



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

Ministry is a Team Effort

At the end of Colossians, Paul offers final greetings, mentioning several people. To mention a few, Paul refers to Tychicus and Onesimus, who are the bearers of the letter (Col. 4:7-9). Onesimus is the runaway slave whom Paul had led to faith and now sending back to Philemon in hope that they would reconcile and that Philemon would release Onesimus to serve in ministry. This is detailed in the letter of Philemon. Paul also sends greetings from six individuals. Noteworthy is Mark, the author of the Gospel of Mark, as the traditional view holds (Colossians 4:10). He had a falling out with Paul in Acts where he left him during their first missionary journey. In Colossians, we see that Paul and Mark had reconciled. Epaphras is also mentioned. He is likely the founder of the church in Colossae and at the time of the letter, he was likely a prisoner with Paul for the sake of the Gospel. Luke, the doctor and author of the Gospel, is also mentioned.

This ending of Colossians is more than just a final greeting to wrap up his letter. Rather, the final greeting reveals an important lesson on fruitful ministry. The ways in which Paul describes these believers are significant. Tychicus is a beloved brother, faithful minister and fellow servant (v.7). Onesimus is a faithful and beloved brother (v. 9). Aristarchus, Mark and Justus are fellow workers of the Gospel who have been a great comfort to Paul (v. 10-11). Epaphras struggles in prayer for his home church as he desires that they will stand perfect and complete in the will of God (v. 12).

What this shows us is that the ministry of the church is a team effort. As significant as the mission of Paul is in the history of Christianity, Paul himself was fully aware that his work alone was not sufficient. He needed others. He had a good sense of Jesus' instruction in 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."

The church will only go as far as the congregation as a whole goes. When one believer is not fulfilling his or her responsibility within the Body of Christ, the whole Body suffers. Ministry is never a one-man show. It is not a private affair. If our church wants to see the fruit of the Gospel, everyone must be involved. Everyone must seek the Lord in prayer and to seek to live out His Word.

In Him

Pastor Jason

Music News

First of all, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Music Director at New Hope Baptist Church for the past three years. During this time, I have grown in so many ways personally and spiritually. Each week, I feel God speaking to me as the songs are selected for the Sunday morning service.

This church, its people and missions are dear to my heart. It is so important to me that the music helps you experience and feel the Holy Spirit during the service. It calms and soothes us. It provides a message to us. It is a way for God to speak to our hearts prior to the sermon.

Before the service on Sunday, I pray that God will fill our service with His Holy Spirit and use every part of the service to touch our hearts. From the beginning prayer, call to worship, choir's special, offertory, sermon and invitation, this time is so important to us. This time is to prepare us for the week to come and what we will encounter and deal with in our everyday lives.

If you have a special song that speaks to you, please let me know. We would love to sing it on a Sunday morning. If you want to sing a solo, please let me know.

Also, we could always use **another** choir member. Think about it, pray and let God lead you.

In His Name,
Karen Davis.

*NHBC on mission for the Lord....***'The Pea-nuttiest Experience'**

For the month of March, we are looking for peanut butter to fill our food pantry. Please bring either 16 or 18 oz. jars during the month of March. Let's see if we can fill the cabinets. As a side note - congratulations to the church members for beating the Deacons and Trustees in our Soup-er Bowl Challenge in February.

Library/Book Study News

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 ESV

March is an odd month. It can be warm or chilly, it's typically windy. It prepares us for the transition into spring. The weather is not predictable we do get weather forecasts and we can compare weather patterns this year to last year but truly we just don't know what each day will bring. There is only one constant. Only Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever. Both life and the weather can change in an instant but our Lord remains steadfast waiting for us to lean on Him. Jesus is available always to provide us hope. Happy March New Hope may God be the one constant joy moving you forward on your journey.

Our next book study begins on Monday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Elaine Isaacson
Book Study
New Hope Library

A 'JOY'ous Occasion

Breakfast anyone? We are preparing a 'brunch' that will include a lot of breakfast items. Come join us in the Family Life Center on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM for some yum-yum food. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet located in the vestibule.

TESTIMONIAL TIME

FOR YEARS, THROUGH OUR WMU, WE HAVE STUDIED ABOUT DIFFERENT MISSIONS' PROJECTS OR NEEDS AND OUR CHURCH WAS AT A POINT THAT WE COULD WRITE A CHECK AND SEND HELP ALL OVER THE WORLD. AND THAT WAS GOOD! THEN IT GOT A LITTLE HARDER TO SEND THOSE CHECKS AND IT SEEMED THAT MISSIONS WERE BEING FORGOTTEN. OH, THE WORK WAS BEING DONE TO SOME DEGREE BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THE LORD WANTED US TO DO MORE. HENCE, MISSIONS CAME TO NHBC.

TO OUR VERY DOORS. THIS PAST WEEK, VISITS WERE MADE TO TABERNACLE OF PRAISE AND THE DAY CARE CENTER ACROSS IDLEWILD ROAD TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WERE HERE TO HELP ANY WAY WE COULD.

TABERNACLE OF PRAISE WAS SO EXCITED TO SEE JAN AND JAMAR. AS THEY SHARED WITH THEM, THEY BECAME SO EXCITED. THEY WERE SO APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT NHBC DID FOR THEM IN ALLOWING THEM TO MEET HERE WHEN THEY FIRST BEGAN AND THEY SHARED WITH JAN HOW THEY WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP US CARRY THESE MISSIONS ON FOR THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD.

VISITING THE DAY CARE JAN FOUND THAT THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL IN DESPERATE NEED FOR CLOTHES. SHE TOLD THE DIRECTOR THAT SHE WOULD BE RIGHT BACK. SHE CAME BACK TO THE CLOSET - PREPARED A BAG WITH A WEEK'S WORTH OF CLOTHES FOR THIS CHILD - TOOK THEM BACK TO THE DAY CARE. THEY TOO WERE SO APPRECIATIVE.

SEE GRACIE AND BETTY - FRUITS ARE BEING HARVESTED THROUGH YOUR WORK AS WMU LEADERS. LET'S KEEP GOING FOR THE LORD!

Calendar of Events**Standing Weekly Schedule**

Sunday
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Monday
Book Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

Monthly Schedule

3/2 H4F (Hope for Families) 10 a.m.
3/10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.
3/16 H4F (Hope for Families) 10 a.m.
3/31 Observance of the Lord's Supper

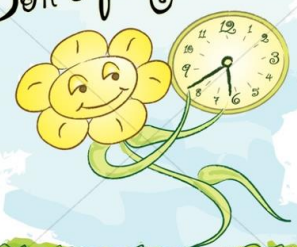
Birthdays for March

3/6 John Yandle
3/10 Courtney Smith
3/20 Debra Hart
3/24 Becky Hubbard
3/31 Mackenzie Cooperwood

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Diane Yandle Christine Smith	3/3	Gerald Freeman Dan Crawford
Linda Norton Erin Black	3/10	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel
Teresa Dixon Jack Smith	3/17	Don Jordan Jeff Smith
Leah Jordan Hannah Smith	3/24	Gerald Freeman Dan Crawford
Diane Yandle Christine Smith	3/31	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel

Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!

March 10, 2019