. The heart of every man and woman. Now IF that heart is NOT filled with the love of Jesus do you see what you will find? No direction - no wisdom - selfish thoughts - no concerns for the people that you are serving - serving in government with the thoughts that it doesn't matter what your platform is as long as you agree with my agenda then I will support you. It is a wicked thing isn't it. NOW, what if that heart is filled with Jesus. Before you gave your life to Christ you had to discover just who He was. You may have been told by your parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers or Pastor but more important than that, Jesus Christ himself may have spoken to your heart. Now you had the freedom to accept Him or reject Him. How hard was that to do? Had you ever seen Him, and at the time had you ever walked where He walked? Well, I haven't seen Him personally nor have I walked on the same ground He walked on but neither have I in regards to George Washington. BUT by faith and the Word of God I believe that He is the living son of God, He came to earth in the form of man - only lived here for 30 years (has any 30 of your years been as powerful for the love of God as His?). Has your life changed? Have you had a true encounter with the Lord? Does the Holy Spirit live in your heart? You, and only you, and the Lord know the answer to those questions but if He does live there then everyone you meet will see Jesus Christ in you. It is an everyday challenge to live for Christ because Satan wants to throw darts any way he can, and he does. Do you know what is so amazing? When you have the love of Jesus in your heart, you know what your future (as far as eternity) holds, you live each day with the assurance that Christ is right there with you. We ALL should be joyful, grateful, happy, smiling, accepting each day knowing that we are taken care of and that there is nothing that can come our way that He is not already aware of and prepared for. So, come Sunday, let's show each other how much we love and enjoy the fellowship. NOW, let me stop for a second and get real personal. Let's take ME for example. I am weird - but that's okay. I do things different than others - but that's okay. (My goodness, THANK goodness, everyone is not like me). I like different flowers and I love the difference in people. Sometimes you want to laugh at the differences and sometimes you want to embrace the differences. And that's okay. How many laughs do you get out of me with all the mistakes I make? "There goes Carolyn, she did it again?" I always looked forward to Sunday mornings when I walked into church and Mr. Robert Privett would be waiting on me with a smile on his face. I knew I had made a goof again and he was so funny and precious in how he brought it to my attention. Bottom line folks - we should have joy in our hearts and joy showing on the outside because we have Jesus. It's shouting time, folks! This week we are celebrating the life of our brother in Christ, Rev. Billy Graham. His most precious and important remark to a question that was ask him - what do you want people to say about you? His remark was he only wanted one person to tell him 'Well done, you good and faithful servant' and that would be Jesus Christ. He didn't know if he would hear those words or not but that is all he wanted to hear. How about you? How about me? As I end this article I want to say how much I love every one of you. You are my brothers and sisters in Christ. I thank you for your love, for your prayers and for the precious fellowship we enjoy together. And one day we will rejoice and praise the Lord when we meet Him, and our loved ones, in the air. So, why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home. Jesus is my portion - my constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. Let's show the joy of Jesus every day and make people ask 'with all the trials and troubles of this world - why are you so happy?' We are not beholding to this world - we have a new home... Heaven!!!!!!



### *Easter Egg Hunt*

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> ....10:00 a.m.  
There will be games, food, fun with the  
Easter Bunny and of course the egg hunt.  
Please share with your family and  
neighbors as we reach out to share the love  
of Christ with them.



*NHBC on mission...***JOY Fellowship**

*Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center and it is a 'Poor Man's Meal' with pinto beans, slaw, mac'n'cheese, corn bread and the rest is just more enjoyment. Please remember to wear your green. We plan to have a lot of fun and prizes. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet located on the vestibule table. If you would like to invite a friend, family member or neighbor to join you, please do so.*

**Church Council**

**We will be working on the schedules for April, May, June and July. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the office complex. Please meet with your ministry team prior to this meeting and schedule your events to be placed on the church calendar. It was so encouraging with the teams that met for our last council meeting. May the Lord truly bless your work.**



*Sunday,  
March 11<sup>th</sup>*



Special Music  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Joe Morris will be sharing with us in song during the AM service. You don't want to miss this!



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In 1888, Armstrong led the creation of the [Woman's Missionary Union](#), helping draft the constitution and serving as its first correspondent secretary (a position that functioned as [executive director](#)).<sup>[5]</sup>

In her role as the head of the organization, Annie Armstrong facilitated communication between denominational leaders, local congregations and missionaries on the field. She was an extensive letter writer, handwriting 18,000 letters in one year alone.<sup>[6]</sup>

During her tenure as head of the WMU, Armstrong refused a salary and traveled extensively at her own expense on behalf of the WMU.<sup>[2]</sup> Annie was a tireless advocate for missionaries rallying the churches to support mission work through prayer and sacrificial giving. She personally visited missionaries serving throughout the U.S. and carried their stories back to the churches and state conventions through her eye witness accounts and by circulating their letters. It was due to the efforts of Annie and the women of WMU that the annual Easter mission offering was established in the Southern Baptist Churches in 1895.

**May I Add ...**

*Have you noticed the impact that missions have had at NHBC? Just the years that I have been so privileged to be a part of this wonderful congregation we have worked through our very own WMU with various pregnancy centers to share and encourage the young ladies with clothes for their new babies, we have shared with our elderly at the local nursing homes, we have supported our local missions, state missions and international missions, we have studied in our Baptist Women, Acteens, G.A.'s and Mission Friends about missions, we have prayed, we are serving first hand with the food bank, clothing closet, and the children's bus ministry - not to mention the other community activities in an effort to reach others for Christ. I'm sure we have wondered at times did missions take hold here? Well done, my family...God is blessing us over and over again! Well done to all the WMU Directors of NHBC and their workers!*

**Calendar of Events****Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
H4K (Children's' Ministry) 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Prayer Mtg./Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Remodeling 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
Open Gym 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Monthly Schedule**

**3/3 Clothing Closet/  
Food Pantry 10 to 1 p.m.**

**3/4 Book Study 3:45 p.m.**

**3/10 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  
JOY Fellowship 11:00 a.m.**

**3/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Deacons Mtg 4:00 p.m.**

**3/17 Clothing Closet/  
Food Pantry 10 to 1 p.m.**

**3/18 Book Study 3:45 p.m.**

**3/25 Church Council Mtg  
4:00 p.m.**

**3/31 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.**

**Birthdays for March**

**3/10 Courtney Smith**

**3/17 Virginia Tripp**

**3/20 Debra Hart**

**3/24 Rebecca Hubbard**

**3/31 Mackenzie Cooperwood**

**Volunteers**

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Christine Smith Teresa Dixon	3/4	Don Jordan Jeff Smith
Pam Emanuel Jack Smith	3/11	Gerald Freeman Dan Crawford
Leah Jordan Erin Black	3/18	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel
Linda Norton Carolyn Davis	3/25	Don Jordan Jeff Smith