



66th Church Anniversary Worship Service



Deacon Ron Peterson,
Deacons Board Chairman

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Selection of a Pastor Search Committee and Approval by the Church

In the church's constitution; Section 3- Calling of a Pastor, states "Whenever a vacancy occurs, a minister shall be called by this Church to serve as Pastor. A Pastor's Search (Selection) Committee shall be appointed by the Church to seek out a minister of the Gospel whose Christian character and qualifications fit him for the office of Pastor of this Church."

The search committee must be approved by the church at the Church's regularly schedule business meeting or a special call meeting of the church.

In the church's constitution Section 4 -- Special Business Meeting, a special called meeting may be held to consider special matters of a significant nature or importance. These business matters cannot await a regular schedule business session, and shall require action of the larger church membership. The meeting can be called by the Pastor or Deacon Board after appropriate notice to the membership has been given. A special called meeting shall require three oral (Church Clerk) and written notices

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Pastor Search Update (continued)

(bulletin), three consecutive Sunday Worship Services.

We want to abide by the church’s constitution as we move forward with the search. This may appear to be a cumbersome or slow process; however, it is in the best interest of the church. We don’t want to rush God as we move forward with the selection process. In addition, we want to give the congregation an opportunity to provide input into the process. The Deacons Ministry has created that opportunity by having four of the seven Pastor Search Committee members be selected lay members from the congregation. The Pastor Survey Questionnaire allows the congregation to share their thoughts on what are some of the spiritual and other qualities wanted in a pastor. Hopefully, you took the time to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the Pastor Search Committee Nomination Form and the Pastor Survey Questionnaire.

As an additional means of communicating your questions, comments, concerns, and compliments; the Deacons Ministry has setup an email address. The email address is **deacons@newhopetampa.org**. Again we want to keep the channels of communications open to the congregation. This is just another means of accomplishing that goal.

KEY ACTIVITIES IN NEXT 30 DAYS

	Deadline	Tasks
✓	02/14/16	Return Pastor Search Committee Members nomination form.
✓	02/14/16	Return Pastor Search Survey.
	02/14/16 – 02/27/16	Deacons Board will review nominations and select 4 Lay Members and one Alternate Lay Member to serve on the Pastor Search Committee.
	03/04/16 (NHMBC Business Meeting)	Deacons Board will present NHMBC members and Deacons who will serve on the Pastor Search Committee.

PRAY

AS WE CONTINUE ON THIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF A PASTOR SEARCH, WE NEED THE LORD'S WISDOM. CONTINUE TO PETITION THE LORD DURING YOUR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS, DURING MINISTRIES' DEVOTIONAL PERIODS AND DURING THE CHURCH'S PRAYER MEETING AND WORSHIP SERVICES FOR HIS GUIDANCE.

PROVERBS 3:6 (NIV) IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.



The New Hope Church Family is involved in a number of outreach ministries that serve the community. We will report on these activities periodically to you. It is our prayer that as you read about these activities, you will have a greater appreciation for what some of your tithes and offerings are used for and that you will be spiritually motivated to continue to give not only your tithes and offerings, but of your time and talents in serving others through doing the work of the Lord at NHMBC.

The Day Mission and Senior Women’s Ministry

Sister Barbara Clardy, Day Mission, President Sister Linda Padgett, Senior Women Mission, President



Sisters Geneva Jenkins, Dorine Norman, Naomi Pendleton, Sandra Collins, Barbara Clardy-President Day Mission; Gloria Moore, Rozetta Watkins, seated

The objective of this mission is to promote Christian missions through a program of mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship. The Day Mission and Senior Women’s Ministry visits the ‘Sick and Shut-in’ twice a month. In addition, this ministry meets every Wednesday from 10:45 am – 12 pm. A variety of biblically based activities are held during this time. In January, they visited with Sister Rozetta Watkins and in February they visited Brother Austin Smith.

The ladies had a wonderful time of fellowship visiting with Sister Rozetta Watkins and Brother Austin Smith. This also presented an opportunity to meet some of Brother Smith’s family members. Please keep our sick and shut-in members in prayer as well as the Day Mission and Senior Women’s Ministry.

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NEWSLETTER AT YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS BY
SENDING YOUR
EMAIL ADDRESS TO
newsletter@newhopetampa.org**

**Communion
Service
1st Sunday
@ 6 pm**



New Hope M. B. Church Outreach Ministry by Sister Linda Padgett

New Hope's Outreach Ministry would not be able to operate in such an effective way without your generosity, help, volunteering and support. This ministry seeks to be obedient to Matthew 25:35-36; "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

On some of the holidays that fall on a Monday, volunteers go in the communities' of homeless individuals, and picks them up and brings back to New Hope. These men and women are our "honored Guests". While our guests are here, they are provided with biblical tracts; those desiring prayer are prayed with; clothing for men and women are made available to them. They are provided with backpacks stuffed with toiletries and other items. Our guests can chose jewelry, perfume, blankets, combs, bibles and other trinkets from the gift tables. They are served a delicious breakfast. They can get a haircut, take a shower in the portable showers brought to the church or use the showers in the Christian Life Center.

