



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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Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

A true believer will become a peacemaker; desiring unity and harmony and seeking reconciliation when there is conflict. This should not be surprising. After all, our Lord Jesus is the ultimate peacemaker. Apart from faith in Him, we are dead in our sins and enemies of God. But, thankfully, as Paul observes, “Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). A few verses later, Paul writes, “We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation (Romans 5:11). If we are following the example of our Lord, we will encourage and promote peace. We will not allow our words and actions to discourage people and to minimize their value.

Our world is full of aggressors and agitators. Many people enjoy annoying others, making their lives more difficult. Many internet trolls love starting wars of words. Many people intentionally twist the views and opinions of others to upset them. Our world needs peacemakers. Here in the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us that God's approval is with those who seek harmony.

The church needs peacemakers. How sad is it when a local church develops a reputation for inner-conflict, division, strife, and bitterness? Such churches ruin their own ministry outreach and do not provide a strong witness of the Gospel. Such churches have forgotten that believers are here to love, encourage and serve each other. Seeking peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ will help us to remember our calling as a church.

What is the promise for peacemakers? Jesus tells us that peacemakers will be called sons of God. There is a blessed assurance given to those believers who seek peace in this divided world and within the community of believers. This is the assurance of knowing that you are a valuable and beloved member of God's family. It is a beautiful confirmation that you are a true child of God through faith in the Lord Jesus. This also means that for those self-identifying Christians who cause constant conflict and problems, there is a serious spiritual problem that could reveal a lack of true saving faith. But I pray that will not be the case for any of us here at New Hope. Let us be peacemakers for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Pastor Jason



Happy Thanksgiving

**Deacons on Call**

Nov 1
Don Jordan

Nov 8
Jim Hartis

Nov 15
Jeff Smith

Nov 22
Gerald Freeman

Nov 29
Laney Emanuel

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 Face Book

1st and 3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m.
H4F

**Birthdays for
November**

11/4 Bonnie Edwards

11/18 Loretta Dickens

11/21 Robert Dickens

11/25 Leah Jordan

11/30 Jason Smith

Thank you during our time of grief

Dear Carolyn and New Hope Baptist Church

There are not words adequate to express my heart of gratitude to you and the New Hope Church family! I didn't have enough hours in the days leading up to Thursday's services to do what I was called upon to do; and my own sorrow and grief made it hard to see. BUT GOD! It is so wonderful to know that no matter what our 'lot' may be, we can always know God has a plan! And God in His faithfulness and mercy put our family in 'your' care. The New Hope family of God embraced us and helped us take these hard first steps following the death of Marlon. Thank you, Carolyn, for taking care of the programs and asking plenty of questions about services on Thursday so that I could attend to each detail as needed. Thank you, New Hope, for embracing Becky, Jane, Nicole and Rachel in this dark valley. It is truly a blessing to have you there for us. You all have been the Hands, Feet and Heart of the Lord to us this past week and it will be a testimony forever etched in our hearts. Thank you for being Jane's family and taking such good care of her. She loves you all! And because her heart has found shelter in your church family, our extended family found a soft place to land and to be together to grieve and to celebrate Marlon's life. Thank you for the flowers in the fellowship hall, the help in the nursery, the coordination and setup of the sanctuary and technology AND most importantly thank you for your love and prayers.

By His Grace

Misti Humphries