



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

Colossians 1:27 *"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**"*

Homecoming Sunday is a time when we express gratitude to God for New Hope Baptist Church. As I was thinking about the blessing of growing up at New Hope and now serving as pastor, I remembered the sign that once hung in the old sanctuary, "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory." This statement comes from Colossians 1:27, as referenced above. I am unaware of the history of the sign, or the year it was put on the wall, or the members who decided on getting it, but there is no better message that a church could communicate than "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory." This is a summary of the Gospel. This is the foundation for all ministry.

There is nothing greater than knowing the Lord Jesus. When Paul writes that Christ is in you, he is declaring that in Christ we experience the presence of God. It is a testimony of Jesus' final promise in the Gospel of Matthew, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20) Glory does not only refer to our future heavenly promise through faith in Christ, which is precious and wonderful, but the word "glory" in the OT is used of the majesty of God, the full beauty and power of his presence. In Christ, we can know the glory of God. In Christ, we are empowered to live for the glory of God. In Christ, we will receive God's glory in eternity. Indeed, Jesus is our hope of glory.

This Homecoming, it should be our prayer that New Hope continues to point people to Christ, our hope of glory. Pray that God will not allow us to minimize our purpose in the community. Do we realize how privileged we are to have hope of glory in Christ Jesus? Do we consider it a great honor to share the message of the Gospel with our families and community? As we consider the wonderful blessing of New Hope Baptist Church, we should rejoice and express gratitude for all the ways that God has been glorified in our church. We should praise God for those who expressed faith in Christ through the ministry of New Hope. Let us be thankful to God for how we have grown in spiritual maturity here. In addition, we should anticipate the glorious work of God in our church for the future. We must continue to pray that God will produce the fruit of the Gospel in us and through us, as we proclaim, "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory."

In Him, Pastor Jason

NHBC on mission for the Lord....

Homecoming '81'

1938 - 2019

Special Music

Steve and Tori Hill

History of NHBC (through the eyes of a child)

Luncheon immediately following the service.

Ladies - do it again - bring those wonderful dishes and remember to bring enough for your family and one more family.

You don't want to miss this special event!



In remembrance

Mrs. Frances Williams Lilly

July 24, 1926 – August 31, 2019

As we prepare to celebrate our 81st Homecoming we are also celebrating the Homegoing of one of our charter members – Mrs. Frances Williams Lilly.

Ms. Frances went to be with her Lord on Saturday, August 31st. A beautiful lady that truly loved her family and if at all possible, loved her Lord even more. Her quiet spirit, her praying without ceasing, her sweet and encouraging words to all she met and her great wisdom that the Lord bestowed on her, speaks volumes. If you needed to write a book on 'how would you describe a true Christian?' then Ms. Frances would be a wonderful example to follow.

Ms. Frances, you will truly be missed, but we are assured of the great 'homecoming' when we will meet you again.

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery	Date	Deacons
Leah Jordan Hannah Smith	10/6	Laney Emanuel
Becky Hubbard Jack Smith	10/13	Don Jordan
Christine Smith Diane Yandle	10/20	Gerald Freeman
Erin Black Jack Smith	10/27	Jeff Smith

Monthly Schedule

October 6 th	
Homecoming '81	
Deacons Mtg.	4:00 p.m.
October 12 th	
Decision America	
October 19 th	
OCC Box Prep.	12:00 p.m.

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)

Birthdays for October

10/4	Terry Lacy
10/5	Karen Davis
10/7	Diane Yandle
10/12	Gerald Freeman
10/15	Christine Smith



Dear New Hope Family,

Words alone cannot express our gratitude for the outpouring of love we have experienced since the passing of our Mom. The food, cards, flowers, donations and words of encouragement have been an overwhelming source of comfort during these difficult days. Thank you for your continuing prayers as we grieve the loss of our Mom. We feel the Lord's presence every day and know that prayers are being lifted up on our behalf. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and loving family as New Hope. God is good and His love endures forever.

Love in Christ
Wayne & Linda McCarver

Show others each day just how much **YOU** think God loves you

Our Lives Do Make a Difference

Often when things are difficult, we wonder if what we are doing and our life makes a difference in this ever-changing world. The truth is that our lives do matter to those we encounter during the day. It may be holding open a door for someone as they enter a store. Or it may be reaching to catch something that someone else accidentally dropped. Saying a kind word or smiling at someone while you wait for your turn in line at the grocery store may be the only kindness that stranger received.

We may find ourselves hard pressed to think that our simple lives can make a difference in someone else's life but your life does. A simple act of kindness or sharing a word about Jesus could be the blessing that person needs and if you don't do it, then there is no blessing.

The Library is filled with books on Jesus and on relationships with one another. Stop in before Sunday School or right after class. Ask me to get a book that you have trouble finding. The thing you learn today could end up being the gift you give someone tomorrow.

God Bless!

Elaine

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The poster features a black and white photograph of Franklin Graham on the left, smiling and holding a book. The background is a light, textured pattern. In the center, the text reads: "FRANKLIN GRAHAM" in large, bold, red letters with a blue outline; "DECISION AMERICA" in blue; "TAR HEEL STATE TOUR" in blue; "CHARLOTTE | Oct. 12, 4 p.m." in red and blue; "PNC Music Pavilion" in blue; and "DECISIONAMERICA.COM" in blue. Above the main text is a small icon of a bus. On the right side, there is a red vertical banner with white text: "EVERY NIGHT FREE", "8 CITY TOUR", "LIVE MUSIC BY JEREMY CAMP & DENNIS AGAJANIAN", and a photo of a man playing guitar. At the bottom right, it says "A MINISTRY OF BILLY GRAHAM Evangelistic Association Always Good News." and "©2019 BGEA".

Sign up sheet is located on the vestibule table if you would like to ride the bus.