

“Bridge Builders”

Message from the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God our Father and Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Happy New Year to you my brothers and sisters in Christ and creation. God has blessed us to cross the threshold into 2025. God be praised! Usually the month of January is filled with new year’s resolutions, promises, vows and oaths set with the intentions of consistency and accomplishment. However, that is not always the case. Sometimes our fire and dedication fizzles as we move further away from the day of commitment. While promises and vows are quite easy to make, they are not always as easy to keep. When it comes to weightier matters like that of vows made to God, or to one another, the Bible teaches us the importance of follow thru. In Numbers 30:1-2, Moses is speaking to the tribe leaders and says: “This is what the LORD commands:

When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said. God takes our promises and pledges seriously, and so should we. If we promise God that we will do something, or not do something, we must keep our word. We must also recognize that willing and doing are two different things. We need the wisdom of God in making our promises and the power of God in keeping them (Phil. 2:12-13). Words are powerful things and must be used carefully. The Quakers say, “Of your unspoken words, you are the master; of your spoken words, the servant; of your written words, the slave.”

As Christians, the Holy Spirit lives inside us. His power is ready to teach us to carefully consider promises before we make them. John 14:26 says; But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. It is a fact that without God we can do nothing, and the Holy Spirit is our keeper. It is also a fact that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

My prayer for you is that this year, with the help of God, we will carry out what we have committed to do. The Holy Spirit will empower us and awaken our consciousness to the impact we will make in the Earth when expectation meets execution. I am excited to see the people of God “**Thrive in 25**” when we take serious the things of God. I pray for your covering of protection, the guarantee of provision, and the blessing of promotion. While we enter the year with a new commander in chief of our nation, we will rely on God, the source of our strength and strength of our life. We will not fear, but in confidence and boldness advance in the power of God and by the grace of God.

I’m looking forward to an effective year or ministry through worship, fellowship, missions and outreach. I am also confident in knowing that **NEW HOPE IS MIRACLE GROUND**. God continues to show himself mighty in the life of New Hope Nation. I close with Philippians 1:6 which declares; And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. May God richly bless and keep you in His care.

In Great Expectation,

Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.

Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr., Pastor



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**2024 Church Theme:
Building Bridges—
Building Lives”
Acts 17:23;
I Corinthians 9:16-23**





January Lessons — “Our God Reigns”

Adult Class Teacher: Kay Whitley at (704) 598-9601

The Adult Class will begin at 8:30 am and the zoom number is:
(301) 715 8592 ID#: 878 0625 6702 PC: 852769

- January 5 In Times of Trouble Psalm 10:12-18
- January 12 The Lord is robed in Majesty Psalm 93
- January 19 Don't Forget! Psalm 103:1-14
- January 26 Doesn't Anything Last Anymore? Psalm 145:1, 10-21

Superintendent

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Secretary

Doris Robinson

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Adult Class

Kay Whitley

Married Couples

Myron & Schkeith Sidberry

Singles Class:

Min. Gregory Stokes

Join us each Sunday morning (virtual) at 8:30 am for the teaching of God's Word.

Classes are available for the entire family.

Singles Class:

Please join via teleconference

Sunday mornings at the same

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Dial-in#: (319) 527 2769

Access code: 880208

Teacher:

Min. Gregory Stokes



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WEDNESDAYS

12:00 PM

(IN-PERSON)

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 PM

(LIVE STREAM)



“The time is always right to do the right thing.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Save the Date



When: April 4–6, 2025

Where: Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mtn, NC

Total Cost: \$250.00 per person

Deposit: \$50.00

Due Date: January 15th

Payments: New Hope Baptist Church via Cash/Check/Cashapp/Givelify

Contact: Deacon Christ Wright

704-562-1914



Blessings to all celebrating January Birthday!

Seasoned Saints celebrating their special day:

Larry Geter (1st) Vanessa West (3rd) Mary Thomas (16th)

Betty Stowe (18th) Betty Baker (19th) Lurene McCall (20th)

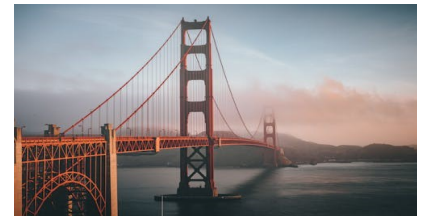
Doris Robinson (24th) Jo-Ellen Hurdle (27th)



Building Bridges—Building Lives

Elder Justin Murphy

We are Going to Thrive in '25



In a world where division often dominates the headlines, a new message of hope is being championed by communities and individuals who believe that, together, we can overcome any challenge. As we step into 2025, there is no better time than now to reflect on the scriptural wisdom that reminds us to "build bridges, not walls." This timeless call to action is not just a metaphor for unity but a spiritual principle that invites us to act with love, kindness, and understanding.

Building Bridges in Faith

The Bible is filled with verses that speak to the importance of unity and reconciliation. In Ephesians 4:3, it says, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." This message resonates strongly as we seek to build bridges, not only in our personal relationships but also within our communities and nations. When we choose to come together in peace, despite our differences, we open the door for healing and progress.

