



**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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*Rev. Jason Smith, Pastor*

**Luke 10:2** *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

Growing up as a teenager at New Hope each summer the youth group would load up the Little Ole Lady and travel to a summer camp for the week. We went all over the southeast. We must have eaten at every Cracker Barrel on I77 and I85. The one time we went north, to Virginia, we brought back Charlie Cole to be our youth pastor. It is interesting how things work out, of course, we would call it the sovereignty of God because Charlie encouraged me to consider ministry. Now he is a pastor at West Cabarrus Baptist Church.

We had some memorable trips. The summer camps were an important part of my own spiritual development. Some camps focused more on fun activities like hiking, paint ball, rafting, and various sports. These camps are valuable, having worship services in the mornings and evenings. Other camps focused more on missions where we were involved in various ministry activities during the day and had worship service at night. Just ask Don Jordan about serving in the food bank down in Florida. I don't recall the specific location, but I remember being part of a nursing home ministry one summer. This was long before I ever considered being a pastor, but the experience left an impression in me that I should think more about the needs of others rather than my own needs. One would think that youth would prefer the more fun-minded camps, but one time in a youth leadership meeting at New Hope the adult leaders asked us which kind of camp we wanted to go to, and we, the youth, choose a ministry-minded camp. There is always a greater impact when serving someone than just having fun.

It is sad that New Hope is at a point in ministry where we do not have a youth group to send to a summer camp. I don't want my children to miss out on the experiences that I had. Yet, today, New Hope is more ministry-minded than it was when I was a youth. My children do not have to travel to Florida to serve the Lord in community outreach. They can experience community outreach at their home church. In fact, during the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup>, World Changers came to New Hope. We were blessed to have over 20 youth from all over the southeast working in our church, painting rooms and helping to move the clothes closet ministry, opening up space for future Sunday school classes. I pray that a few of them were inspired by what we are doing at New Hope that they start similar ministries at their home churches.

On Wednesday nights, I have emphasized the need for us to pray the prayer that Jesus told us to pray in **Luke 10:2**, *“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* We need more Gospel workers at New Hope. Ideally, and prayerfully, this would include workers who are part of our congregation. But until we see more fully the fruit of the Gospel at New Hope, we should thank God for every blessing, such as sending us a World Changer group to serve us. Keep praying Luke 10:2.

## World Changers 2018



The girls loved the baby clothes



The boys were great at sorting also.



This stack made it almost to the ceiling by the time we finished.



Ron Hyatt has started putting the shelving up.



The painting has begun



They painted 6 rooms and sized and bagged ALL of the clothes upstairs and painted 7 walls downstairs.



Our youngest worker, Lily

*NHBC on mission for the Lord....***Attention Senior Adults (JOY Group)**

Upon popular demand, we are adjusting our July schedule from the cookout to a trip to the **Billy Graham Library** on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. – enjoy the tour of the library and visit the graves of Billy and Ruth Graham along with Cliff Barrows and George Beverly Shea. We will then enjoy a meal at the library cafeteria (Dutch treat) with a chance to visit the gift shop before returning back to the church. You will find a signup sheet on the vestibule table.

**Visit Mr. Wiggles at the Church Library**

*For the path is narrow but it lies before us. Why then we would take a different way? The Lord has showed us the way to Him and many will look the other way, but those who seek Him shall step forward in faith and walk toward Him. What better way to live until we meet Him at Heaven's gate?*

*It is July! We are in the midst of the summer of 2018, have you been reading? Have you searched the Lord while He may be found? The Library has books, comfortable chairs and air conditioning! Spend an hour or two a week and learn something about your life by opening your heart to Jesus. It's not too late! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and Happy Summer! Don't forget to share with me what you've learned so I can learn too!*

*May God bless you each and every day of your life!*

*Elaine*

Congratulations! Baby **Nathan David Italia** is here!



Born: June 21, 2018

6lb – 15 oz 19 ¾ inches tall

Proud Parents: David and Jessica Italia

Excited grandparents: Thane & Diane Black and Chuck & Ellen Italia

Overjoyed great-grandparent: Annette McCarver

Jumping for joy auntie: Erin Black

*Welcome to the world little man!*

If you would like to take or send a meal to David and Jessica, please see Carolyn.

**What a Week!**

*It is with a grateful and humble heart that I say NHBC can be proud of their church. A very special thank you to Joyce Privett, Betty Simmons and Pam Emanuel for preparing food for our World Changer Crew this week. Thank you to Mackenzie Cooperwood, Mary Usher and a friend of Mary's that prepared meals for another group and set up our gym for our folks to eat. To Teresa Dixon for being here to help with the clothing closet upgrade, to Mr. Ron Hyatt for installing new wardrobe racks for the new rooms, to Jeff Smith, who ran like crazy from this site to another taking food for the group to have for lunch and snacks. I don't know that I have ever seen so much activity going on in one place. Another wonderful blessing that came from this week is the youth director from Cornerstone Baptist Church visited with us on Friday and wants to partner with our clothing closet to help as their local mission action project. Isn't God good? All the time!*

The books are here!



Please see Carolyn

Folks, I am so thankful that our new directories are here and I am so thankful that you were so understanding in it taking so long to get them. It has been a few rough months but I just praise the Lord for His healing power and your compassion and love. I hope that you enjoy your books. I have labeled each book with your name so please be sure to pick up your book.

**Calendar of Events****Standing 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.

**Monday**

Book Study	6:30 p.m.
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**Tuesday**

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

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

Open Gym	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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**Monthly Schedule**

7/7	<b>Clothing Closet/ Food Pantry</b>	10 to 1 p.m.
7/8	<b>Deacons Mtg.</b>	4:00 p.m.
7/14	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	8:00 a.m.
7/21	<b>Clothing Closet/ Food Pantry</b>	10:00 a.m.
7/28	<b>JOY Outing</b>	10:00 a.m.
7/29	<b>Communion/Luncheon</b>	

**Birthdays for July**

7/7	Joshua Sanchez
7/20	Diane Black
7/24	Frances Lilly
7/25	CRD

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**Volunteers**

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Pam Emanuel Jack Smith	7/1	Don Jordan Jeff Smith
Leah Jordan Erin Black	7/8	Gerald Freeman Dan Crawford
Diane Yandle Carolyn Davis	7/15	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel
Christine Smith Teresa Dixon	7/22	Don Jordan Jeff Smith
Linda Norton Carolyn Davis	7/29	Gerald Freeman Dan Crawford

**They are the future of our church...**

If you would be willing to serve in our nursery one Sunday every 5<sup>th</sup> week, please let Leah Jordan know and we would be glad to add you to the list. These precious children are our future. You can be a part of shaping them for the Lord just as many were with our pastor years ago.