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past for her life's work for Your Kingdom and Your Glory, who am I and 'what is man that you think of us and mankind that you care for them' what now am I to do but to trust in Your Word, 'you are the Good Shepherd and I hear your voice' so I pray 'Your will be done and Your kingdom come', may our mutual faith in this gospel message of marriage carry us through together and exemplify the gospel and may our individual faith be strengthened to endure what is some kind of earthly trial to mold us and conform us to your likeness. In our weakness Your power is made perfect so help me to have Your joy and contentment in this time and I will seek You. "We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Cor. 4:16ff) I will make this room with all its discomforts and distractions a place of worship, this bed an altar and our lives the sacrifice for You. Lord I pray for smallness, make me small, if you provide some kind of healing help me to remember You and Your Word vividly and if you have another plan help me to remember You and Your Word vividly. "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. ⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. ⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. ⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. ⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold." (Psalm 119:67ff) Help me Lord not to question you but to delight in You, to love Your Word, thank You for being so good and for doing good, may You receive glory and may other's faith be strengthened or sparked by Your decision and Your will for our lives, we are but your servants and no better than our Master. "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1 Peter 5:10)

Chris



Sanctuary Flowers

are given
in honor of

Jesus The Christ
Our Resurrected Lord

by
The Church Family

USHERS OF THE WEEK

Group 5
John Hall
Marlon Pendergrass
David Moore
David Suttles
Justin Davidson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 17th - 23rd
Corey Zeigler
381-0083

April 24th - April 30th
Damon Hughes
781-0679

COUNTING COMMITTEE - MAY 2017

Greg Shackelford, Kay Crews, Vernon Benbow

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:15 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal - Bell Room
6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesdays

6:00 P.M. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:15 P.M. Young Ringers
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS) - Sanctuary
G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

Mom's Serving Mom's Bible Study



mom's helping mom's see
black and white
in a grey culture

"Older women, encouraging younger women..."

(Titus 2:3-5)

Main Study is First Wednesday of each month,
but we now meet each Wednesday @ 7pm

Contact Shannyn Robertson for details.

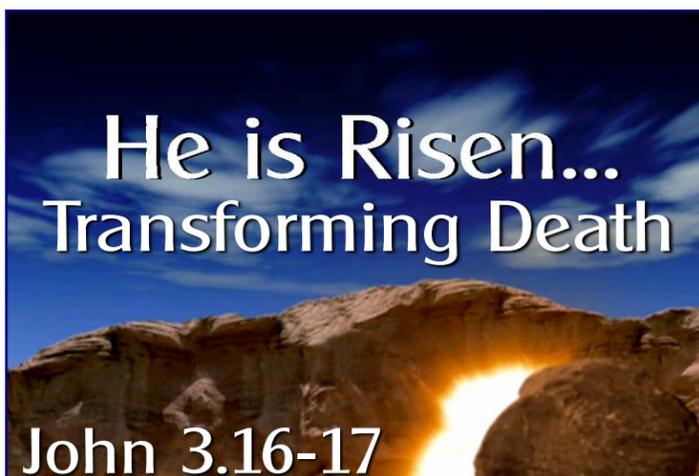


New Hope Baptist Church

TO KNOW JESUS & MAKE HIM KNOWN

WORSHIP GUIDE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017



**He is Risen...
Transforming Death**

John 3.16-17

**Celebrate Easter Sunday
With New Hope Baptist Church**

8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service (Outdoors)

8:45 a.m. - Church-Wide Breakfast (Fell Hall)

Please contact the Church Office to sign up to bring a breakfast casserole for that morning, at the request of the Brotherhood who will be serving us

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Education Building)

11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship Experience (Sanctuary)

(There will be no Evening Worship Service that evening)

This Sunday April 16th

Retirement Celebration for:
Mrs. Joyce Robinson

Sunday, April 30th @ 6pm

Celebrate with us!

Mrs. Joyce has devoted 36 years of service to the Lord by serving New Hope and our families. We invite you to join us in celebrating this remarkable woman and her faithfulness.

If you would like to help provide food or refreshments please see Donna Klein or Keli Bunch.

CHRIS' COLUMN

Observations from a hospital room
As many of you know our family went through a minor health crisis in the last week or so such that it caused me to miss 2 consecutive Sundays. Something which has never happened to me before. I certainly would have rather been proclaiming God's Word and with you in corporate worship but then again, I wouldn't. I trust God and His divine providence and His gift of marriage. I thank Him for my wife and strive to be a servant of Christ to her and so to be the helpmate to which I have been called. There is no other place I would rather have been then by her side caring for her every need. Well, at least every need I could fulfill. To be honest with you there were two patients in that hospital room, two sinners yet to have their final cure seeking answers to a mere temporary and physical problem. Often crying tears which only the other and the Lord of Heaven understood.

Have you ever asked a question you're not sure you want an answer to? Such is the emotions of sudden unexplainable illness. You desire some test so you can get some result unsure if you are actually ready to process what the report may return. The possibilities in this case could range from devastating to relatively minor but your mind races and your heart hurts and the emotions rise and fall as waves crashing on the shore, as if you have no control. You experience the Hand of God through some wonderful and kind, caring and compassionate, selfless medical staff and then through another you experience the depths of fallen humanity, selfishness, irritability, irrational and unprofessional. It is painful to see purity questioned and to be treated as if you have done something wrong when in fact you are confused and clueless. And yet the Lord beckons in the confusion, the obnoxious behavior and the bureaucratic processes with a still small voice directing and reminding us of the necessity to live the Great Commandment, "Love the Lord you God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbor as yourself."

