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NEW HOPE NEWS

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

"Bridge Builders"

Message from the Pastor

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! I bid grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus our Lord and Savior.

I excitedly greet you post the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. What a time it is in the life of the church and believer. Juxtaposing the seasons with the spiritual set up and using a familiar idiom, I will state my claim. April showers bring May flowers. This is a metaphorical way of saying that even after experiencing hardships, good things will occur. As the Spring season emerged, we witnessed rain showers moistening the soil, seemingly awakening seeds that have been dormant throughout winter. Brown, dry, and dead-looking grass, and shrubs started changing to green, leaves started returning to trees and buds appeared. It appeared that nature had to endure the harshness of downpours to prepare for the beauty of the blooms. May is not simply the month that follows April, but May is the beneficiary of the burden of rain. Without April showers, according to the idiom, there would be no flowers. Now post crucifixion, we recognize there would be no resurrection without the rain and pain of Good Friday. That tumultuous time saturated creation so that the seed could fall to the ground and be planted for our pardon. Jesus says in John 12:24, except a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jesus died, but His death yielded a great harvest of souls.

This month we will continue to see the beauty of blooms, flowers, and naturing awakening around us. This is a reminder that after the storms, after the rain, the sun will shine. The season of birthing is upon us, and we await eagerly for the delivery. That's where we find ourselves now, waiting just as the disciples were, waiting for a promise. Jesus told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait in that city until they were endued with power. Their waiting proved rewarding because all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and the church was born. We now are awaiting the celebration of Pentecost. A time when we show gratitude to God for sending the comforter and paraclete, our hope and help. The church was born out of conflict and pain, yet God made the church His bride. Has the rains of the last month or last season caused you gloom, depression, anxiety, or even frustration?

Have you longed for the sun to shine and smile on your situation? There is good news! April showers bring May flowers. This is the season of birthing, blooming and blessing. God is preparing you to be filled with a power evident in your life that will enable you to witness and operate beyond human ability. This season will undeniably prove, through you, that God is God and good. It will prove that His promises are true, and His love is unfailing. Enjoy this month and bloom, birthing all that God has deposited in you. Cheer up my brother and sister, live in the sunshine! While we wait, we worship knowing that Pentecost is coming. Psalm 30:5 says that weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Keep the faith, being steadfast and unmovable, and God will give you all that you need. As always, YOU are in my prayers.

In God's service,

Pastor Q





Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.



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





May — " Defenders of God's Word"

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

The Adult Class will begin at 9:00 am and the zoom number is:

(301) 715 8592 ID#: 878 0625 6702 PC: 852769

May 4 The Holy Spirit is Good News for All Acts 10:34-47

May 11 Freedom in the Holy Spirit Roman 8:18-30

May 18 Divine Love I Corinthians 13:1-13

May 25 Eternal Hope II Corinthians:16-5:10

NEW HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday morning in-person at 9:00 am—9:45 am for the teaching of God's Word.

Min. Stephanie Wilkes, Superintendent Classes are available for the entire family.

Classes/Teachers:

Adult Class: Sis. Kay Whitley/Rev Charles Cook

Young Adults: Min. Gregory Stokes/Min Bobbie Burks

Teens: Elder Lyddia Hancock/Min. Sandra Cauthen/Bro. Josh Thompson

Pre-Teens: Elder Shawn Dalyrmple/Min. Sandra Cauthen

Juniors: Min. Trevinia Graham/Min. Jerri Butler

Children: Sis. Ty Twine

Fill-in Teachers: Elder Josietta Johnson/Elder Joatella Reid

Class Ages/Locations:

Adults 41-up/Sanctuary

Young Adults 20-40/Education Wing

Teens 15-19/Education Wing

Pre-Teens 12-14/Education Wing

Juniors 7-11/Education Wing Downstairs

Children 3-6/Education Wing Downstairs

Light continental breakfast served 8:30 am—8:50 am
Fellowship Hall

Zoom link is available for Adult Class:

ID#: 878 0625 6702 PC: 852769

Dial-in (301) 715 8592 ID#: 878 0625 6702 PC: 852769



Seniors

Wednesdays 12:00 pm

(In-Person)

