

“Bridge Builders”

Message from the Pastor



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



Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God our Father and Jesus our Lord and Savior. I greet you with Jesus’ joy as we enter the second month of 2025. I pray that those who have made new year’s resolutions, set goals and commitments, are determined to accomplish them in the spirit of excellence.

While we are only in the second month of the new year, it seems much has transpired, socially, economically, and politically. The new commander in chief has hit the pavement moving, intent on making good promises and threats he so passionately declared. He has signed dozens of executive orders and presidential memoranda on topics including, but not limited to, energy and the environment; immigration; international trade; foreign policy; diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); transforming the civil service and federal government; and technology. These presidential actions include rescission orders of Biden-era regulations, withdrawal orders from international organizations and agreements, and orders implementing the administration’s affirmative policy objectives. These actions are indicative of the broader “America First” policy agenda set forth by President Trump throughout his campaign and signal key priority areas for his administration in the coming months. Much of what we have seen points to the reversal and removal of civil and human rights. While much of what we have seen and heard is troubling, it is also purposeful.

In last Sunday’s message titled “A Divine Setup.” I expressed that the current plight of our nation and world is not without divine supervision and divine intervention. God allows situations and circumstances to occur that creation might turn back to its creator. From chaos came cosmos, from darkness came light, from trial comes triumph. We must remember it is God that made us and not we ourselves. We are God’s people and sheep of God’s pasture. Being aware that the sun shall not smite us by day or the moon by night, and that he shall preserve our souls should give us a sense of peace and courage amid danger. God is with us! Do not be swayed or dismayed by the occurrences around you but rather be strengthened by the spirit of God in you. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world. I am certain that trouble doesn’t last always and that there will be glory after this. Therefore, I encourage you to be not weary in well doing, you will reap a harvest of blessings, but you mustn’t faint. Stand tall, stand courageous, and stand against the wiles of the devil in these last and evil days. If you are faithful to God, you will receive a crown of life. Jesus is soon to come, and His reward is with Him. I further encourage you to be steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord. Doing this will ensure that your labor is not in vain.

I also want to honor the lives and legacy of notable African Americans who paved the way and fought for freedom, justice and civil rights. Their great contributions to this nation made America great before the recent talk and rhetoric of such. The strength and diversity, the tenacity and determination, the faith and fight, the sacrifice and struggles of a downtrodden people were not in vain. The impact and imprint of their lives has forever changed this country. It cannot be denied, and it cannot be erased. I am proud to be an African American, and to know that we are all connected, cut from the same cloth continues to be a beacon of hope to current and future generations. I proudly say to you, Happy Black History Month, and I will celebrate whether it remains on the calendar or not. The system thought they had eliminated Jesus, but He rose again.

I close with the words of Maya Angelou in her poem Still I Rise: “You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies, you may tread me in the very dirt but still, like dust, I’ll rise.” Keep rising my brothers and sisters and one day you will rise forever.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Q





February — “Life In God’s Kingdom ”

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

- February 2 Too Much Debt Matthew 6:5-15
- February 9 Stand Up Matthew 11:7-15, 20, 24
- February 16 What More Do I Have to Do? Matthew 19:16-30
- February 23 Don’t’s Be a Goat Matthew 25:31-46

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Kay Whitley

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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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Please join via teleconference

Sunday mornings at the same

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Dial-in#: (319) 527 2769

Access code: 880208

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Min. Gregory Stokes



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WEDNESDAYS

12:00 PM

(IN-PERSON)

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 PM

(LIVE STREAM)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an opportunity to honor the past, while protecting the future of Black Americans. During Black History Month and in conjunction with Heart Month, the American Heart Association is encouraging people to go from bystanders to lifesavers in their communities by challenging every household or family to have at least one person who knows Hands-Only CPR.

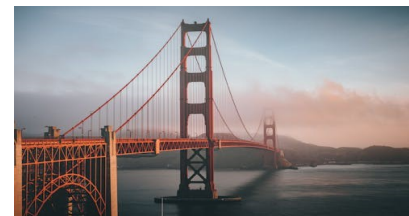
Why is learning CPR important for Black Americans?

Black Americans have the highest incidence of cardiac arrest outside of the hospital and are significantly less likely to survive. Cardiac arrest in black neighborhoods is associated with alarmingly low treatment and survival rates and studies have shown lower rates of both bystander CPR and bystander AED use in these neighborhoods. We need to change this trajectory. The American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling the survival of cardiac arrest by 2030. We know that in order to save more lives from the 350,000 cardiac arrests that occur outside of the hospital every year, we must increase the number of people who respond to cardiac arrest by calling 911, delivering high-quality CPR and getting and using an AED as soon as it is available. Currently 90% of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die, in part because they do not receive CPR more than half of the time. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person’s chance of survival. Join the Nation of Lifesavers and learn CPR.

