

March 2020

## New Hope Baptist Church of Salinas Monthly Newsletter



### *Sunday School Highlights:*

Unit Three:

"God Requires Justice"

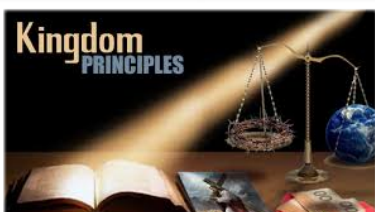
- ✦ Seeking Justice
- ✦ Ending Justice
- ✦ Getting What They Deserve
- ✦ Doing Justice
- ✦ Justice For All



### *Wednesday Night Bible Study:*

Kingdom Principles: Becoming the Kingdom of God

- ✦ Pitfalls to avoid in daily living
- ✦ ~ The Beatitudes~
- ✦ In depth study on the characteristics of Disciples of Jesus Christ

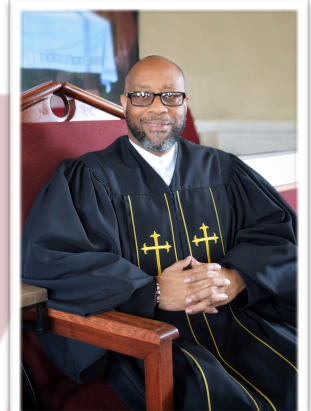


### *Disciples of Jesus Christ*

*"But you must keep a clear head in everything. Endure suffering. Do the work of an Evangelist. Fulfill your Ministry". ~ 2 Timothy 4:5*

### *A Message from our Pastor:*

Greetings New Hope Family! We are Midway through the month of March already! We have been extremely busy once again this year! We hit the ground running in 2020 and we haven't stopped yet! I always say that "this life is not a sprint, but a marathon", and I believe that we have been pacing ourselves quite nicely thus far! So much has been accomplished in this first three months of the quarter! As your Pastor, I must tell you that the work that you all are doing for the Kingdom is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. I know in my Spirit that God is well pleased! With that being said there is plenty more work to be done and I am looking to you, the members of this great Body of Christ, to stay the course, press on, dig in your heels and continue to fulfill your Ministry.



### *In this month's news:*

- ~ Starting off 2020 with WatchNight Service
- ~ February's Moments in Black History
- ~ February Leadership Conference Highlights
- ~ Friend's and Family Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- ~ Our First Lady's 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

*First Lady Charvon's 55<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Celebration:*

On March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our amazing First Lady! Sister Smith gives of herself, to all of us, freely & willing as the Spirit leads her, to better us all as individuals and as a collective Body of Believers! We can never thank her enough, or say enough kind words, to ever repay her for her love and dedication to the New Hope family. Spearheaded by our own Sister Washington, the women of New Hope joined Sister Smith for a Birthday Luncheon on Saturday filled with fun, games and delicious food. On Sunday, the Youth of New Hope presented our "Queen" with balloons and words of expression as well as hand made cards. The women presented her with flowers and additional words of gratitude and the CSUMB Gospel Choir dedicated the song entitled "I'm Blessed" by Charlie Wilson, to her on her special day.



*~WatchNight Service- Ringing in 2020:*

2020 started off just right for the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Family. In a combined effort, New Hope once again hosted this New Year's Eve Service alongside Mt. Nebo, Progressive and Royal Family to carry on the tradition of WatchNight started by our ancestors many decades ago. This gathering offers a safe, sanctified and Spirit filled way to celebrate the coming of a New Year. We heard great Sermonettes, we sang songs of Praise to God and prayed our way into 2020.

*~February's "Moments in Black History":*

Our youth did a magnificent job again this year, bringing us very well researched "African American Inventors". They presented to us over the course of the month with a written summary of the Inventor that they chose, as well as shared with us a photo or hand drawn picture. Pastor was so moved by their presentations, that he has deemed it necessary and imperative that we spend every month of the year celebrating the rich and beautiful history of our African American predecessors. Each month the information that Mother Ashurst places in our bulletin about a key black figure in our Nation's history will be presented by a member of the church.

*~ February's 2020 Leadership Conference Highlights:*

Each year in February, the Leadership Team of New Hope gets together to further their education and knowledge about what it takes to be the Godly Leaders that not only we need as church, but the world needs as well. This years conference was a great success. New skills were taught, ideas were shared, scriptures were dissected and we even managed to have a little fun in between. Pastor expounded upon the sub theme of "Being Sober Minded, Enduring Suffering, Doing the Work of an Evangelist and Fulfilling the Ministry".

*~ First Quarter Friend's & Family Day Highlights:*

We had a marvelous time in the Lord on March 8<sup>th</sup>! We had a packed house! We were blessed to have Professor Carlos Tottress and the CSUMB Gospel Choir join us and perform during praise and worship. Our special guest and neighbor, District 4 County Supervisor candidate Steve McShane was in attendance & presented New Hope with a Certificate of Achievement. While the Spirit was in full effect we received a blessed Word from on High, preached by our dear friend Minister Antoine D. Dunham of Friendship Baptist Church. Members and visitors fellowshiped afterwards over lunch served by the NHBC Hospitality Department. There were several first time visitors in attendance that plan to return to worship with us. Hallelujah!