



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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1 Peter 2:2-3 “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

The New Year provides a sense of hope. Each New Year offers an exciting promise, whether we need a fresh start or an opportunity to make improvements in our lives. The spirit of the New Year is summarized well by Mother Teresa, who once said, “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” With 2020 in mind, I pray that we will renew our devotion to God's Word and learn what Jesus meant by, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

In 1 Peter 2:2, believers are called to desire God's Word like a newborn baby desires milk. It must be the pure spiritual milk of the Word. We cannot settle for a counterfeit or a water-downed version, which can cause sickness or death. A water-downed Gospel does not save and will not produce holy living. The word “desire” is a strong term that describes an intense personal craving. Just as a little baby emerges from his or her mother's womb crying for her milk, so too should the believer hunger for God's Word. Do you hunger for God's Word?

Unfortunately, study after study indicates a growing biblical illiteracy among Americans, even among self-identifying “Christians.” How can we claim to love God if we show little concern and desire for His Holy Word? In 1 Peter 2:2, we need the milk of God's Word for sanctification; to grow up into salvation. Just as a baby needs the nourishment of milk to grow physically, a Christian needs the nourishment of God's word to grow spiritually. There is no lasting obedience, abundant joy and confident faith without a growing love of God's Word.

Reading, studying and obeying God's Word is not burdensome. It is no heavy toll on the journey of Christian life. Indeed, it is a pathway of the abundant joy that Jesus offers. When calling believers to desire God's Word, Peter adds an interesting conditional statement in v. 3, “if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” God's Word provides the continuous blessing of knowing the Lord's goodness. To drink the milk of the Word is to taste again and again what the Lord is like and to experience again and again the joy of personal fellowship with the Lord. We forfeit so much of the joy of our relationship with Christ when we forsake our duty to know His Word. I pray that will never be the case at New Hope in 2020.

In Him

Pastor Jason



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.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Open Gym 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

H₄F (Clothes Closet/Food Pantry)

Monthly Schedule

January 1st

Happy New Year

No Wednesday Bible Study

January 5th

Special Speaker Morning Service

Richard Rosser

Deacon's Mtg. 4:00 pm

January 12th

Soup Cook Off

Church Council Mtg

Birthdays for January

1/28 Barbara Barnes

1/29 Betty Simmons

Jeff Smith

John Hubbard

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Becky Hubbard Jack Smith	1/5	Jim Hartis
Christine Smith Hannah Smith	1/12	Laney Emanuel
Erin Black Jack Smith	1/19	Don Jordan
Leah Jordan Hannah Smith	1/26	Jeff Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SPECIAL SPEAKER

MR. RICHARD ROSSER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

PASTOR JASON AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE COMING IN FROM A TRIP TO CHRISTINE'S PARENT'S LATE ON SATURDAY SO HE HAS ASKED RICHARD TO COME AND LEAD IN OUR MORNING SERVICE.

IT WILL BE GREAT TO HAVE RICHARD BACK WITH US SO INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER MEMBERS TO COME AS HE SHARES GOD'S MESSAGE WITH US.

RICHARD IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH INDIAN TRAIL

NEWS FROM THE CLOTHING CLOSET

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AT THE CLOTHES CLOSET YESTERDAY.

THE LORD SENT 55 FAMILIES TO THE CLOSET. WE HAD 25 NEW FAMILIES. WE TALKED ABOUT OUR TUESDAY HOPE 4 KIDS PROGRAM, WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JERIMIAH, AND DISCOURAGEMENT. ONE CLIENT SAID "ISN'T HE THE WEEPING PROPHET? I ASKED THEM TO PUT THEIR REQUESTS IN OUR PRAYER BOX, AND WE WOULD ALL LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD FOR THEM.

THERE WERE SIX REQUESTS AND I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN PRAYING FOR THEM.

