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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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*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21*

*Sometime in the 1950s, Audry Mier was sitting in a Christmas service at her church when she was suddenly inspired to write a hymn. She retells the story, "As the morning service began, I was almost overwhelmed with the fragrance, the sounds, and most of all, with the gentle moving of the Spirit in that church. The pastor stood to his feet, opened the Bible, and said, 'His name shall be called Wonderful.' I tell you the truth, that's all it took, I wrote the words and music in the flyleaf of my Bible. In the Sunday evening service, I taught the chorus to a group of young people, and it was sung for the first time."*

*The hymn she wrote is one New Hope is very familiar with. It is one we sing frequently, often at the beginning of our services. The hymn goes...*

*"His Name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, His Name is wonderful, Jesus My Lord. He is the Mighty King; Master of Everything; His Name is wonderful; Jesus My Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all Ages; Almighty God is He. Bow down before Him; Love and adore Him. His Name is wonderful; Jesus My Lord."*

*In a dark and confusing world, with many frustrations, disappointments, and reasons for despair, it is refreshing when the truth of the person and work of Jesus Christ is communicated with few words, yet with precision and conviction. Sometimes, all we can say, and all we should say, is "Jesus."*

*Christmas is the celebration of the to the most valuable, most beautiful, and most wonderful gift that we have ever received, or could receive, the Lord Jesus, the glorious Son of God, our precious and loving Savior. This Christmas, let New Hope celebrate declaring and testifying the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.*

*What comes to mind when you hear the name "Jesus"? Does it immediately bring you joy? Does it lead you to express deep gratitude? Does it stir your heart to worship God? For Christians, the name of "Jesus" is the most precious name. May the name of Jesus be lifted high at New Hope during this Christmas season.*

*In Him*

*Pastor Jason*

## Deacons on Call

12/3

Jim Hartis

12/10

Dan Crawford

12/17

Don Jordan

12/24

Jim Hartis

12/31

Dan Crawford

## Birthdays for December

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Linda Norton

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jane Allen

December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wanda Hartis  
Erin Price

December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Frank Norton



## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday  
9:30 am  
Sunday School

11:00 am  
Morning Worship

Wednesday  
6:30 pm  
Adult Bible Study

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

## Merry Christmas, everyone!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, everyone is invited to gather at Jonathan's Restaurant in Matthews, for a Christmas meal. (Dutch Treat of course- but please don't let that keep you from coming. See Carolyn). Please be sure to sign-up on the sheet located at the bulletin board, no later than Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## December Events

November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Advent begins

Lunch at  
Jonathan's Restaurant

10630 Independence Pointe Pkwy Matthews, NC

Christmas Candlelight Service  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at the morning service

Office will be closed on 12/25

Communion  
Sunday, December 31st

## The Final Words of Mr. Alzheimers

18 months have flown by since the Lord gained a wonderful man in His kingdom and Mr. Alzheimer lost the battle with Gene. I shared with you over the months of the experiences that Gene (as the patient) endured and me (as the caregiver) experienced. I pray that you received valuable info from this.

Now

Being 18 months later, heaven seems so much more real because my partner for life is there. It is so much more different than even losing my father to multiple myeloma. As my mother shared with me "you don't understand, because you still have your husband". And she was so right. The day that Gene left our home for the final time and all of our friends and family had gone home – I found these things out. I had no one to talk to. I had no one to watch T.V. with. I ate all alone. I had no one to hold hands with. I had no one that had my back like Gene did. It was and is very frightening. I find myself going along during the day and all of a sudden, tears are flooding. **BUT, this is what has happened.** The Lord has helped to fill this huge void in my life with you and my family. Your kind words of encouragement. You're listening to me ramble time and time again. I know it is tiring but the Lord has shown me through you how to minister to others in this same area. I love my church (you), my family and I praise the Lord for you each day. As this is the final writing of our experiences with Mr. Alzheimer, may I say to you that I love you all and thank you all for who you are.

Merry Christmas  
Carolyn