



**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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**2 Timothy 2:8- “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel”**

Considering Timothy's impressive spiritual resume, it is fascinating that Paul would instruct him to remember Jesus. In Philippians 2:20-22, Paul commends Timothy with high praise, “For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know of Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father, he has served with me in the Gospel.”

Timothy was a genuine Christian, a devoted minister of the Gospel and a sacrificial servant of the church. If a Christian could arrive at the point in spiritual maturity where they no longer needed to be told, “Remember Jesus,” it would have been Timothy. His entire life was about Jesus. His greatest desire was to honor the Lord Jesus. Yet, Paul wrote to him, “Remember Jesus.”

Why? Because we cannot afford to take our eyes off Jesus. He deserves our constant focus, and we need him. As Christians, we never move beyond Jesus. In a person's physical development, growing in maturity is viewed as becoming more independent and being able to take care of oneself. But in a Christian's spiritual development, growing in maturity never means becoming more independent, as if we can take over the walk of faith in our own power. Rather, growing in spiritual maturity means a deepening dependency on the Lord Jesus. This is why, we must remember Jesus.

V. 8 could be translated, “Keep always in mind, Jesus Christ.” Our attention needs to be set on Him always. When you wake up in the morning, I hope you do with praise and thanksgiving to Jesus. When you lie down in the evening, I hope you do with praise and thanksgiving to Jesus. As you go through your daily activities, I hope you do with praise and thanksgiving to Jesus. We are here because of Jesus. We have eternal life because of Jesus. Our greatest purpose is to serve Jesus. Our greatest motivation should be to please Jesus in all that we do. At New Hope, I pray that our lives are testimonies of Paul's instructions “Remember Jesus.”

*Pastor Jason Smith*



### Deacons on Call

May 2 & 30

Jim Hartis

May 9

Jeff Smith

May 16

Gerald Freeman

May 23

Don Jordan

### Calendar of Events

#### Standing Weekly Schedule Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Facebook

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10:00 a.m.

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### Birthdays for May

5/11

Joyce Perry

5/20

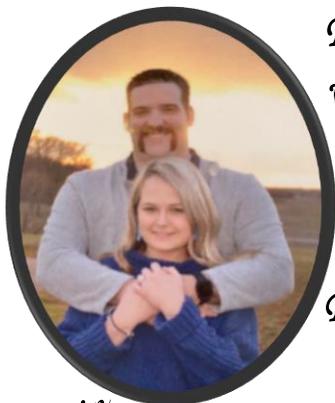
Wilma Freeman

5/21

Linda McCarver

5/30

Vanessa Jefferson



*Erin  
&  
Jeffrey*

*Erin Black & Jeffrey Price  
will join hands in marriage  
on May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*(Annette's birthday)*

*Please lift Erin and Jeffrey  
in prayer as they enter a  
new step in their lives.*

*May the Lord bless and  
keep you forever!*

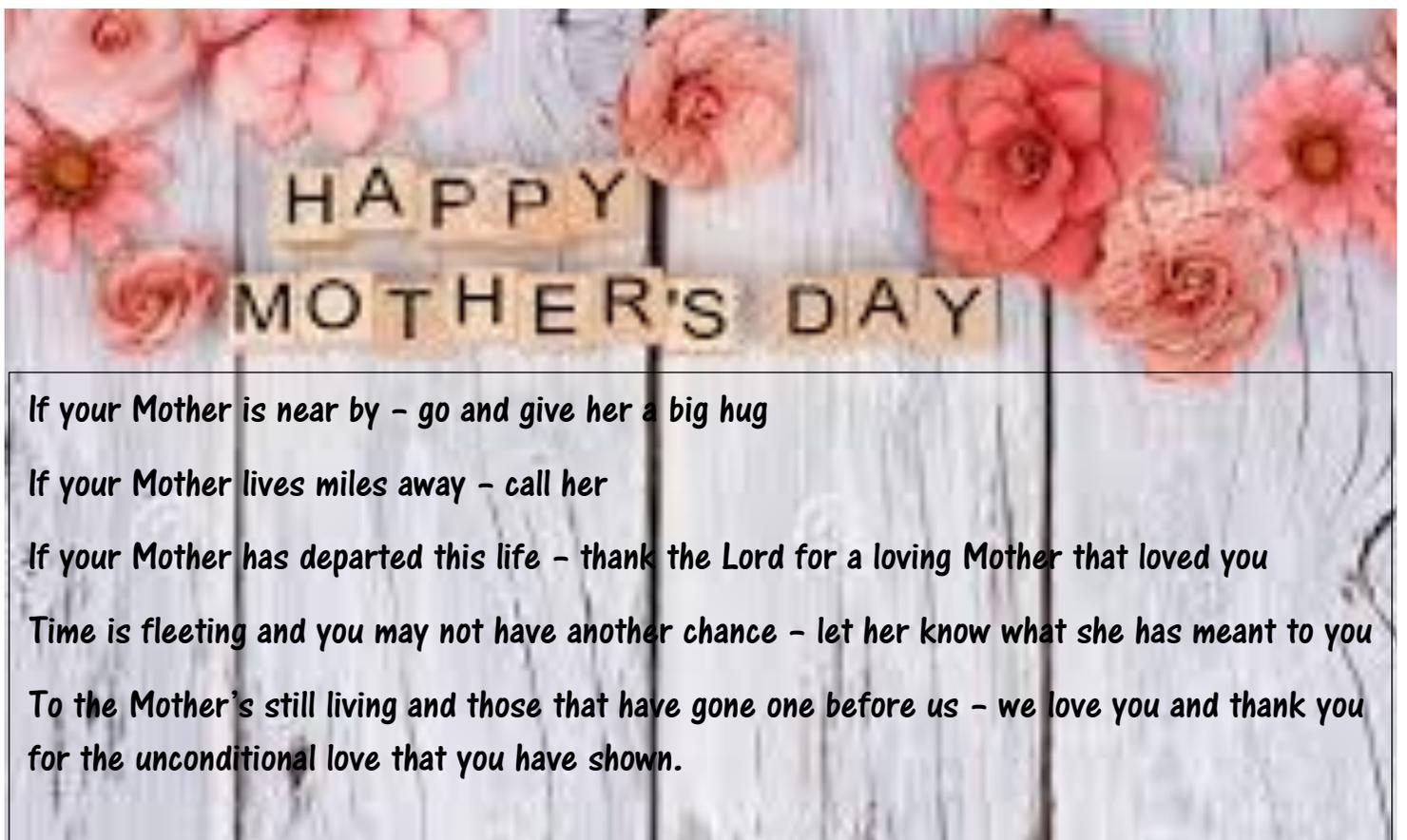
### *New Hope Friends*

*We wanted to thank you for  
your cards, thoughts and  
especially your prayers for us  
when Daddy died.*

*We are so blessed to have friends  
like you.*

*We love you..*

*The LC James Family*



If your Mother is near by - go and give her a big hug

If your Mother lives miles away - call her

If your Mother has departed this life - thank the Lord for a loving Mother that loved you

Time is fleeting and you may not have another chance - let her know what she has meant to you

To the Mother's still living and those that have gone one before us - we love you and thank you for the unconditional love that you have shown.