

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.

## August 2020... the Contact ... Vol. XLII Issue 8

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#### Praise and Glory to our Father above....

Since Pastor Jason is on vacation during this time of our August Contact – I would like to take a moment to share with you just how the Lord has worked within this last month at our clothing closet. First, let me say that our official name for the closet/ food pantry is 'Hope for Families ( $H_4F$ ) - Clothing Closet / Food Pantry'.

When both Becky and Jan stepped down from the closet due to the health issues of their husbands, the running of the closet fell back into my hands. As you know, I am struggling also with Gene and his health. I truly had to get on my knees and say Lord, I can't take on the workings of the closet and give it what it needs to make it run. I ask Him, "You are going to have to send me volunteers - I don't even have the time to go looking for them. Please show me if our clothing closet has more service to give or have we completed our season of serving others through the clothing closet." He truly answered!

Within the past 4 weeks - the Lord sent one special lady and as she came, along came several more. Then 2 weeks ago the Metrolina Association called and they had a group coming from Lynchburg (Thomas Roads Baptist Church) and did I want them to come help. Along with that - the Missions Director for Metrolina ask if his wife and 2 boys could also come and give us a hand. Along with that - the summer missionary for Metrolina came. And along with that - six more came because of that one special lady mentioned above. And along with that - three members of my family came - with all this and myself we had a total of 20 volunteers just in one week to help process clothes and get the closet ready to open on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Since then, we have 7 regular worker's that come different days of the week and work. And that special lady has been VERY busy. Folks, He truly answered prayers. Now, about that very special lady mentioned above - her name is Jan Garmon - and Jan is a member of the First Baptist Church of Indian Trail. To make a long story short she has agreed to become the Director of the closet and to keep the service to our community and to Charlotte going. She has such a special heart for this mission work - after all - she was the reason we started this closet 6 years ago. She loves serving the Lord this way, just as Wanda, Becky, John, Jan, Hillary and Jamar did.

Below is a picture of Jan. I ask that you pray for her – that the Lord will continue to send volunteers – and that the closet will continue to show the Love of Jesus to all that enter.

From Wanda to Becky to Jan and now to Jan - NHBC may be entertaining Angels unawares.

If you would love to help, even if it is only 3 hours a week - you will receive a blessing. If you can't serve in that area, maybe you would like to meet some needs in supplies. You will find a needs request attached to this Contact.

#### God is good all the time - all the time God is good!

Meet Jan Garmon



#### Jan will be visiting with us soon to share a few words with you.

Thank you so much for your support and most importantly for your prayers. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Jan on the direct clothing closet line - 704.608.1910.

Carolyn

## **Calendar of Events**

Standing Weekly Schedule Sunday

Sunday School9:30 a.m.Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Join us on Face Book

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  $H_4F$ 

10:00 a.m.

## **Deacons on Call**

August 2 Don Jordan

August 9 Jim Hartis

August 16 Jeff Smith

August 23 Gerald Freeman

> August 30 Don Jordan

## Birthdays for August

8/16	Elaine Isaacson
8/20	<b>Richard Davis</b>

# Schedule for August

There are no special events scheduled for August so may I suggest that we use this month to make every effort to call each church member and just say hello and what's new in their lives since March 1<sup>st</sup>. When you finish – let me know how many calls you made and we will add the list and place the total in this space. It's a challenge and I am excited to see the answer. <u>? What will it be?</u>

## Yard Sale Rescheduled

Please note that our Operation Christmas Child yard sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from

8 AM to 12 noon. If you can volunteer to help Mackenzie prepare the items and be there on that day, please let the office know as soon as possible.

# Hope For FamiLies

Volunteers (Men & women) needed to pick up donations during the week. Processing includes: Loading unloading-sorting-sizing-bagging or vacuum seal clothing.

## Supplies needed:

Large vacuum seal bags -> ->->->->->->->->->->->

White tall kitchen plastic bags

Regular scotch tape for dispensers plus 4 dispensers

Scotch shipping tape

Rolls of Masking tape

Duct tape - florescent pink and green

Sanitizing wipes for volunteers

Lint rollers

Fabric shavers

Thick rubber bands

Quart and Half Gallon Ziplock bags



Our Food Pantry is in real need of the plastic grocery bags you get from Food Lion, Walmart, Harris Teeter, etc. Give them to Terry Lacy.