

NEWSLETTER

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New Hope Church Building circa 1930s



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**LET'S CELEBRATE 162 YEARS
OF THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS TO
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday, August 2

8:30AM & 10:45AM

No Evening Service

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER BRO. FRED MORROW

SPECIAL GUEST MUSIC DIRECTOR BRO. ANTHONY CROFF

**WE INVITE YOU TO STAY FOR A CHURCH WIDE LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
AFTER THE 10:45 AM SERVICE**

EVENTS IN AUGUST

- 2 Church 162nd Anniversary
- 4 WMA 10AM
- 4 GriefShare 6PM
- 5 Building Utilization 7PM
- 9 GMA's & Sunbeams 4PM
- 9 Bldg. & Grounds 4:30PM
- 9 Missions 5PM
- 12 Children's and Youth Back to School Bash 6PM
- 13 Trailblazers 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- 14 Senior Adult Game Day 1 - 4PM
- 16 Deacon's Meeting 5PM
- 18 OCC Christmas Shoebox deadline
- 18 WMA 10AM
- 19 Building Utilization 7PM
- 23 GMA's and Sunbeams 4PM
- 28 Senior Adult Game Day 1 - 4 PM
- 30 Lord's Supper

DEACON OF THE MONTH
BUNKY FORTNER
 903-258-2375

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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| 1 Rita Jarrard | 16 Jim Fendley |
| 1 Connie Stark | 16 Joy Markham |
| 2 Becky Fendley | 16 Levi Spindle |
| 4 Daniel Utley | 17 Jenny Sauer |
| 4 Megan Spencer | 17 Mason Goff |
| 4 Gail Turner | 19 Kasey Schoof |
| 7 Sabrina Keel | 23 Wilma Lindsay |
| 10 David Sauer | 25 Christine Scott |
| 11 Staci Stiles | 26 Brennan Margos |
| 11 Alayna Spindle | 26 Colton Sneed |
| 12 Taylor Payne | 27 Amera Caldwell |
| 13 James Sutton | 28 Linda Owens |
| 14 Mary Lee Vigil | 29 Amy Robertson |
| 14 Harper Harris | 31 Janice Dulin |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mike & Joe Goodson, 7 Dennis & Lynn Simmons,
 10 Phil & Dianne Stephens, 14 Frankie & Megan
 Spencer, 19 James & Kathie Horn, 27 Clifford &
 Teressia Morris, 28 Mark & Donna Myers

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized in August 1864 as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Christ in what was then known as Greer's Neighborhood, on the Old Stoker Place. Among the church's charter members were Elder A. Fitzgerald, Elder William H. Dodson, Barbara Dodson, Mary Dodson, and Mary Parmer. The first recorded Sabbath preaching service was held in September 1864, marking the beginning of a ministry that has continued for more than a century and a half.

As the congregation grew, so did its need for new places of worship. In 1890, the church building was relocated approximately 2½ miles northeast of its original location, and the church was renamed Stephen's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1902, a one-room church building was erected approximately 200 yards northwest of New Hope Cemetery. Then, in 1916, the congregation reclaimed its original name, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, honoring its rich heritage and founding vision.

The church building was moved to its present location in 1917, and as the congregation continued to flourish, a larger sanctuary was completed in 1954. Over the years, God has continued to bless the church with growth and opportunities for ministry. A new sanctuary, fellowship hall, and pavilion have been added to better serve the congregation and community. In recent years, the sanctuary has been remodeled, the parking area expanded, and the first phase of a Christian Education Building Project has been completed.

Today, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and the dedication of generations who have worshiped, served, and shared the Gospel. As we reflect on our rich history, we give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our church and look forward with faith to the work He has yet to accomplish through the New Hope family.