

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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1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

With Easter approaching, have you considered the wonderful implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ? As Christians, we should and we should often, beyond just one time a year. 1 Corinthians 15 is known as the “Resurrection Chapter.” In this chapter, Paul stated the devastating consequences had Jesus not been raised from the dead. Our faith would be futile, and we would still be spiritually dead in our sins (v.17). Past believers, who have died, would not be in heaven, but would have perished (v. 18). Present believers, who currently hope in Christ, are of all people most to be pitied (v. 19). Everything hinges on the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Thankfully, Paul declared, “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (v.20). This is what makes the Gospel the “good news.” And so, those devastating consequences become wonderful blessings of assurance. Our faith in Christ is meaningful and valuable. In Christ, we are delivered from the bondage to sins, brought to new life by His resurrection power. Past believers are now in the presence of the Lord Jesus, which as Paul said is far better (Phil. 1:23). Present believers have hope in Christ, something that this lost and dark world should desire.

The resurrection was God's stamp of approval, His “Amen,” to the atoning sacrifice of His Son on the cross of Calvary. Yet, there is one more wonderful implication of resurrection of Jesus Christ. This one has a powerful practical application attached to it. 1 Corinthians 15 is a long chapter, but it ends to make this point, “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Paul is offering us the assurance of knowing that our faithfulness and service to the Lord, both in our personal walk with Christ and in our devotion to the local church (New Hope), will not go in vain. Our faithfulness and service to the Lord always produces fruit, whether we see it or not, and this assurance is based on the certainty of the resurrection of Christ Himself, which all Christianity hinges on. This is the highest motivation for endurance in the Christian life. This Easter, let New Hope continue to be “steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.”

In Him Pastor Jason

Deacons on Call

April 3
Don Jordan

April 10
Jim Hartis

April 17
Jeff Smith

April 24
Gerald Freeman

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

1st and 3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m.
H₄F (Hope for Families-cloths & food)

Birthdays for April

2- Juanita Williams
Wendy Lacy

12- Gene Davis

19- Nancy Aldridge

22- Don Jordan
Teresa Smith

25- Ruth Hyatt

28- Jack Smith

IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL MEETING & COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENTED BY PASTOR JASON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AM SERVICE W/LUNCH

SUNDAY APRIL 3RD

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & CHURCH FUNCTIONS

PRESENTATION BY PASTOR JASON

Look what's coming from the music team....

See schedule below of music scheduled through July 3. There are a few

March 20 - On My Cross (Karen solo)
March 27 - Forever (Becky solo and Ladies Ensemble)

April 3 - We will Remember (Ladies Ensemble)
April 10 - Jennifer and Barrett Barbee
April 17 - He Could Have Simply Walked Away
(Diane solo and Ladies Ensemble)
April 24 - It Is Finished -
(Diane solo and Ladies Ensemble) - tentative

May 1 - Bow the Knee (Ladies Ensemble)
May 8 - Mother's Day - How Beautiful (Ladies Ensemble)
May 15 - Betsy Gaskamp
May 22 - TBD
May 29 - TBD
Note: Debbie Dickens will be singing on May 22 or 29.

June 5 - Heaven (Ladies Ensemble)
June 12 - Joe Morris
June 19 - Father's Day - The Father's Song (Ladies Ensemble)
June 26 - Thank You (Karen solo w/Ladies Ensemble backup)

July 3 - Tori and Steve Hill

I want to say 'thank you....

1) Christine for leading the congregational music on Sunday mornings. We appreciate the work put into deciding on the songs for each service.

2) Doug for playing the keyboard. You have been doing some great medleys during the offertory. Sunday's medley was so beautiful!

3) Don for running the soundboard during the service.

4) Dan for setting up the screens for the service. We may start posting an occasional song that the Ladies Ensemble will be singing on the screen.

AND

5) Becky Hubbard for posting information on the church's web site.

Karen Davis