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Dr, Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.



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

5th Pastoral Anniversary GALA Rev. Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr. Friday, May 31, 2024 UNC Charlotte Marriott Musical Guest - Kelontae Gavin Formal Attire-Sapphire Blue & Silver \$100.00

"No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without Leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." George Washington Carver, Inventor (1864-1943)

NEW HOPE NEWS

Rev. Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr., Pastor

"Bridge Builders" Message from the Pastor

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

By now we have found our place and set our pace in this new year. God is sending us a supernatural thrust I greet you with the joy of Jesus as we celebrate Black history month. This is a time where we can honor and pay tribute to the notable African Americans who have made memorable and lasting contributions to our society. We pause to reflect and remember the sacrifices, the struggles, the blood, sweat, and tears, even the giving of their lives so that we can have the privileges and benefits we have today. Thank God for their lives! We must now carry the baton and continue in the fight for equality and freedom. We must take the responsibility given us by past generations to pave the way for future generations. It requires us to be actively engaged in the change we want to see. I recently read an article in the Pew Research Center by Jens Manuel and Mohamed Mo Slimani, titled "Key Facts about Black eligible voters in 2024." The article discloses that the number of Black eligible voters in the United States is projected to reach 34.4 million in November 2024 after several years of modest growth. Black voters could play an important role in determining the outcome of key 2024 elections, including for U.S. president. We have the knowledge, now we must execute the power. God has given us strength despite our challenges. I read in The Bloomberg.com news that It will take more than three centuries for Black Americans to achieve the same quality of life as their White neighbors, according to McKinsey & Co., after the racial gap widened in more than half the country in the past decade. Based on the rate of change in quality-of-life metrics between 2012 and 2021, it would take roughly 320 years for Black residents in rural counties like Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to achieve parity, a new report from the consultancy shows. Even in megacities like New York and San Francisco, where outcomes overall are better for Black residents, parity would take 160 years. There are other sobering data points: only 48% of US counties reduced the racial gap in the past decade, no US county with a significant Black population has achieved parity, and the 37 that are close to it house just 0.1% of the total US Black population. The study assumes that results for White residents will remain at today's levels but notes that those estimates are conservative because their conditions are likely to improve over time. McKinsey analyzed twenty-five metrics related to quality of life, including rates of poverty and food insecurity, job opportunities, life expectancy and incarceration rates across the US, from megacities to rural areas. The report also highlights several solutions that could help bridge the gap, including affordable housing in mixed-income neighborhoods, health insurance for US residents without coverage and the expansion of high-quality early childhood education programs. We perish for lack of knowledge. Knowing the data should only ignite our passion and zeal to make a difference in our lives, our communities, and for all people who are disenfranchised. While the quote "God helps those who help themselves" is not a bible verse, I do believe that God will empower, and equip those who trust God and utilize all God has given us to aid the less fortunate. God wants to use us to be the bridges that create an alternate path, another option, a better opportunity, a better quality of life. God wants our bridges to grant access to resources, tools, and people who can foster and funnel the assistance needed to provide better. Bridges of this nature provide NEW HOPE to people with OLD WOUNDS. That NEW HOPE can set the stage for another bridge, the bridge to Jesus Christ. We must maximize every opportunity we have been given to offer NEW HOPE for a NEW DAY, and a NEW LIFE. We do it by being witnesses for God, by speaking truth to power, by fighting the good fight. IN the words of Congressman John Lewis, we need not be afraid to cause "good trouble" so that freedom and equality can become a lived experience for all. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Let us continue

to build bridges and build lives in the process.

The grace of God be upon you now and always.

Dr. Quíentrell L. Burrell, Jr. #NHN



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Superintendent

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Secretary

Doris Robinson

Teachers:

Adult Class

Kay Whitley

Married Couples:

Myron & Schkeither 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.





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February 4	Faith in the Power of God	Isaiah 40:12-1
February 11	Faith Amidst the Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:19-28
February 18	Faith in the Times of Trouble	Daniel 6:10-1
		19-23, 26-27

February 25 Faith in God's

Singles Class:

Please join via teleconference

Sunday mornings at

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Dial-in#: (319) 527 2769

Teacher:

Min. Gregory Stokes

Access code: 880208

Bible Study

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7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Faith in God's Purpose

Isaiah 40:12-13, 25-31 Daniel 3:19-28 Daniel 6:10-11, 14, 16, 19-23, 26-27 Habakkuk 2:1-5



The Scholarship Committee is gearing up to offer scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. You have the opportunity to help our New Hope Church students pursue their higher education by donating to the Scholarship Committee's March Madness Fundraiser. The March Madness fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024. The committee is asking that you wear paraphernalia that represents your favorite college basketball team. You will be given an envelope on the 17th to use to donate to the New Hope scholarship fund. You may also use Givelify and Cashapp to make donations. If you use Givelify and Cashapp please specify that the donations are for the Scholarship Fund. Please contact Marsha Graddy by email: delta423@aol.com.

