



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

Revelation 1:13 "In the midst of the lampstands was one like a Son of Man."

"The Son of Man" was Jesus' preferred designation in the Gospels. While the title can refer to his human nature, considering the vision of the divine glory of Jesus in Revelation 1, the title is a reference to Daniel 7:13-14. In Daniel's vision, in contrast to all human kingdoms, which ultimately fall, the Ancient of Days gives the Son of Man an eternal Kingdom. By the end of Revelation, we see the full consummation of this eternal Kingdom as the Lord Jesus returns to destroy all enemies of God and to establish his Kingdom, leading to the New Heaven and Earth where God's people will live in joy forever in his presence without the curse of sin (Rev. 19-22).

Yet, what is amazing about John's vision of the glorified Son of Man in Revelation 1 is its impact on the life of the church in the here and now. In Revelation 1, the glorified Son of Man is standing in the midst of his churches (represented by lampstands). It shows the authority of Jesus over his churches. Each of Jesus' letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 contains the admonition, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit say." Jesus is Lord over his church and he requires immediate obedience. In our day, people measure a church by strict numerical figures (attendance, budget, programs, and buildings). These numerical figures are important indications of how a church is doing and should not be ignored. But at the same time, those who focus entirely on numerical figures are reflecting more the cultural measurement of success rather than a scriptural measurement of a church. In Revelation 1-3, the glorified Son of Man reveals that the ultimate measure of a church is its level of devotion and submission to the Lord Jesus.

The presence of the glorified Son of Man in the life of his churches provides a wonderful encouragement. It means that He is always active in the ministries of his churches. It means that He cares about the wellbeing of his churches. It means He is aware of the needs and challenges that each church faces. We can trust him in all things because He loves New Hope more than we could ever love New Hope and He is devoted to New Hope more than we could ever be devoted to New Hope.

Recently, we started a new video study on Wednesday nights on "Flickering Lamps" by Henry and Richard Blackaby. One of the goals of the study is to encourage declining churches to focus on the glorified Son of Man. When our eyes are on him, our problems become less significant and our challenges appear less threatening. Let me encourage you to join us in this study. Even if you miss a week of the study, each week provides important scriptural truths that New Hope needs to consider. I pray that this study will encourage the church and starts the right conversations about the future of New Hope.

In Him, Pastor Jason

NHBC on mission for the Lord....



June 24th ~ June 28th

6:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seat belt for Amazing Encounters with Jesus. VBS takes you on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids go from bewildered to believing as they get **In the Wild** at this summer's VBS.

Theme Verse: But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Motto: Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!

Ages: Kindergarten through Grade 6

Look What's New....

Once a month casual fellowship luncheon for everyone - prepared by everyone - enjoyed by everyone! (How's that for a title?)

On Sunday, June 9th, immediately following the AM service, we will all gather in the Family Life Center and enjoy a meal together. The focus here is the fellowship.

We are going to enjoy this time together - once a month - and one family will be in charge of that meal. You may prepare all or a portion of the meal and you may delegate portion to other people. This is how the first one will work.

It's Italian Day!

Prepared by Jeff Smith

This is what Jeff is asking: Jeff is going to prepare the main course. There will be a signup sheet on the vestibule table with items listed for a salad/dressing - bread - dessert and beverage. You simply signup for what you would like to bring. As we arrive in the Family Life Center, we will all come together - throw the salad together and set the tables. This will be like getting ready for those picnics from years ago. Fantastic family time together. Plan to be a part. Several families did it before and it was a great time and great food.

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Christine Smith Jack Smith	6/2	Laney Emanuel
Erin Black Keegan Bates	6/9	Don Jordan
Leah Jordan Hannah Smith	6/16	Gerald Freeman
Carolyn Davis Gene Davis	6/23	Jeff Smith
Christine Smith Jack Smith	6/30	Jim Hartis

Nursery News

Folks, this is our second plea. If you are willing to give just one Sunday a month (should we have enough to volunteer - then one Sunday every other month) please contact Leah Jordan or the church office at 704.537.6340. These little ones are our future. Pray about it!!!!

Birthdays for June

6/9	Eric Ferdinand
6/12	Thane Black
6/13	Rachel Smith
6/20	Joyce Privett
6/24	Mary Usher Jan Ryan
6/25	Ron Hyatt

Monthly Schedule

6/1 H₄F 10:00 a.m.

6/4 Pastor's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

6/9 Deacons Mtg. 4:00 p.m.

6/15 H₄F 10:00 a.m.

6/16 Father's Day

6/24-28 Vacation Bible School

6/23 Special Music by
Nanette White

Reminder: Wednesday night Bible Study is a video/discussion on Flickering Lights. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Calendar of Events

Standing Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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Friday

Open Gym	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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News from the New Hope Library

Have you ever wondered how important a book really is? God gave us a book filled with stories about lives that mirror ours and most importantly about Him, a Bible. You see the second half of the book is the beginning of our life. It is the magnificent true story of Jesus Christ, the son of God. The knowledge of that life, Jesus, is our gift and our eternity.

Books come in all forms and in different packages. Some books teach and instruct us like our Bible. Other books inform and entertain us about life in places that are different from our own. There are books about hobbies and books that stretch our imagination. There are books about pain and suffering to strengthen us when we grieve. Books offer the ability to share ourselves and each other.

What we need at The New Hope Library is participation. We need you to stop in and check out a book. We need you to drop off books you no longer read.

This is your Library. Let me know if there is anything, I can do to make it more accessible to you. Most of all I ask that you read to a loved one, read to a stranger, and daily read your Bible, the knowledge of it is the truth, the light and the life that God meant for us all. Tell everyone you know about Jesus! Amen.

Have a great summer!
Elaine Isaacson
Library Coordinator

Thank You

Thank you so much for all ya'll did. The flowers you sent were beautiful. The bulletins were really beautiful and Pastor Jason did a great job with the service.

Thanks for making our bad time better.

The Hartsell Family

Virginia Hartsell Gripp

Clothing Closet News

Last month a plea was put out for volunteers to help organize the two processing rooms. We didn't ask for a response to the plea other than 'please just show up'. We waited to see what the Lord would provide. A family of 7 from another church ask if they could come and help. I was hoping for members from our own congregation but the Lord sent others from across town. I found myself disappointed and yet thankful for the provisions of the Lord. He still works in strange ways. This is a short-term project that I promised to get done by June 1st. It's going to take some long hours unless volunteers do come. Please pray for strength, time and endurance to get the job done.
Love you all ~ Carolyn