

## New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church (founded 1812)

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April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

### We gather to worship...

Welcome and Announcements

Prepare to Worship (The Light enters symbolizing God's presence with us.) **Acolytes**

### ...through song, prayer, and with our children...

\*Praise Medley "I Will Call Upon the Lord"  
"We Have Come Into His House"  
"This Is the Day"

\*Invocation

\*Worship through Song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **#43**

Time for the Children (children may come to the stage to spend time with the pastor)

### ... through giving of ourselves...

Invitation to Give

Expressing Our Thanks and Faith through Giving

\*Song of Thanksgiving "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*Prayer of Thanks & Dedication

Concerns and Praises of the Community

Prayers of the People

Our Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Special Music "Every Road" **Choir**

### ... through hearing scripture proclaimed...

Scripture for Today *1 John 3:1-7* (printed opposite and on screens)

Message for Today "Obedient Children" **Pastor Paul**

### ...and through responding with commitment...

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Song of Commitment "Trust & Obey" **#349**

\*A Challenge and a Blessing

\*Preparation to Serve (The light exits symbolizing that God goes with us.) **Acolytes**

### ...so that we may leave to love others as God loves us!

*\*Where this mark appears, all who are able please stand to honor God. (Feel free to stand or keep seated according to your own comfort needs.)*

## Message Scripture

### 1 John 3:1-7 New International Version (NIV)

**3** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

**7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

#### Footnotes:

a. Or when it is made known

## Ministry Leaders

**Today: Lock-Up:** Robert Haynes **Media:** Sean Haynes

**Ushers:** Anna King, Ronnie Greer, Don O'Neal, Bobby Thompson

**Next Sunday, April 22: Lock-Up:** Royce Jackson **Media:** Sean Haynes

**Ushers:** Clayton Fisher, Worm Gibson, Sam Smith, Royce Jackson



### Connection Card – April 15, 2018

Welcome! Please help us to know you better

Please mark if address change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Guest  New in Community

Member of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I desire a call from the Pastor

I would like information about this church

I want to volunteer in this church (see back)

How did you find our church?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your approximate age group(s):

Youth (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)      Adult (30 – 50)

College Student      Median Adult (51 – 64)

Young Adult (18 – 29)      Senior (65+)



## Thought for the Week

If God wrote a letter to you, to affirm you are His son or daughter, using these words which God has spoken and lie within the Scriptures, it might sound like this:

“My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matthew 10:29-31). For you were made in my image (Genesis 1:27).

In me you live, move, and have your being (Acts 17:28). For you are my offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5). You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book (Ps. 139:15-16). And it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1), simply because you are my child and I am your father (1 John 3:1).

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11), for I am the perfect father (Matthew 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17), because I love you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore (Ps. 139:17-18), and I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). For you are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5).

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Revelation 21:3-4), and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered (Revelation 21:3-4). For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed (John 17:26). He is the exact representation of my being (Hebrews 1:3). He came to show you that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31).

If you receive him, you receive me (1 John 2:23), and nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Romans 8:38-39).

I have always been Father, and will always be Father (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Will you be my child? (John 1:12-13)

Love, Your Dad, Almighty God”

- From a sermon by Brad Bailey “I Am a Child of God”, SermonCentral.com

## Remember When...?

Some New Hope members pose in front of the church in 1975. Can you name the woman and man at the far right in this picture?



## Lectionary

**Third Sunday of Easter (color: white).**

**Acts 3:12-19.** After a lame beggar is cured by the power of the Risen Lord through Peter and John, Peter invites the wondering crowd to repent and follow Jesus. 5000 of them do!

**Psalm 4.** Thanks to God for vindication and rebuke to those who criticize or disgrace.

**1 John 3:1-7.** We are God's children now as we abide in Jesus. Abiding in Jesus enables us to live more and more without sin. Repentance is no one-time act, but a lifelong commitment to abide in Jesus. That is why we *continue* to purify ourselves that we may be like him when he appears.

**Luke 24:36b-48.** After his appearance to two dispirited disciples heading toward Emmaus, Jesus tells the rest of those gathered at another meal to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name.



## Ministries/Activities Calendar

- ☑ **After Church Today - Congregational Spaghetti Lunch and Meeting** – we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a catered meal from Demo's and participate in a congregational meeting to discuss the results from the congregational survey as well as future plans for New Hope.
- ☑ **Kitchen Cleanup & Cleanout** – April 21, time 9:00.
- ☑ **Kitchen “Shower”** – May 20 (The church kitchen is getting a facelift, with new white paint and all new pots, pans, cooking sheets, etc.), time TBA
- ☑ **Prayer/Bible Study Group is 6:00 Wednesday evenings.** We eat at 6:00. The Bible Study/Prayer time starts at 6:30. If you can't be here to eat, come at 6:30. We are currently studying the Letters of the Apostle Paul. Please sign up to eat with us on the tear-off part of this morning's program.
- ☑ **Choir Practice** is each Sunday morning right after the Worship Service, and on Wednesday evenings following the Bible Study/Prayer time at 7:30. NOW is a great time to join. The New Hope Choir is not just a choir, but also a small fellowship in itself. If you enjoy singing, the choir needs you!