Building Lives



Building Bridges

New Hope's 2024 Theme "Building Bridges, Building Lives," brings to mind a quote I saw from Tommy Barnett. "If you want to be a bridge of hope to the world, you've got to allow yourself to be walked on." Not as a doormat, but being used for what you were created for. We as the people of God are called to humble ourselves and allow God to use us to bring people to Him. Paul said in our foundational scripture that he would become all things to all people to save/win some for Christ. Not that he was phony, but he could meet people where they were. But first God has to build and mature us. Paul said at the end of our foundation scripture, 1 Corinthians 9:27; But I keep discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I should be disqualified. You cannot give what you do not have. Once we are strengthened, then we can strengthen our brothers and sisters. I encourage you to allow God to build you brick by brick.

Elder Oveda Miller

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MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



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Why struggle in silence?

Counseling is available at no cost to you and your family. We are available to provide compassionate care and loving support through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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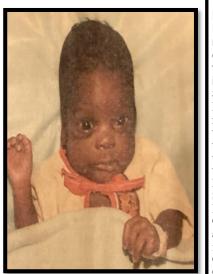
Celebrating Black History

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Sis Deborah Cathey and Sis Betty Baker





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Kenneth Peter Ware, II Turns 40: A Testimony

Peter will be celebrating his 40th birthday on February 13, 2024. He loves receiving mail. I am asking everyone who can, please mail him a birthday card anytime in the month of February. Just a card. No gift please. The card is the gift! We will be celebrating the entire month, so you can mail the card anytime! Thanking you in advance. Please mail to: Mr. Kenneth Peter Ware II, 2501 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Forty years ago on February 13, Kenneth Peter Ware II was born with many challenges. He was born prematurely by two and one-half months weighing three pounds. He was not supposed to survive. But God!!! At two months of age, Peter had brain surgery because of a blood clot. Onethird of his brain was permanently damaged. He was never supposed to walk or talk. But God!!!

Peter shows his true potential every day. He ushers every 3rd and 5th Sundays. He attends CPCC participating in the Adult Compensatory Education Program (I-LEAD). Peter plays basketball with Special Olympics of North Carolina representing Mecklenburg County. Peter also volunteered for over twenty years until 2020 at CMS/Atrium Main in Guest Services working with discharged patients.

Celebrating Peter's 40th birthday is a true milestone. It proves God's Grace and Mercy is always with him. Through prayer, supportive family and friends, Peter is a strong, blessed, and responsible person. His family is extremely proud of him and the man he has become.



2024

Join the Women's Ministry Saturday, February 17th at 12:00 pm via Zoom in celebration of Black History Month. Our invited guest is Ms. Valencia Faulkner author of "Silent Battles." Ms. Faulkner will review her book highlighting the purpose and impact on women of all walks of life. "Silent Battles" is a collection of stories told by women who faced traumatic situations with strength and dignity. Each woman walked her journey from tears and hurt to healing and forgiveness. They use their stories to encourage readers to go through their own healing process."

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88287109001? pwd=NFYxWkRRWTRMWDZTV0IGTkRBb0Mrdz09 Meeting ID: 882 8710 9001 Passcode: 874235 Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592







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."

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CALENDAR ^{of} EVENTS

- Mid-Day Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm
- Saturday, February 10th Financial Workshop (Virtual)
- Saturday, February 17th Women's Ministry Meeting @ 12:00 pm—1:00 pm (Virtual)
- Saturday, February 17th MCMU Institute Workshop Meeting @ 8:00 am-3:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 20th Men's Bible @ 7:00 pm.

Why Do We Celebrate Black History Month?

Black History Month is celebrated in the month of February all over America. Carter G. Woodson, a historian and professor established the Negro History Week in 1326 to commemorate the efforts and hard work of African Americans to the American society. In 1976, the revelry was extended for the entire month and celebrated all over America. Although this month mainly established to celebrate and honor the work of African Americans, it signifies unity and recognition cutting across racial and geographical barriers.





Betty Baker, Priscilla Gurley, Cedric Dean, and family on the passing of their great aunt, Mrs. Daisy Belle Sturdivant (102), of Baltimore,



Important Dates Election Day: Tuesday March 5, 2024. Election Day Polls are open from: 6:30AM - 7:30PM. Ballots will be mailed out starting_Friday, January 19, 2024. Portal & Application will be is now available.

• Last day to request a ballot: February 27, 2024, by 5:00PM

- First Day of Early Vot-
- ing: Thursday February 15, 2024.
- Last Day of Early Voting: Saturday, March 2, 2024.
- Last Day to Register to Vote on Election Day: Friday February 9, 2024. You may same day register during early voting.
- **2024 Second Primary if need**ed: May 14, 2024

• 2024 General Election: November 5, 2024