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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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“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”

Romans 8:16

Recently, on Wednesday night, we considered how the central work of the Holy Spirit is to make known to us the personal presence of Jesus, our Savior. The gracious work of the Holy Spirit in our lives involves opening our eyes to the beauty of Jesus, enabling to truly appreciate Him and to benefit from the blessings He provides.

One of the ways the Spirit does this is by providing the believer certainly of being a member of God's family, indeed, a child of God. As Paul writes in Romans 8:16, the Holy Spirit bears witness in our spirits that we are children of God. Making a similar point, Paul writes in Galatians 4:6-7, “Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

Clearly, this precious work of the Holy Spirit is very important. As Christians, we do not have to live with constant doubts and fears concerning our standing before God, our Creator. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, if indeed, we have truly trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation, provides constant reassurance of our place in God's family.

When we first believe in Jesus, God does not leave us on our own to figure things out and, for us, to prove ourselves worthy of God's favorable attention, or to develop our own confidence before Him, which would all be in opposition to His grace. Rather, God graciously gives us the Holy Spirit and from inside our hearts, the Holy Spirit cries out, “Abba Father.” It is his wonderful work and loving service to us to let us know that God is our Father and Jesus is our Savior.

Concerning this ministry, J.I. Packer writes “The Spirit-given certainty of being loved, redeemed, and adopted through Christ into the Father's family, so as to be ‘heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ’ (Rom. 8:17), makes gratitude, delight, hope, and confidence- in a word, assurance- blossom in believer's heart.” We ought to be very grateful for this glorious ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We are still at the beginning of our study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday nights so you are still welcome to come join us!

In Him

Pastor Jason

Deacons on Call

November 5th
Don Jordan

November 12th
Jim Hartis

November 19th
Dan Crawford

November 26th
Don Jordan



Roll those clocks
back on Sunday
morning

November 5th

Deacon Sponsored Thanksgiving Luncheon

Saturday, November 18th at 1:00 PM

We are including a special invitation to all of the volunteers of the Agape Dental Ministry, the Clothing Closet and the Food Pantry. So many things to be thankful for.

The Deacons will provide the meat, the Kitchen Team will provide the beverage and bread and we are asking all of our members to provide the vegetables and desserts.

Let's all come together and praise the Lord for all He has blessed us with.

Birthdays for November

November 4th
Bonnie Edwards

November 18th
Loretta Dickens

November 25th
Leah Jordan

November 30th
Pastor Jason
Smith



A Prayer to Cultivate a Heart of Gratitude

Gracious God, we cannot even begin to thank You for all that You have done. From the sacrifice on the cross to the minute details You orchestrate and take care of in our lives. You are so good to us!

As we head into a beautiful season that calls us to give thanks, we ask that You help us cultivate a heart of gratitude. Give us the freedom to let go of our past.

Grant us the ability to live with boldness, show loyalty with a servant's heart, and help embrace the precious gift of Your mercy and grace. Amen.



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
HF
(Hope for Families-
clothes & food)