As we enter 2025, it's vital to remember the words of 2 Corinthians 5:18, which remind us that "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." This ministry, though divine in its origin, extends to each of us in our everyday lives. We are called to build bridges—bridges of compassion, understanding, and faith—that will allow us to thrive together.

Thriving Together in '25

The theme for this year, "We're going to Thrive in '25," is not just a catchy slogan; it is a call to action. When we commit to building bridges, we set the stage for collective success. Whether in the workplace, at church, or within our families, thriving comes when we actively work together to elevate one another, rooted in love and mutual respect. Romans 12:10 encourages us with the words, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." This message speaks directly to the heart of thriving together. It is about humility, selflessness, and the willingness to lift others up, ensuring that no one is left behind. As we venture into 2025, we recognize that thriving isn't just about individual success but about the well-being of the community. "Two are better than one," as Ecclesiastes 4:9 reminds us. When we combine our strengths, share our gifts, and work together in harmony, we are not only fulfilling God's will for unity but also setting the foundation for a prosperous and thriving future.

How We Build Bridges

So, how do we begin to build these bridges in practical ways? Here are a few steps we can take:

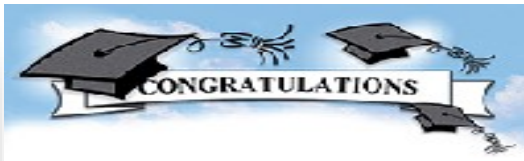
- 1. Listen and Understand:** Proverbs 18:13 teaches, "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame." By taking the time to truly listen to others, we show that we value their perspective and are willing to meet them where they are. This simple act of empathy is the first step in building a lasting connection.
- 2. Forgive and Reconcile:** Colossians 3:13 urges us, "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Forgiveness is a powerful bridge-builder. It releases bitterness and paves the way for peace and understanding.
- 3. Serve with Love:** In Galatians 5:13, we are told, "Serve one another humbly in love." When we prioritize the needs of others and act in service to those around us, we strengthen the bonds of community and show that love is the foundation upon which we stand.

Celebrate Differences: 1 Corinthians 12:14-20 speaks to the importance of diversity within the body of Christ: "Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many." Embracing our differences and working together as a collective whole is essential for thriving in unity.

As we look forward to 2025, the vision is clear: together, we will thrive. With each act of kindness, every conversation that builds understanding, and every effort to reconcile differences, we are building a future where bridges of faith, hope, and love connect us all. Let this be the year we commit to living out the principles of unity and reconciliation that Scripture calls us to. In doing so, we will not only thrive in 2025 but also build a foundation that will last for generations to come.

So, let's take this challenge to heart: We're going to thrive in '25, one bridge at a time.

Elder Justin Murphy



Christiana Wright, the daughter of Deacon Chris and Deaconess Cherie Wright graduated Cum Laude from Appalachian State University on Friday, December 13, 2024. Christiana obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in three and a half years and is currently continuing her graduate studies at Appalachian State University.

MARK
your **CALENDARS!**

SCHOLARSHIP Kickoff Meeting
FEBRUARY 8, 2025

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Member of New Hope Baptist Church
- Students enrolled in college
- Students entering as Freshman

Mission

Provide scholarships that reward and encourage scholastic achievement among deserving students who are members of New Hope Baptist Church.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Easy Step forward to Apply

- Attend the Meeting
- See Sister GRADY

Meeting will be in Church Conference Room

Saturday, February 8, 2025 12PM

Contact: Marsha Graddy

Email: delta423@aol.com

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

The Financial Workshop is Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 11:00 am. If this is the year you want to focus on your finances, please join the session. We will be covering topics to help you better managing your finances.

A zoom meeting is available.

Meeting ID: 823 8588 8934

Passcode: 970802

Dial by location:

+1 646-558-8656 US (New York)

+1 301-715-8592 US (Washington, DC)

If there are any questions, please see Deacon Christ Wright (704-562-1914).

Deacon Chris Wright

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NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

New members class is Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Anyone who has not completed a class, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend this session, upcoming sessions will be held later this year. All sessions will be available via zoom and in person here at the church.

Please mail newhmbc@bellsouth.net to register. If you have any questions, please see your assigned

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Installation of CHURCH OFFICERS & LEADERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
10:00 AM



**Facebook Live at 10:00 am
New Hope Baptist Church
YouTube New Hope Church
Charlotte**



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Mission Statement:
“ To make disciples, bringing them into an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Engaging believers through free spirited worship, outreach, study, and fellowship. Offering new hope, in a new day, for a new life.”
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Ephesians 1:18
“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.” ESV



The New Hope Family extends heartfelt sympathy to:
The Sturdivant Family, in the loss of Sister Bessie Smith Sturdivant.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mid-Day Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm
- Wednesday Nights Bible study@ 7:00 pm (live stream)
- Saturday, January 11th Financial Workshop @ 11:00 am
- Sunday, January 12th Installation of Officer/Leaders
- Wednesday, January 15th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- Saturday, January 18th Women's Ministry @ 1:00 pm
- Monday, January 20th MLK Holiday
- Saturday, January 25th New Member's Class @ 11:00 am



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