



**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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**Colossians 2:6-7** “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

Recently on Sunday mornings, in John 11, we have seen how Jesus perfectly met the needs of his disciples, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Thankfully, the sorrow and pain of this broken world cannot outweigh or overwhelm the glory of the Son of God. This relates to a larger theme in the NT about the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is sufficient for every need, spiritually speaking, in time and eternity. To have Him is to have everything. Not having Him is missing out in the greatest way. One can have all the wealth and possessions this world offers, but without Jesus, that person truly has nothing at all. All joy, peace, beauty, purpose, hope, and fulfillment in life now and forevermore is bound up in Christ Jesus, the Son of God and precious Savior. He is all the Savior we need.

Of the NT books that teaches the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ, probably Colossians stresses this point the most. In Colossians 2:6, Paul writes that we need to be walk *in* Christ. As the all-sufficient Savior, everything we need for this life of faith is found through constant communion with Him. This is true from the start to finish and in-between.

Paul adds that we need to be “rooted and built up in Him.” Being “rooted” in Christ has the idea of sinking the roots of faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is probably a reference to conversion, the moment when we first savingly believed in Jesus. Jesus is the foundation of the Christian life. There is no salvation outside of Jesus.

Being “built in” Christ implies that, as Christians, we are still under construction, not yet perfect. Whereas “rooted” points to our conversion, “built in” refers to the process of sanctification. Jesus is the power of the Christian life. He is the one who provides new spiritual life.

All that we need is found in Jesus Christ. This is true on the individual level. Whatever circumstances you are facing right now, look to Jesus, rest in His love, and seek his joy. But this is also true on a corporate level, as New Hope Baptist Church. We may be facing uncertain days with little knowledge about what the future holds, but Jesus remains the all-sufficient Savior. Let's look to Him, spend time with Him in prayer, and proclaim His name to our family, friends, and community.

In Him  
*Pastor Jason*

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### Deacons on Call

**September 5**

Gerald Freeman

**September 12**

Don Jordan

**September 19**

Jim Hartis

**September 26**

Jeff Smith

### 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 September

**9/5**

Laney Emanuel  
7016 Rennert Road  
Shannon, NC 28386

Sean Smith

**9/6**

Erick Foster

**9/14**

Teresa Dixon  
1005 Martin Luther King Ave  
Apt B8  
Crestview, FL 32536

**9/27**

Jim Hartis

*Coming September 12<sup>th</sup>*

## Joe Morris

*He moved his schedule to Grandparents Day*

## Sunday

### September 12<sup>th</sup>

### AM Service

### Grandparents –

### Great-Grandparents

### Day

*Violet Isabella Kilburn*

*Born: 8/18/2021*

*8lbs 1oz 20" long*

*Proud Parents: Courtney Smith and Martin Kilburn*

*Big Brother: Camden*

*Grandparents: Teresa & Jeff Smith*

*Sharon & Charles Kilburn*



## Homecoming 2021

# Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

*Special Music by: Becky Hartis*

*We want to focus on our members that have not returned to church yet. Deacons-please be in contact with your families. Members – make a special effort to call folks that haven't been back since the pandemic and invite them back. They are truly missed.*

*This will be our main theme and focus for Homecoming 83. We will take extra measures to remain safe.*

*Watch in your bulletin and email for more information concerning the meal.*