We thank all our volunteers for giving their time and talent to help others. We had five barbers on January 18, 2016, MLK Day. The cooks arrived early and provided a delicious meal with all the trimmings. Many of our youth volunteered to serve breakfast to our guests.

The following are some of the dates we shared with our guests:

- ✓ November 23, 2015 - We provided a Thanksgiving lunch to 65 guests and delivered 15 meals to sick and shut-in members.
- ✓ December 21, 2015 - We provided a Christmas lunch to 65 guests and gifted each of them socks, blankets and sweatshirts.
- ✓ January 18, 2016 Martin Luther King Birthday - We provided breakfast to 110 guests and delivered 37 meals to sick and shut-in members.

Our next lunch will be Monday, March 21, 2016. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Sister Linda Padgett.



“I Am a Church Member”

Chapter One

I Will Be a Functioning Church Member by Sister Marcia Agee

In the last issue of the NHMBC Newsletter, you were encouraged to purchase, and read the book, *I Am a Church Member* by Thom S. Rainer. In upcoming issues we will give a brief synopsis of each chapter in an effort to help us become better church members. We ask that you prayerfully, and carefully, take this six step journey with us as we discover or rediscover the privilege and the joy of church membership. We pray your journey ends with a new or renewed attitude about New Hope. We will learn that it is better to serve than to be served. Instead of whining and complaining about what's wrong with New Hope, we will ask ourselves how we can make our church better. At the end of each step you will be asked to make pledge of your willingness to make a real commitment to New Hope. Commitment brings about change one person at a time. New Hope will be healthier because one of its members is healthier. As New Hope gets healthier, we will have a greater impact in our community and the world.

Thomas S. Rainer uses the analogy of country club membership verses church membership to describe the mindset of some church goers. In a country club, members pay dues which come with certain perks. Country club membership means that you pay others to serve you. Unfortunately, this is the attitude of some church goers. These members feel because they pay their tithes and offerings the church is obligated to cater to their every whim and fancy. For these people, church membership is about receiving instead of giving, being served instead of serving, rights instead of responsibility, and entitlements instead of sacrifice. I Corinthians Chapter 12 uses the metaphor of the church being a body with many members. We need every part of our physical body to function the way God intended it to. So it is with the church, we need every member to be a functioning member. Working and serving together in unity. Just because someone is on the church role, or shows up occasionally, or gives tithes and offerings does not make them a church member. Biblically speaking, there is no such thing as an inactive member, we all can do something.

THE FIRST PLEDGE I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in I Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it" (I Corinthians 12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye", an "ear", or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." (I Corinthians 12:26).

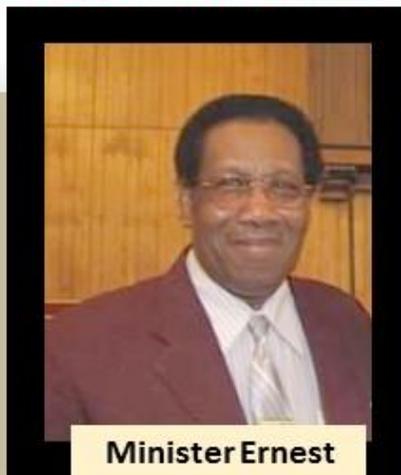


Associate Ministers,
 NHMBC is very grateful to you for your support and service to this congregation during this period when we do not have a pastor. Thank you for your preaching, teaching, administration of the Lord's Supper, administration of baptism and other duties performed with a willing and cheerful spirit.

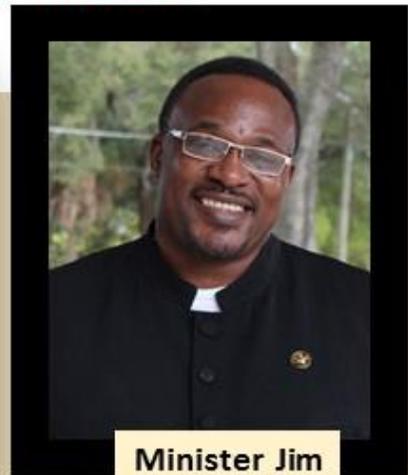
New Hope M. B. Church Associate Ministers



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Minister Ernest
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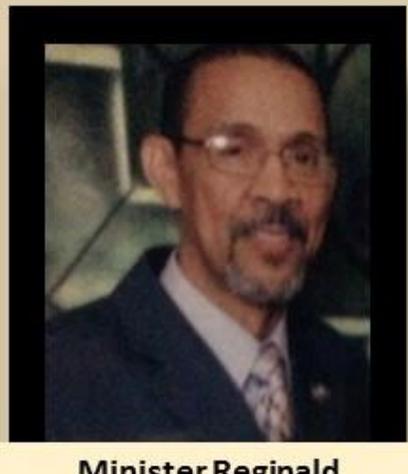
Minister Jim
 McCray



Minister Charles
 Perry, Jr.



Minister James
 Richardson



Minister Reginald
 H. Washington, Sr.



A Photo Review

"Serving in Unity: A Testimony of Faith
1 Corinthians 12:12

Sister Lynne Stokes, Worship Service Photographer
Sister Alice Brown, Anniversary Dinner Photographer