Building Bridges—Building Lives

Elder Shawn Dalrymple

“Build with Love”



As we stay in the theme of building bridges saving lives, I want to start with Matthew 22: 39 and it states *‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself is the second of the two great commandments. The first commandment is you shall love the Lord your God. With all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’* It speaks of love. And that is how we are supposed to treat each other. With genuine love. Not a love to where we expect to have something back, but a love that is intentional. A love that shows that we do have Christ in us.

If we must build a bridge, they need to see the love within us. They need to realize it is because of Christ I do love you. It is because of who I claim I am in Christ I do love you. As we watch this world around us and we are confused of what is happening in our world of politics, in our world of religion, we must realize that it is because of God's love that we are able to endure, and we are able to move forward with building a bridge. We need to show people that no matter what their thoughts are of us, no matter how things go wrong in our lives, that we still show love. So, for us to build a bridge of love, we must have a changed mind, a renewed mind, and a renewed spirit.

I am excited to know that we are building bridges here at New Hope, that we have the ability, and we have the accessibility to continue to build a bridge of love here at New Hope. So let us continue to follow the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves and to love. Remember in Matthew. 5:44 states. *“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.”* I leave this with you to let you know no matter what the situation is, let's continue to show love and continue to build the bridge of true love.

Elder Shawn Dalrymple



Christ Wright
Class Instructor



Omari Crosby is an 8th grader at Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy. He has been on the basketball team for 3 years. He is an honor roll student. He will be attending Olympic High School in the fall. His parents are Onterio and Tenecia Crosby

As we start the new year let's reflect on what it means to be a good steward regarding our finances. According to Meriam Webster, stewardship is “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something”. In our new members' class we teach that nothing belongs to you because it doesn't. Everything is God's. We are mere stewards given the responsibility of managing each thing we have. If we take that into consideration and understand we are not owners but merely managers given the responsibility and are held accountable to God then we should manage the things we have better. God has blessed us with life, health and strength. The financial assets that we have are God's. Let's glorify Him this year by being a better steward. As the parable of the talents teaches us ““For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 25:29 NKJV Let's strive to have abundance in 2025. To learn how to be a better steward please attend one of our monthly classes held on the 2nd Saturday at 11am.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mid-Day Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm
- Wednesday Nights Bible study @ 7:00 pm (live stream)
- Saturday, February 8th Financial Workshop @ 11:00 am
- Sunday, February 9th Go Red Sunday @ 10:00 am
- Tuesday, February 11th Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 15th Women's Ministry @ 12:00 pm
- Saturday, February 21st Men's Movie Night @ 6:30 pm

GO RED Sunday

Join us for worship this Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 AM as we celebrate Go Red Sunday! Please wear something red in observance of American Heart Month as we raise awareness for heart health. Let's come together in worship and support this important cause!



February is American Heart Month, and we're proud to join the American Heart Association and the Council of Churches in a lifesaving mission to equip everyone with the knowledge and confidence to act in a cardiac emergency. The statistics are startling: 9 out of 10 people who suffer cardiac arrest outside of hospital die often because bystander CPR isn't performed. But together, we can change this.

This year, American Heart Month wants everyone to understand the CPR techniques for children, infants, adults and teens. With this lifesaving knowledge, you could save a family member, a child, a friend—or even a coworker.

Here's how we'll be celebrating at New Hope Baptist Church:

- ◆ Sunday, February 9th, the attire for Sunday services is to wear red.
- ◆ The Health Ministry will designate a Sunday to conduct blood pressure checks and provide helpful resources.
- ◆ Weekly emails will be sent regarding resources and actions you can take to make a difference in this lifesaving mission.

Let's make this month count by learning, sharing, and inspiring action. Together, we can create a church and community ready to step in and save lives.



Best Buddies

Peter Ware - Special Olympics Basketball

Special Olympics Basketball tournaments have started for Peter Ware and his team, The Wildcats, representing Mecklenburg County. The first one was held at Providence Day School on February 1, 2025 with two more to come. Future dates are pending. Special thanks to Deacon Chris Wright for joining us for this fun and special event!



**Facebook Live at 10:00 am
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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.
“
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



New Hope Nation partnered with St. Paul Baptist Church Charlotte and five other churches from Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. The churches donated items for the Relief of Helene Victims. The items were delivered Saturday, January 25, 2025, by the Men of Valor of St Paul Baptist Church. We would like to thank everyone who supported this great effort and being an Impact to the Kingdom.



Blessings to all celebrating February!
Seasoned Saints celebrating their special day:
Susie Glenn (4th) Myrtle Shippy (6th)
Bessie Calloway (19th) Barbara Queen (21st)
Mary Truesdale (23rd) Nathaniel Hill (27th)
Rev. Charles Cooke (27th)



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