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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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## **Somebody ought to do something about it!**

Traveling down the road – in the middle of huge farmland, I looked around thinking about the times as a young child, I worked SOME in the fields but mostly I would care for the little ones in our family while the older folks made those fields that were bare become something so fantastic to see. Amber waves of grain, beautiful stalks and stalks of corn, fields of cotton and beautiful strawberry patches. Time back then seemed to be a lot slower, the 180 days of school seemed as if would never end, time from one birthday to next one took forever. We couldn't wait to reach the double digits and then 13 to become a teenager and 18 when you were free to do as you pleased (hoping that what Dad and Mom did over those early years to teach me the correct way to live and taught me what and who Jesus was and especially in my life, that it took). *Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) and Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)*

When my family came to New Hope from Virginia, we felt like we were coming home – so welcomed and loved. We had a bunch of new aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas and brothers and sisters. That was way back in 1977 and today I am the grandmother or the great-grandmother. Where did time go and what happened to my world. It has changed. It has changed in many different ways – some good and some not so good. But you know, we talk to each other every week and we look to the government to make things better – I wonder how that is working? We can think of many things, that if we could change them, things would be better. We look to others to get that job done.

***Somebody ought to do something about it!!!***

In the beginning, the Lord created everything perfectly but due to the giving in to sin our perfect world changed. There are children that need-to-be taught about Jesus – there are young people that need-to-know what marriage should truly be like – a precious union between a man and a woman and yet a challenge each day to keep that union precious. That can only be achieved when there are 3 in that marriage – husband and wife and Jesus Christ in the center. If you are reading this and you are a young person or a young couple, seek out the wisdom of a married couple that has survived solely on Jesus Christ being in the center of their lives!

I can hear you asking – who is going to do anything about the state of our world today. Somebody ought to! Grandmother's have you thought about going to the elementary schools and read to the children – helping them to understand the concept of learning. Mature married couples – sharing with young couples on how you and your precious spouse made it through the tough times. These are just a few examples, but you have no idea what a difference it would make.

***Who ought to do something about it!!! Maybe it should start with me!***

***With God as our pilot, we CAN do something!***

## A Note from Mary



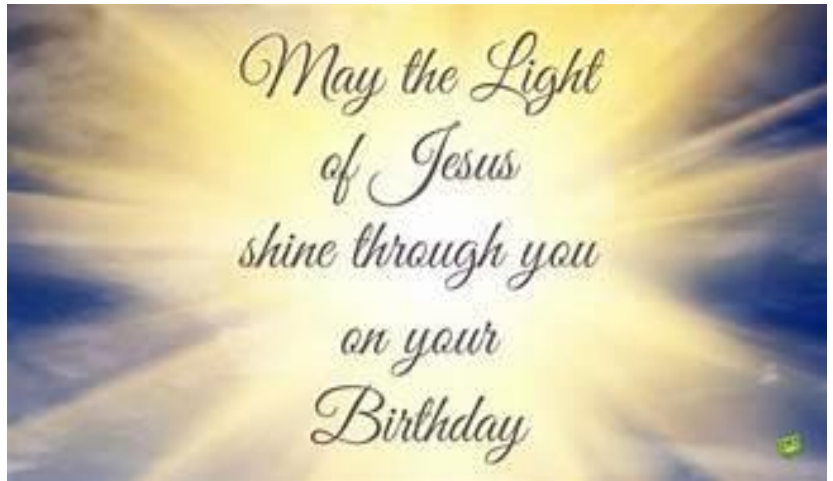
I cannot thank my church, the people, for the kind words and prayers you have shared with me and for me. Your love has meant so much and I cherish this in my heart. I love being in touch with my church either through a visit or just a simple little 2 minute phone call or a text message. I miss you all so much.

Should the Lord take me home today, I feel so loved by my church family, my God given family (children, sister's) and all my precious neighbors & friends. My cup is truly overflowing with love and gratitude for each & every one of you.

My love, from the bottom of my heart.

Mary Usher

## Happy February Birthdays



**Janet Sweetser**  
February 12<sup>th</sup>  
5129 Coronado Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28212-4474  
707.732.3305

**Mary Rorie**  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
5307 Fennell St  
Indian Trail, NC 28079-6526  
704.628.6676

**Dan Crawford**  
February 18<sup>th</sup>  
8700 Eaglewind Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28212-1523  
704.621.6723

**Wayne McCarver**  
February 27<sup>th</sup>  
14221 Thompson Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
704.847.4230

**Gary Brown**  
February 28<sup>th</sup>  
3530 Piney Grove Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28212  
704.575.9842

**We have a few birthdays this month and several have not been with us in a while due to health issues. Put this list on your fridge door and send a card or give them a call on their special day. What a difference that would make in their day!**

### Deacons on Call for February

2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Jim	Dan	Don	Jim
Hartis	Crawford	Jordan	Hartis



*A Sweetheart of a Fellowship*

*Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Immediately following the morning service. The weather seems to be calling for a soup day. Let's make our special soup, bring to the fellowship as we warm our heart with love and our tummy with hot soup.*

*Sign up out in the vestibule and list if you will bring a crock pot or pot of soup. The kitchen team will provide the cornbread, crackers and tea.*

## Calendar of Events Weekly Schedule

Sunday  
9:30 am                      11:00 am  
Sunday School              Morning Worship

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
H.F.  
(Hope for Families—clothes & food)