



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

Senior Adult Outing

**Seniors, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4th...3pm to 5:30pm
(We will leave the church at 2:30pm)**

You are invited to the

Agape Dental Ministry

Concert and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Enjoy an afternoon of great entertainment and a silent auction. The money raised will help Agape Dental Ministry provide free dental care to the underserved in Mecklenburg County.

Featuring:

Comedic Magician – Matt Fore

Matt is an award-winning Comedic Magician who has preformed on TV, cruise lines and around the country for over 24 years.

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Music by

The Prince and the Paupers

The Prince and the Paupers play 50's – style band music. Invite your friends and family.

Seniors, please sign up on the sheet located in the vestibule. Everyone at New Hope is invited to the event. You may sign up also. Seats for the bus will be offered to the Senior Adults first.

A note to the Clothing Closet

Dear Jason,

**What a pleasure to meet you and Jan and to tour your incredible operation!
What a blessing New Hope is to the city of Charlotte. Thank you so much for the baby clothes. We will make sure they get into the hands of those in need.
I hope you will join us for a tour of the Women's Care Clinic – I host a standing meet and greet on Tuesdays at 9 AM – please come.**

Jill Marquis

NHBC on mission for the Lord....

Music – Exciting News for May

Calling all Seniors! Yes, Seniors, and that includes me the choir director and I am glad to reach this time in my life and earn the title of Senior. I need you! On May 5, at New Hope we are celebrating Senior Citizens Day. Please join us in the choir. Practices will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the Sunday School time. We will meet in Nancy Aldridge's classroom. You are going to love the music!

Thanks, everyone, for supporting our Guest Singers. What a joy it was to hear Janice James Lowery sing a solo for us on Sunday, April 14, as well as the duet she performed with Kelly James (Carolyn and Gene's granddaughter). Such powerful songs that lift the spirit. I could really feel the Lords presence when all of us sang "In His Presence." When we enter the house of the Lord, we should all clear our minds and focus on Jesus. Don't forget that Betsy Gaskamp will be singing for us on Sunday, May 19. Also, I have reached out to Jennifer Chucci Barbee who will be singing in October.

Whenever you see someone, share with them about New Hope and what God is doing. I am proud of the people at New Hope and all that we do!

**In His Name,
Karen Davis**

Senior Adult Sunday

A special time for all of our Senior Adults – a time to honor those 55 and over. Seniors, be sure to read the article above concerning the music for Senior Adult Sunday – May 5th. There will also be a luncheon held in the Family Life Center in your honor. The entire church is invited to join our seniors for this special event. We are asking for you to bring your favorite dessert for the meal. Everything else will be provided by your JOY Team. Please be sure to sign up for the luncheon. You will find the signup sheet on the vestibule table. Please make sure that you read and signup for the trip to Cornerstone Baptist Church on Saturday – May 4th.

**Should you have any questions, please contact one of the JOY Team –
Carolyn – Diane – Erin – Gracie or Mary**

Nursery Volunteers

| Nursery | Date | Deacons |
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| Christine Smith Diane Yandle | 5/5 | Laney Emanuel |
| Erin Black Jack Smith | 5/12 | Don Jordan |
| Leah Jordan Hannah Smith | 5/19 | Gerald Freeman |
| Carolyn Davis Gene Davis | 5/26 | Jeff Smith |

Nursery News

Folks, we are in need of workers for the nursery. 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!!!!

Calendar of Events

Standing Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

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| Adult Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |
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Friday

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| Open Gym | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. |
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Monthly Schedule

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| 5/4 H ₄ F | 10:00 a.m. |
| Senior Adult Outing | 2:30 p.m. |

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| 5/5 Senior Adult Sunday & Luncheon | |
| Deacons Meeting | 4:00 p.m. |

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| 5/18 H ₄ F | 10:00 a.m. |
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| 5/19 Special Music by Betsy Gascamp | |
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| 5/25 Yard Sale | |
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OCC Yard Sale

Our semi-annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th at 8am. Clean all those cubbies out around the house and bring your household goods to the church by Wednesday, May 22nd. Please remember that all the proceeds will go towards the boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Can we try to exceed the highest number of boxes ever collected by the NHBC family - 594? Let's try for 600 boxes!!!!

Birthdays for May

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| 5/11 | Joyce Perry |
| 5/20 | Wilma Freeman |
| 5/21 | Linda McCarver |
| 5/23 | Annette McCarver |
| 5/30 | Vanessa Jefferson |

Words of inspiration from the library....

I've had a difficult 6 months, but if you took a look at my life you might say it's all been uphill. God has carried me through many difficulties and teaches me hard lessons. We're all stubborn but I'm really stubborn. I would tease people not to challenge me because I would do what they said I couldn't. I did. I found the perseverance and I believed God would bless me. I had the faith of a child.

Even after a devastating diagnosis of an incurable illness at 25 years of age after 2 years of disbelief I gave up at age 27 and began a journey of life living with that illness. I made good and bad choices some attributed to the disease but I am no worse off than anyone who must face difficult odds in order to survive. I share this because you and I are no different. Oh, our struggles are how we look, where we grew up, all of these are different but fundamentally we are ALL THE SAME.

Created by the God of the Universe, our purpose is to love him with all our hearts, all of our minds and all our souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves. That changes everything because Jesus died to save us and atone for our sins. That gift provides us with all we need in life to succeed. If we trust in Him instead of ourselves, pour out our hearts before Him and live for His glory, there is nothing in life that can prevent us from the joy He gives. Ask God to help you love Him more each day. His blessings no one can fathom.

Come and visit the library – enjoy a good book or just enjoy some quiet time with the Lord along with devotional time. It's here just for you.

Elaine Isaacson, New Hope Library Coordinator

Update from the Davis home & Mr. Alzheimer

Well, things have changed a little. We are now at the level that Gene can not be left alone. We have to rely on our little buddy (Mr. Walker) to help us get around. That's not a big deal. It is trying at times when we can't remember where the bedroom is, where the bathroom is, how to get our shower. But, that's no big deal either. But, the day I was working in the kitchen and Gene was sitting in his favorite recliner looking at the pictures on the shelf, he was naming the ones in the picture. He named Charles, Gina, Kelly and '**who is that other one?**' '**I don't remember!**' Oh, my heart hit the floor. I just quietly stood there and listened to him trying to figure out who that young man was. '**I can't remember – could it be – I'm not sure.**' Then finally he said '**I bet that is the Lukster** – affectionate name for Luke'. I just simply said 'Thank you, Lord!' This is one thing none of us are looking forward to!

Did you notice???

Things have gotten bigger!!! Upon the request from you – our newsletter has gotten a little bigger and the letters have grown. I hope that this makes it a little better for you to see and read. After all, what's the purpose of the newsletter if you can't see it. Suggestions are always welcomed so please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with the editor!