



### *Message from the Pastor*

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

I greet you with the joy of Jesus as we celebrate the final month of the year, December. This is the season of Advent, and we eagerly anticipate the promised Messiah. In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which translates to the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, His baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, and His first miracle at Cana. During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the sixth century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is like Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them.

In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. Let us celebrate all that God has done for us this year and look forward to a new year full of God's opportunities and winning strategies.

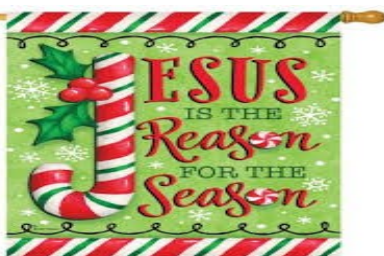
Enjoy time with family and friends, strengthening relationships and valuing the things that matter most. Let us also recommit ourselves to kingdom work, being intentional about our mission and objectives. We have been chosen for such a time as this to make kingdom impact in the world, and with God's help we will accomplish all we have been purposed to do.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you for your service and sacrifices through ministry at New Hope. You have helped advance the kingdom by your dedication and Love. May God richly bless each of you. Merry Christmas!

*Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.*

Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr. Pastor

New Hope Nation



Advent is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It's a time marked with remembrance for all God has done and anticipation for all He is going to do.



**Superintendent**

**Kay Whitley**

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**Teachers:**

**Adult Class**

**Kay Whitley**

**Married Couples:**

**Myron & Schkeither Sidberry**

**Singles Class:**

**Min. Gregory Stokes**

**Teens 13-17:**

**Shirlene King**

**Youth 5-12:**

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

Classes are available for the entire family.

**December Adult Class— " God's Promise "**

**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



December 4	God's Promise	Luke 1:8-20
December 11	Zechariah Redeemed	Luke 1:57-66, 76-79
December 18	John Prepares the Way	Luke 3:2-6, 15-18
December 25	Open to Being Chosen	Luke 1:46-55

**Married Couples Class**

Please join us on **Zoom** every

4th Sunday at

**4:00 pm**

**Meeting ID#**

**837 743 7503**

**Password: 1111**

Teachers:

**Myron and Schkeither Sidberry**

**Singles Class:**

Please join via **teleconference**

Sunday mornings at

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

**Dial-in#: (319) 527 2769**

**Access code: 880208**

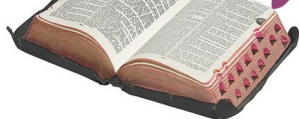
**Teacher:**

**Min. Gregory Stokes**

The Missionaries & Hymn Choir members visited Sis Barbara Dean November 12, 2022.



**Bible Study**



**WORD ON**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Missionaries November Project for Charlotte Rescue Mission & Salvation Army Center of Hope Homeless Shelter. Donated soap, men's body wash, toothpaste, men's white socks, twin sheets, and towels.



# Willing Workers Outreach



**NEW HOPE MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
DRIVE-THRU  
CHRISTMAS DINNER  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
(CHURCH PARKING LOT)**

The Willing Workers delivered 20 Comfort Bags to the pink house. It was such a pleasure to shop for and fill the bags for recipients.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO  
RECEIVE THE DINNER  
YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR.  
REGISTRATION NUMBER: 704-534-1054  
DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15TH**



*Merry Christmas*

Helen Washington and Betty Baker attended the Volunteers Luncheon sponsored by BeBlessed Ministries, Inc and received the Volunteer Award with several other volunteers. Pastor Barbara Perkins Everette is the ministry's Founder and CEO. The ministry has partnered with New Hope to be a blessing to others.

*Please Join Us*



**December 31**



**Happy Birthday and Anniversaries  
to all our friends on your special day  
in December. Blessing and may all  
of your and wishes come true.**





**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. “

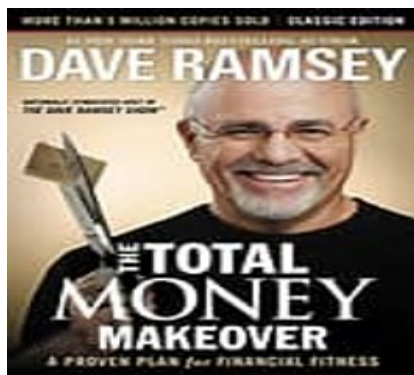
**Ephesians 1:18**  
“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.” **ESV**



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The Total Money Makeover  
by Dave Ramsey.  
**Saturday, December 10th,**  
at 11:00am via zoom.  
Zoom invite:  
Meeting ID: 823 8588 8934  
Passcode: 970802  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
Contact Dec. Chris Wright at 704-562-1914 or [cdwright705@msn.com](mailto:cdwright705@msn.com)



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

God loves a cheerful Giver and we thank you for your obedience. You may drop-off your offerings at the Educational Wing, mail-in or use [NewHopeNation](#) or [Givelify](#)

**SURVEY**

The demographic survey has been issued electronically. The purpose of the survey is to update the membership files and evaluate our current congregation. Some members have moved and changed phone numbers; therefore, for us to stay in contact with you, we need your updated information. The submitted survey information will only be accessed by myself and Holly Collins, Church Clerk and will remain confidential. The link is: <http://fpls.in/nhmbcdemographic>

If you have any questions or cannot access the link, please contact the church at 704-332-4275.

**“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23 KJV**

With deepest sympathy to Sis Sallie Jamison in the loss of her Sister Ms. Dorothy Mae Ford, Philadelphia, PA; and Elder Shawn Dalrymple in the loss of his brother Mr. Oscar Dalrymple, Jr, Providence, RI.