



**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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Therefore, **I am** well content with **weaknesses**, .... with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for **when I am weak**, then **I am** strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10

When you are dealing with difficult times in your life, at the beginning it seems not so tough and that you are strong and can handle it. Maybe a couple of years go by and you are still in a state of mind that *-is this really happening-* because things don't seem so bad and you can see a light at the end of a tunnel. *This too shall pass!*

When time keeps going and the doctor's appointments get to be more frequent, then you may find yourself doing a little more research. *What is all of this about!* It seemed at first that there are meds to take care of this. After all, this is the United States and they have cures for everything. To make a long story short – the tunnel seems that it has no end and things are difficult.

You now find that things are more serious than you thought in the beginning. Getting up in the morning – getting to bed at night is a chore but all the things that happen in between are very challenging. After some time, you find that your energy is getting weak. O Lord, give me strength! He says, *when you are weak, I will be your strength.* You find that you have to take all of the responsibility of running the house and it scares you so much that it causes your health to decline. O Lord, I am scared! *I have you in My Hands – do not be afraid.* You find it hard to stay calm, soft spoken, kindness, is in itself, getting to be harder. When you get so tired that you can't think straight, I can find myself getting irritable and have to apologize for the loud voice. I also ask the Lord to forgive me. He says, *I created you and I know you as my child. Today, let me carry you.*

Folks, as you pray, remember the one that is sick and remember their caregiver. I overheard a lady telling a friend that she was just told by her doctor that she is in the early stages of Dementia. My heart sank, because I knew what she had to look forward to. That told me two things – I now had another prayer request and you need to share with those that may be in the early stages to encourage them because when you have walked it then you truly understand. The Lord allows different walks in different lives and we should use that experience to witness to others.



### Deacons on Call

**July 4th**

Jeff Smith

**July 11th**

Gerald Freeman

**July 18th**

Don Jordan

**July 25th**

Jim Hartis

### 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.  
H4F

### Birthdays for July

**7/20**

Diane Black

**7/25**

Carolyn Davis



*Coming July 25<sup>th</sup>*

## Betsy Gaskamp

*will be here to share a message in song.*

*Please come as we worship together and don't forget - someone is just waiting to be ask to come and worship with you. Be that friend!*

### Clothes Closet/Food Pantry

#### Schedule for July

*Due to the holidays H4K will be open on July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> - the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday*

**10:00 am**

### Church Council Meeting

**Our meeting set for June 27<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Hartis Sunday School classroom. Folks, we need everyone to be a part of this meeting to discuss different ways to improve our service to the Lord through our services and programs. We hope to see you there!**

*We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during our time of loss. The service was beautiful. Thank you so much for the support through the loss of our daughter, Carol Lynn. Thank you for all you did to make it special. We love you all.*

*Herbie, Trey & Stephanie Hill*



*The church received a memorial from the Hill Family.*