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

(Live Stream)



Susie Glenn, 96



Naomi Torrence, 95



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health and the Faith-Based Community

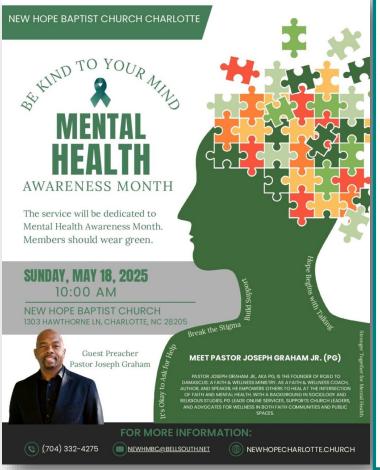


The month of May is Mental Health Month. The color is green, representing growth and renewal. First, how can the faith community create an environment for helping those with emotional problems? Secondly, do those with mental health issues receive the same attention as those with physical illness? The church is a safe place to begin the conversation. The faith-based community must do more to ensure that all health issues are addressed.

The churches of today must begin to understand that there is an interconnectedness of our mind, body and spirit that makes us whole. Peter Scazzero, stated that "emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable." We are more than spiritual human beings. Each person must be willing to look beyond the surface to get in touch with the invisible part of their self. It is there that we find holes in our emotional development which can affect how we grow spiritually.

The faith community must show compassion and be an active listener as we help our brothers and sisters find their voice to begin the healing process. Many are struggling with everyday crises, depression, complicated grief, parenting, loneliness, and anxiety just to name a few. The faith-based community must begin to change the stigma about mental health, because it is okay to not be okay!

Helen Washington MA, MPS, BCCC



Pastor Joseph Graham Jr. aka PG rtdchurchfw@gmail.com 980-239-9596 Pastor Joseph Graham Jr. aka PG is the Senior Pastor or Road to Damascus: A Faith & Wellness Ministry (RTD). RTD is for those that value their faith and are intentional about their social/emotional well-being. PG specializes in encouraging others not to use religion to hide from their trauma but to find healing at the intersection of faith and wellness. He founded Road to Damascus Campus Outreach at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte that would later launch Road to Damascus Christian Church. His services are now 100% online because he has been called to support the health and growth of churches and ministries. PG is a Faith & Wellness Coach and author of the book, Light Up: A Guide for How to Balance Faith and Mental Health which provides 30 Inspirational Life Keys to overcome 30 Mental Health Challenges. Through his Wellness Program, he coaches leaders who desire to overcome physical and mental health challenges to unlock a lifestyle of health and wellness. Pastor Joseph Graham Jr. is International Speaker & Wellness Coach that is passionate about the intersection of Faith and Wellness. He provides one on one and group facilitation raising awareness and providing strategies to enhance one's mental and physical health. His most passionate project is the "Wellness in the Kingdom of God" mission in which he partners with faith leaders (pastors, ministers, etc.) sharing his transformational testimony which he uses to support God's children in obtaining and maintaining health and wellness. PG is an accomplished scholar specializing in the crucial intersection of faith, mental health, and social equity. With an M.A. in Sociology from UNC-Charlotte and a B.A. in Afrikana Studies with a minor in Sociology & Religious Studies, his research examines the impact of social mobility on mental health, including education, employment, and economics. He is a researcher/professor in sociology, women & gender studies, religious studies, health & medicine and African American studies at UNC Charlotte. Furthermore, PG's expertise extends to practical applications as he serves on the National Small Business Council for the Small Business Majority, representing North Carolina. In this role, he leverages his knowledge to contribute to board meetings, public events, and media engagements, championing the mental health needs of small businesses. He is a part of the Spiritual Care Team as a Chaplain for Novant Health at Presbyterian Medical Hospital and a Board Member for Teen Health Connection with Atrium Health.



WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND AND BRING SOME PEOPLE WITH YOU!.

This event is absolutely free, and a very necessary conversation is needed within the black church.