So in love and with Christ focused tact one does his duty to his Lord and to his wife. "My wife," or is she, well she is in one sense but in another yet she is also temporary as is our marriage, in light of eternity our lives are but a moment; after all marriage is at its core just a representation of the gospel, our relationship is meant primarily to demonstrate God's love for humanity given in the self-sacrifice of Jesus in a fallen and depraved world and despite sin and the actions of humanity. Together we not only have tears to be dried but sinful stains in the processes of being cleansed. We are as believers admonished to have hope but for one to have this kind of hope we must truly love God more than circumstance and more than pain, more than having and not having, more than life and more than death. As I prayed two months ago so I must pray now: "even so Lord Jesus, our creator and Savior, as our love is meant to be a representation of your love, we fall painfully short of our goal, but we recognize this and thank you for loving us in spite of our weak faith. I echo the man you met face to face and hand in hand who had a son continually seizing; and for whom the disciples could do nothing. This man said, 'Lord, I do believe, help my unbelief.' Was it he or the disciples who had weak faith? God I ask you to 'help my unbelief and help me to believe even more'. Help me to trust in You, to believe and remember You love her (Tasha) more than I ever could. Who am I to think I know her after a mere 18 years when You knit her together, when You set her apart in eternity

Lend a Helping Hand

Church WORK DAY

Saturday, April 22nd @ 8AM

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

4/17 Ross McClenithan 4/21 Jan Platt
 4/18 Levi Abbott 4/21 Rachel Shaw
 4/19 Brian Knight 4/22 Abby Burnett

Happy Anniversary

4/15 Jason & Stephanie Davidson
 4/16 Joe & Marlene Nickerson
 4/16 Logan & Kayla Nickerson
 4/17 Johnny & Lois Robinson

APRIL / MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 16 EASTER SUNDAY Celebrate Easter Sunday With New Hope Baptist Church 8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service (Outdoors) 8:45 a.m. - Church-Wide Breakfast (Fell Hall) 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Education Building) 11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship Experience (Sanctuary)	17	18	19 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	20 Delivery Team: R&H Shackelford	21	22 Church WORK D-Y Saturday, April 22nd @ 8AM
23	24	25	26 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	27 Delivery Team: Hugh & Charles Ray	28	29
30 Retirement Celebration for: Mrs. Joyce Robinson Celebrate with us! Sunday, April 30th @ 6pm	May 1 H&G Mtg. 7pm	2	3 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	4 Delivery Team: Grace & Cindy	5	6
7	8 Stewardship Meeting 7pm	9	10 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	11	12	13
14 SUNDAY MAY 14th GRADUATE RECOGNITION	15	16	17 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM Business Meeting 7PM	18	19	20



SENIOR ADULTS
 "some have a story, we have a legacy"

Senior Adult Celebration
 Sunday, May 7, 2017
 "Outliving Life"

Celebrating the Legacy of
 our Senior Adults



**Kingdom Giving
 Kingdom Living**

REPORT FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, 4-2-2017

Sunday Services		Wednesday Services	
SS Enrollment.....	223	Adult Bible Study.....	17
Members Attend.....	105	WNL (students).....	20
Visitors Attend.....	10	GA/RA (elementary).....	25
SS Total.....	115	Mission Friends (pre-s)...	11
Nursery.....	17	Nursery.....	1
Morning Worship.....	165	Women's Study.....	11
Evening Service.....	45	Leaders.....	15
		Total.....	100

Giving Record

Tithes & Offerings.....	6,521.82
Designated.....	535.00
Budget Needs Each Week.....	6,796.90
Refunds & Interest.....	0.00
Budget Needs To Date.....	184,085.02
Budget Receipts To Date.....	211,587.83

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Rev. Christopher M. Bishop - Senior Pastor - 781-5572 (Cell)
 Rev. David E. Radford - Minister of Music - 781-9675 (Cell)

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
 North American
 Missions**

National Goal: \$70 Million
 NHBC Goal: \$2,500.00
 Given So Far: \$975.00

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100% of all gifts to the
 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
 go to support missionaries
 and their work.

North American Mission Board

Join us on:



Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 14th
 as we celebrate family!



**We will celebrate child dedication on Mother's Day,
 Sunday, May 14th see pastor Chris for details.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 14TH
 GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

**JUNE 5-8
 PASSION CAMP @ DAYTONA**



Speakers: Louie Giglio, Brad Jones, Ben Stuart
 Music: Passion Band & Crowder

PASSION CAMP

JUNE 5-8 2017

DAYTONA BEACH

See Corey Zeigler to sign up! - Total Cost: \$325

Welcome to our New Youth Pastor:



Marc Pollard
 Wife: Hailey, Son: Ezekiel (8 mos)




**SUNDAY,
 MAY
 14th**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

See Corey Zeigler to turn in your bio and pictures!