# New Hope M.B. Church

PASTOR LARRY J. MOUTON, JR.



### THE GREAT DUTY OF THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

**HEBREWS 12:14-15** 

By Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr.

The great duty of the believer is to follow after peace and holiness. The word "follow" means to run after, chase after, press after, and to pursue. It has the idea of swiftness and endurance—of hotly pursuing and staying after peace and holiness. We live in a world that is full of corruptible and evil people who could care less about peace and holiness just so they get what they want. However, the believer must not give up, for both peace and holiness are the very reason he is on earth. The believer's danger is twofold.

- 1. The believer is to follow after peace with all men. The fact that he must follow after peace means that peace is not always possible.
- ⇒ Some persons within the church are troublemakers: grumblers, complainers, gossipers, criticizers; some are self-centered leaders full of pride; some people within the church are just selfish and self-centered and care more about pushing themselves forward and getting their own way than they do about peace. Self is put before Christ and the church and its mission.
- ⇒ Some persons within the world are troublemakers and they cause great trouble for the believer. They oppose the believer: ridicule, mock, poke fun at, curse, abuse, persecute, ignore, and isolate him.
- ⇒ Some persons within the world are troublemakers for the world at large: dissenters, dividers, fighters, ego-hunters, power-builders, and warmongers. Some people have no interest in peace whatsoever unless they can have their own way.



The believer is to follow after peace with all men—no matter who they are. The very purpose for the believer being on earth is to bring peace between men and God and between men and all other men. Therefore, the believer is to do all he can to live at peace with everyone and to lead others to live in peace.

The believer is to live at peace with all men. The believer is to work for as much peace as possible. Some level of harmony and concord can be achieved at least some of the time. The believer is never to give up, not as long as there is hope for some degree of peace. He is to achieve as much peace as possible. However remember, peace is not always possible—not with everyone.

Two significant points that need to be carefully considered by every believer.

a. The cause of conflict must not arise from a believer. He is to try everything possible to bring about peace and to keep peace (Romans 12:20; Matthew 5:39-41). However, this may be impossible because of the wickedness of others or because the control of peace is not within his hands. It is possible that some will not live peaceably. They continue to indulge every whim and live a life of repugnant license. Such living often threatens the peace and security, preservation and life of oneself and one's family and friends.

b. What is it that determines whether a believer is to turn the "other cheek" or to defend himself? For example, Jesus spent His life combating evil and wrong, but He did not

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always turn the other cheek (John 18:22-23); neither did Paul (Acts 23:2-3). Paul encouraged the believer not to give license to anyone, and he was strict in the command. For example, he said that if a man did not work because of laziness, he should not eat (2 Thes. 3:7, 10).

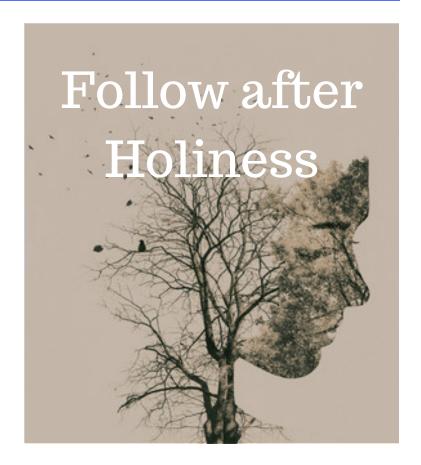
The governing principle for the believer is clear: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). There are times when an attacker, if allowed to continue in his attack, is encouraged in his evil nature of indulgence and license. If allowed to continue, his evil overcomes the believer—either within through bitterness and revenge, or without through domination. Thus, a believer is not to sacrifice truth in order to preserve peace. Evil is not to be allowed to overcome truth.

The believer is to follow after "holiness". The word means sanctification, consecration, and separation. It means to be set apart and different. The root meaning of holiness is to be different. The believer is to be different from the unbelievers of the world in that he...

- is set apart unto God and to Him alone.
- is separated from the world and its pleasures and possessions.

The believer, of course, lives in the world. He walks and moves within the world; buys, eats, and sleeps in the world; works, plays, and is housed in the world; relates, associates, and fellowships in the world. However, the believer is not to be of the world. He is not to be possessed by the world, enslaved to its pleasures and possessions. What does this mean? In very simple terms, the believer is not to indulge and give license to his flesh:

- ⇒ He/ She is not to buy and buy; he/ she is not to be a materialist.
- ⇒ He/ She is not to eat and eat; he/ she is not to be a glutton.
- ⇒ He/ She is not to sleep and sleep; he/ she is not to be slothful.
- ⇒ He/She is not to work and work; he/she is not to be a workaholic.
- ⇒ He/ She is not to play and play; he/ she is not to over-emphasize recreation.
- ⇒ He/ She is not to have house after house; he/ she is not to hoard riches in a world of desperate needs.
- ⇒ He/ She is not to fellowship and fellowship; he/ she is not to neglect duty.



