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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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Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."

In context, "what we have heard" refers to the supremacy of Jesus, the Son of God, the major point of Hebrews 1, but in the largest teaching of the NT, you could think of it as simply the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news concerning of how in Christ, and in Him alone, there is eternal life. Thus, Hebrews 2:1 essentially says, "We must pay close attention to the Gospel, or else we will drift away."

When it comes to the Gospel, there is no staying put or standing still. The word "drift away" is often used in a sailing context. If the captain and crew are not actively charting the winds, tides and current and steering the ship along its proper course, the ship will fail to reach its intended destination.

In the Christian life, we are either growing in our faith and devotion to Christ, or we are withering back into faithlessness and into the sin that characterized our lives before we became Christians. Thus, we must always pay careful attention to the Gospel. We must focus on the supremacy of the Lord Jesus and on the sufficiency of his atoning sacrifice for our salvation.

Later in Hebrews 12:1-2 the author writes, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." We enter the Christian life only by faith in Christ Jesus and we can only go forward in the Christian life by faith in Christ Jesus. The only way we will endure to the end of the Christian life is by faith in Christ Jesus. Keep your eyes on Jesus, never look away.

Considering how beautiful and majestic our Lord Jesus is and considering how wonderful He has been to each of us, why would we look away. I pray that our hearts at New Hope will grow with a greater affection for our precious Savior for the glory of our Heavenly Father.

In Him

Pastor Jason

Deacons on Call

August 6th
Jim Hartis

August 13th
Dan Crawford

August 20th
Don Jordan

August 27th
Jim Hartis

Church Council Team Meeting

Sunday, August 20th

We will work on the church calendar for the remaining of 2023. That will include September through December. This planning meeting will be open to the entire church.

We will plan for a meal consisting of crockpots of soup. If you are willing to provide a pot, please sign up on the sheet located on the vestibule table.

Birthdays for August

Aug. 20th
Richard Davis



JOY News Update

The Just Older Youth are still on the move but the event for 7/29 at the Family Life Center had to be moved to Saturday, August 26th. The plans could not be finalized for July. You will be blessed with a BBQ luncheon and a special surprise activity. Please find the signup sheet located on the vestibule table or call the church office at 704.537.6340

A special 'heartwarming' message from the Clothing Closet

Audrey Shepard has been coming since the clothes closet opened. Through the years she and Patrick Williams became very close.

She used to shop for herself and her mom. She told me she was taking care of her mom.

One day she came telling us that her mom had passed. We sent her a sympathy card. The next time she came to shop she brought at least 5 or 6 flower bundles- one for each of us for helping her through a hard time.

A little while after that she asked me to change her address to Patrick's as they got married.

Patrick was a big man almost 4X Large! At some point Patrick stopped coming with Audrey. She said it was he had cancer as she shopped for the two of them. We would always ask her how he was doing, and sent "Praying for You" cards to encourage him.

By and by, Audrey asked if they could call me after he had received a card. Patrick told me how thankful he was for our prayers. He told me there was nothing left for them to try except experimental drugs which had begun in March.

Audrey would tell us how sick and in pain he was, and that he had lost so much weight because of the treatments.

Audrey left me a voice mail saying how much it meant to Patrick and herself to be thought of and prayed for by our clothes closet team.

On June 24th Sandy Page ran into Audrey. She told Sandy that Patrick had passed on 6/11. We sent her a sympathy card from the Clothes Closet team.

On July 5th there was a voice mail message from Audrey on my phone. She said she is devastated, shocked, and very hurt.

She said her heart is shattered in a million pieces. She said Patrick just got too weak as the cancer spread. She took him to the hospital, and he didn't make it back home. **She asks that we continue to pray for her.**

Becky

Calendar of Events

Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:30 am
Sunday School

11:00 am
Morning Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study

1st and 3rd Saturday
H.F
(Hope for Families-
clothes & food)