Please mark your calendar, share this flyer and the attached information. We want to pack it out! We will also form a Unity Mass Choir and anyone who would like to sing is welcome. All denominations or no denomination, all ages. Choir rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 16th at 7:00 pm at New Hope Baptist Church. Please share with your members, especially the seniors and surrounding areas. I appreciate your assistance in making a positive difference in improving the health outcomes of our Black Church.

Thanks so much as we strive together to serve our members and communities.



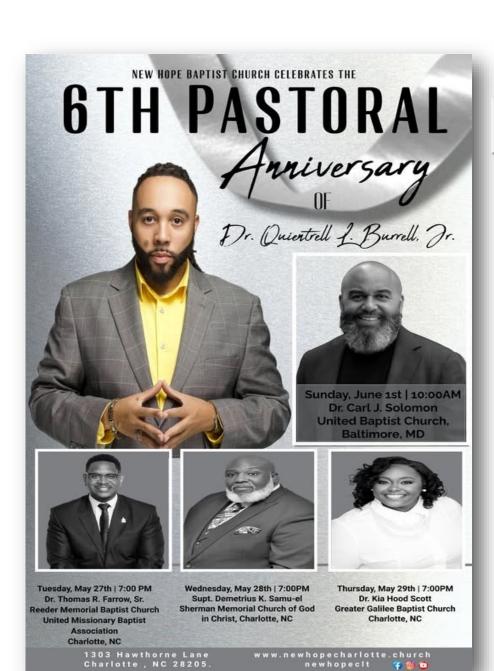
As the season of new beginnings blossoms around us, we are thrilled to invite you to our Spring Revival, a time of renewal, hope, and spiritual refreshing. Our theme is "Revive, Restore, Rebuild (Isaiah 58:12). Each service will feature inspiring messages, heartfelt worship, and moments to reconnect with God and each other. Come expecting God to move in your heart, your home, and your community. We can't wait to worship and pray with you.



The Scholarship Committee is sponsoring a Scholarship Tea on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the tea are \$35.00. A table can be purchased for \$210.00. Tickets are available and can be purchased from any member of the Scholarship Committee and on the 1st and 4th Sundays in the Educational Wing.



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce another scholarship opportunity for students who are members of New Hope Baptist Church. The family of Sean Lee has established a scholarship in Sean's memory. New Hope students who are high school seniors or already enrolled in college may apply for the Sean Lee scholarship. Completed applications for the Sean Lee Scholarship are due to the Scholarship Committee by July 6, 2025. Please see Marsha Graddy for more information or to obtain an application.







Elder Anthony & Deaconess Pamela James May 24th

Celebrating Six Years of Faithful Leadership

We joyfully honor the sixth Pastoral Anniversary of Dr. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr. Over the past six years he has shepherded this congregation with unwavering faith, compassion, and a servant's heart.

From powerful preaching and wise counsel to tireless dedication behind the scenes, Pastor Burrell has been a true blessing to our church family and community. Your leadership has helped us grow not just in numbers, but in spirit, unity, and purpose.

Thank you for walking with us, praying for us, and inspiring us to walk closer with God. May the Lord Continue o guide, strengthen, and bless you in the years to come.





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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If you do not know your assigned Deacon, please contact Holly Collins, Church Clerk 704-779-1061



- Mid-Day Bible Study on Wednesdays 12:00 pm
- Wednesday Nights Bible study 7:00 pm (live stream)
- Saturday, May 17th Abundant Life Leadership Workshop 10:00 am −12:00 pm
- Saturday, May 17th Wake Forest Medical University Symposium 1:00 –4:00 pm
- Saturday, May 17th New Members' Class
 10:00 am –12:00 pm
- Sunday, May 18th Mental Health Awareness Sunday 10:00 am
- Wednesday, May 21st Spring Revival 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Tuesday—Thursday, May 27th-29th, Pre-Pastoral Anniversary Services 10:00 am



Blessings to all celebrating a birthday in May!

Seasoned Saints celebrating their special day:

Joseph Ramsey (3rd)

Diane Vaughn (8th)

Helen Washington (23rd)

Eugene Forte (25th)



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