1. MARIE BIDI NEEDS PRAYER FOR PAIN AS SHE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT. MARIE USED TO ATTEND OUR CHURCH UNTIL SHE WENT BACK TO HER COUNTRY.
2. PLEASE PRAY FOR MY FAMILY, GUIDANCE AND UNDERSTANDING. PLEASE PRAY FOR ME THAN ALL MY LEGAL MATTERS ARE OVER. PRAY THAT I COMPLETE THIS DRUG PROGRAM AND AM ABLE TO START THE NEW YEAR WITH GRACE, PEACE, AND MANY BLESSINGS.
3. I NEED PRAYER FOR MY HEALTH, AND TO GET CLOSE TO GOD. ALSO, I NEED A JOB. IZABELLE McLAUGHLIN
4. PRAY THAT I STAY SOBER AND BECOME THE MOTHER THAT MY KIDS NEED AND THE WOMAN THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE.
5. MY NAME IS JEAN AND I REQUEST PRAYER FOR MY HEALTH. IT SEEMS I GET SICK BACK TO BACK. THE DEVIL IS ATTACKING MY BODY. PLEASE PRAY FOR MY ENTIRE FAMILY.
6. PRAY FOR KIDNEYS AND HEALTH. ANNIE MAYES

I KNOW THE LORD WANTS US TO SHOW HIS LOVE AND COMPASSION TO OUR CLIENTS. THAT IS WHAT HOPE 4 FAMILIES IS ALL ABOUT.

IN HIM ALONE,
BECKY

It's Soup Cook-off Time!!!!

Sunday, January 12th

It's that wonderful time of the year when the ladies (and gents as well) fill those pots up with their favorite recipe of soup that we all get to enjoy. So, let Diane Black or Christine Smith know if you will have your pot of soup represented for all to enjoy. The entire congregation is invited to the Family Life Center following the morning service for good soup and great fellowship.

Church Council Meeting will follow the soup cook-off on Sunday, January 12th. Teams, get with your groups and be ready to mark the calendar for Jan., Feb., Mar. & April.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH 2020?

Step into the water, wade out a little bit deeper.
Wet your feet in the water of his love.
Ohh Step into the water, wade out a little bit deeper,
come join angels singin', praises to the Lamb of God.

It's time we the people, stand up for what is right.
It's time we squared our shoulders back, and raised our swords to fight.
For the Bible is our weapon, and the spirit is my shield.
The church needs more of its members to be workers in the field.

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There is victory for the Christian, who walks the narrow way.
There has been a prize appointed, for the soul who does not stray.
Oh I want to live for Jesus, be all that I should be.
So that I can rest with him forever, live eternally.

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Written by Kirk Talley

How about New Hope Baptist Church? How about YOU? Will we 'step into the water and wade out a little bit deeper?' Are we ready to stand and be counted for the Lord? Are we ready to put Him back first in our lives? Are we ready to stand up and be ready to fight?

Do you think the Lord is ready to brush the dust off of his feet and go in the opposite direction? Pray that it is not so!

Who is going to stand and be worker's in the field? Folks, it is hard but again it isn't hard. We have the best leader of all times that promises to protect us, walk with us and even give us the words we need to share. You would be so surprised, for example, if you were to help at the Food Pantry or the Clothing Closet and someone that the Lord sent needs to hear just a kind word. Believe me, He will give it to you. And words could never explain the joy in YOUR heart for the kindness you showed.

What about being a greeter on Sunday morning! It isn't hard to say we are so glad you came to worship with us today. We really are glad - aren't we?

What about using the phone for a positive reason and give a call to someone that you missed seeing on Sunday. Have you ever asked someone "Where is so and so - I haven't seen them in a couple of Sundays'?" Have you ever had a member come to your mind during the week so strong that you wonder what they are doing or going through? That's the time that you stop and give them a call. Encourage them! Tell them that God put them on your mind and you just wanted to call and say hello and that you are praying for them. NOW, that's not a hard thing to do!

We don't need to worry about who comes; we just need to worry about what example we are to that angel we are unaware of. Let's join the angels and sing praises to the Lamb of God as we work for Him.

Pick up your 2020 Read the Bible Through guide. Be more in tune with God's Word and He will be more in tune with you.

It will be amazing to get to the end of 2020 and see what God has done for NHBC because of what we have done for Him.

2020 will be an AMAZING year!