



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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Matthew 6:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

The Beatitudes describe the character of those who truly belong to the Kingdom of God. Jesus is teaching about the qualities of a person who has been transformed by the Gospel. In this article, we will consider the third beatitude "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

In our world, it appears that those who are aggressive, demanding, and domineering get ahead and reap the benefits. Throughout history, the threat of tyrannical governments is always real; governments who impose their rule over their own population and neighboring countries. Sadly, one of the consequences of this sin-torn world is that people use their own influence, wealth, and authority to take advantage of the poor and vulnerable, rather than helping them. But there is good news, God resists the proud and gives favor to the humble. God will hold those who harm others accountable in eternity and the meek will inherit the earth.

Meekness is gentle humility. This is not a weakness. In fact, the same term "meek" is used in Matthew 11:29 to describe Jesus where he encourages us to find rest in Him, knowing that He is gentle. Yet, Jesus was not weak. Our gentle Lord boldly confronted the hypocrisy of the Jewish leadership and then courageously endured the suffering of the cross for our salvation.

Far from being a weakness, meekness is a strength, not in terms of physical strength. Meekness is a strength in terms of mental fortitude and toughness. Someone who is meek/humble/gentle is strong because they are not influenced and controlled by unrealistic expectations, deceptive tactics and by the constant desire to gain the approval of others. The meek remain content with the Lord Jesus, knowing that He is good and faithful. The meek do not demand their own rights. The meek do not assert their own importance. Instead, the meek continually surrender to the Lord in obedience to His Word. The meek allows their faith in Christ to shape their entire life.

The Lord promises the meek that they will inherit the earth. Ultimately, the earth does not belong to the mighty and powerful, it belongs to the Lord Jesus and he will share it with all his followers. As Christians, we will rule with Jesus in his eternal Kingdom. A blessed and precious promise for every believer to embrace and an encouragement seek the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to help us to live with gentleness, humility and meekness.

Pastor Jason

Listen for a NEWS Flash

We are waiting to hear Governor Cooper's instructions - hopefully - on Wednesday. If the report is what we are expecting then we WILL be able to worship together on Sunday, May 31st.

If this does happen, we will be making phone calls, sending out emails and streaming on Facebook this Sunday. So, watch and listen.

We will list the instructions that you need to be aware of. We will remain safe and respectful of each other and of the times.

WHAT A JOY IT WILL BE TO FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER AGAIN!!!!



Calendar of Events

Standing Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Face Book

1st and 3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m.

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Should we be able to return to church – here is the schedule for June

**June 21st
Father's Day**

**June 27th
Yard Sale**

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery	Date	
Deacons		
Christine Smith	6/7	Jim Hartis
Hannah Smith		
Erin Black	6/14	Laney Emanuel
Jack Smith		
Leah Jordan	6/21	Jeff Smith
Hannah Smith		
Becky Hubbard	6/28	Gerald Freeman
Jack Smith		

Birthdays for June

June 9th Eric Ferdinand

June 12th Thane Black

June 20th Joyce Privett

June 24th Mary Usher

June 24th Jan Ryan

June 25th Ron Hyatt

Welcome Little Ones

Avery Peyton Brown
April 21, 2020
8lbs 6oz 21"long



Proud Parents: Tabatha & Colby Brown

**Excited Grandparents:
Karen & Richard Davis**

**Overjoyed Great Grandparents
Annette McCarver
& the late John McCarver**



Theodora May Dolan
'Theo'
May 2, 2020
8lbs 1oz 20.5" long

**Proud Parents: Jennifer & Ryan Dolan
Siblings: Chloe, Xander and Rocco**

**Excited Grandparents:
Wendy & Terry Lacy**

**Overjoyed Great Grandparents:
Joyce & Wymer Perry**