



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

Acts 2:24 *"God raised him up, losing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it"*

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. It is a time that calls for every believer to rejoice that it was impossible for the Lord Jesus to be held by the pangs of death. Acts 2:24 is a fascinating verse. The word "pangs" usually refers to pain associated with child birth. In his Pentecost sermon, Peter uses as a metaphor of death. In effect, he is saying that death could no more hold the Messiah than a pregnant woman can hold on her child in her body. It was impossible for the Lord Jesus to remain in the grave. After all, he is the Lord of life. All things were created by Him, through him and for Him (Colossians 1:16). Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). The fact that the Lord of creation would even submit himself to suffering and dying the death of the cross for our sins is a glorious testimony of his love. But there was no way he was going to remain dead.

One of the reasons why we can rejoice when thinking about the resurrection of Jesus is because we share in his resurrection power. According to Romans 6:4, because of the resurrection of Jesus, believers are no longer slaves of sin; thus, believers can walk in newness of life. Indeed, Paul calls believers to consider themselves dead to sin and alive to God (Romans 6:10). The impact of the resurrection transforms our perspective on death. When reflecting on the future resurrection of believers, which is modeled after the resurrection of Jesus, Paul mocks death in 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, "Death is swelled up in victory. O death, where is your victory, where is your sting?" This is countercultural. The world does not like to talk about death, and certainly not joke about it. Most people either ignore death or dread it. Yet, believers in the Lord Jesus experience peace, even when thinking of death. Death may be our final enemy, but it is a defeated one since it only ushers us into the glorious presence of the Lord Jesus.

As Easter approaches, I pray that New Hope considers the wonderful implications of the resurrection of Jesus and I pray that we will experience great joy in our living Lord.

In Him

Pastor Jason



Easter Events

Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*(If you are willing to prepare eggs for the hunt,
please see Carolyn to pick up supplies.) We will*

need all the volunteers possible. If you can provide eggs and/or candy, please bring to the church by Sunday, March 31st.

Easter Sunday – 11:00 AM

Let us all come to worship our 'Risen' Lord



Report from the Clothing Closet

What a beautiful day! The Lord sent us 17 families with three new clients to help today, March 16th.

Noreen Scott (new client) slipped a note to Jan Ryan.

She says "I really think this is the best clothing closet, everything is in order. Ya'll are doing the best Job! Thank ya'll.

Thank you, New Hope Folks! You make this all possible.

*NHBC on mission for the Lord....***Music - Exciting News for April**

The Lord is really working in the Music area and the presence of the Lord is felt at New Hope. A special thanks to Don for operating the sound board,

Eric for providing the screens for the service, Doug for being our instrumentalist, Mackenzie for working with the children, and for the people who fill in for the Music Director occasionally (Becky, Diane, Mackenzie and Laney).

The choir is continuing to learn new songs and in February sang *Bow the Knee*. Thank you, choir, for your faithfulness and giving of your time to learn new songs.

The children at New Hope are going to get their opportunity to be a part of the service more this year. Mackenzie is working with them to present in the Spring.

We have reached out and scheduled guest singers this year and are so excited that the Lord opened this door. The response has been great and everyone is excited about coming to sing at New Hope.

In February, Becky McLemore, daughter of Jim and Wanda sang *Be Thou My Vision*. This month Joe Morris, brother-in-law of Richard and Karen sang *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* and *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.

There are more to come . . .

April 14, Janice James Lowry

May 19, Betsy Gaskamp

June 23, Nanette White

September 29, Tori and Steve Hill

Also, Jody Watson will be coming over the summer to sing for us. He has written songs and throughout the year he gives concerts and visits the nursing homes and the prisons doing the Lord's work.

Treasuring Christ Church will also be invited back to sing.

The Piedmont Men's Singing group led by Randy Childers will be joining us again this year but in December. We have also invited Randy back to sing a special.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and support the Music Ministry at New Hope!

One more thing . . . don't forget to invite others to join us on Sunday!

In His Name,

Karen Davis

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

4/6 H4F (Hope for Families) 10:00 a.m.

4/7 Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.

4/13 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m.

4/14 Special Guest-Janice J. Lowery

4/15-19 Pastor on Vacation

4/21 *Easter Sunday*

Birthdays for April

4/2 Juanita Williams
Wendy Lacy

4/11 Gracie Frank

4/12 Gene Davis

4/19 Nancy Aldridge

4/22 Don Jordan
Teresa Smith

4/25 Ruth Hyatt

4/28 Jack Smith

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Deacons</i>
Linda Norton Erin Black	4/7	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel
Teresa Dixon Jack Smith	4/14	Don Jordan Jeff Smith
Leah Jordan Hannah Smith	4/21	Gerald Freeman
Diane Yandle Christine Smith	4/28	Jim Hartis Laney Emanuel

2019 April Easter message from the Library

Each year in the United States the start of spring announces the celebration of Easter. For us new birth is not only a symbol of the weather improving,

the cutting of our lawns, the flowers and trees in bloom; new birth is the return of Jesus after his death upon the cross. We celebrate because his sacrifice saved all of us. Each of us has his own cross to bear in living in this broken world and yet we shout Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! He has overcome the world. Tell someone you know. We live because Christ lives, Alleluia.

Book Study Ending

We have had a good run of two years. We studied prayer and the imitation of Christ in our lives. We have grown to know and love each other. Thank you for your time and participation. I am excited to see what God brings us next!!

In Him, Elaine Isaacson