The believer is to be separated from the world and its pleasures and possessions. He is to be set apart unto God, living for God and serving Him in His great mission. The believer is to meet the needs of a desperate world that is dying from sin, disease, hunger, and war. The believer is to be different from the rest of the world; he is to follow after holiness.

This verse declares that no person shall ever see the Lord unless he is holy. Holiness is an absolute essential if a person is to live with God. Are you on duty as a believer in Christ?

### NHMBC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN





"It has been said, We need to Pray for the best, Plan for the worst and Trust God for His hand of protection upon our church.", Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr.



Brother Joe Dixon
presented an
Emergency Action Plan
workshop to the
NHMBC officers and
Ministry Leaders on

11.04.17 in the Christian Life Center.

An emergency is defined as a situation that poses an immediate risk to the safety, health, life, property or environment, but is within the abilities of the local person to treat.

We must face the reality that emergencies happen and we must prepare for their eventuality. Places of worship have always been subject to emergencies such as medical issues, fires, power outages, tornadoes and hurricanes. Now we are seeing the real possibilities of bomb threats and active shooters.

The Plan consists of procedures, responsibilities and do's and don'ts for *Building Evacuation* and the

designated assembly areas outside the building, Nursery Evacuation, Shooter Emergency, Medical Emergency, Fire Emergency, Utility Failure, Severe Weather and Bomb Threat Emergency.

Remember, a plan is no better than the action of those trained to respond, so education and in-depth training of the volunteers who will comprise the response teams is still needed.



Question for Ashley Kindred, Youth Ministry Director

Be strong and courageous, Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you, Deutermany 31:6











If people walked up to you and asked you to talk them about God, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ would not be difficult. However, the reality is that the non-Christians don't want to talk about Christ. One of our greatest challenges is how to turn a conversation from football or shopping to God? It's especially difficult in today's environment. We live in a time unlike 50 years ago, when even if you were a non-Christian you were exposed to the church and even attended church on those special days. But in today's environment many people that we come in contact with may not have had any exposure to the church. We then have to devise ways to reach the non-Christian understanding they have no church or religious background.

### Fact # 1- There is no one way to do it.

We have to reach a non-believer where they are in life and understand their background and where they come from. How you reach someone "Straight out of Compton " versus someone straight out of the "Country" will require different approaches. The Bible testifies to the fact that there is clearly only one message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, there are many ways to share that message with the lost.

### Fact #2 - Experience is Essential.

We can only gain experience in sharing the Gospel by doing it. In other words we must do it and through the process we become better at it. Repeated experiences is the best teacher. By this you develop the ability to turn your conversations to the spiritual.

### Fact #3 - Prayer makes the difference.

We must pray that God provides the opportunity to share the Gospel and that we have the boldness to take advantage of the opportunity provided by God. The apostle Paul knew fear in sharing the Gospel. In Ephesians 6:19 it reads "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" He needed

prayer that when he opened his mouth he would boldly speak the Gospel.

#### Fact #4 - Hurriedness can hinder witness

We live in a fast paced society, where patience is not the norm. We seem to all be in a hurry and want to rush the conversation to the spiritual too fast. Depending on where the non-Christian is spiritually and the condition of what the Bible calls the "soil" in which the seed is about to be sown, it may take five minutes or many hours to turn a conversation spiritual. We must give the spirit of God time to work.

### Fact #5 - Plow and Pursue

Plow and pursue means you plow into the conversation, enjoying what you are saying. As you talk, ask questions related to three areas. They are questions related to family, their job and their background. The author refers to a series of questions that can be asked. These can be used to turn a conversation to spiritual things and you do minimal talking and concentrate on listening. These questions along with attentive listening establishes a relationship that demonstrates an interest in that person as an individual and enables you to get to know where that person is coming from. This type of conversation can create the opportunity to turn the conversation to spiritual matters.

#### Proceed from the secular to the Spiritual and then the Gospel

Tact and common sense are vital to evangelism. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. No one would want someone to walk up to us and abruptly say "have you been washed in the blood?". It's a process that we should go through. Tact and common sense means one does not go from secular to the Gospel, but instead from the secular to the spiritual and then to the Gospel. Having asked questions about family, job, and background can provide the opportunity to discuss things spiritual. This will then allow you to go into the God be the Glory!

# Thank\$giving Planning

How much did your family spend on Thanksgiving dinner last year? The American Farm Bureau reports that on average, \$4.99 will be spent per person for Thanksgiving dinner. Since the average family size in Tampa is 2.4 people, that means the average family will be spending \$11.98 for the entire meal. Is that close to what you plan to spend?

Sometimes, we overspend on the meal and overindulge during the meal. We stuff ourselves to the point were we become lethargic and cannot move. This overindulgence harms us physically and



financially. Use the action plan below to help you maintain your financial wellness.

### **Plan of Action**

- 1. If you can identify what you spent last year for Thanksgiving dinner, do so.
  - This will allow you an opportunity to see if you spent more than the national average, if you are in line with it, or if you are under. This can serve as your benchmark for 2017.
  - The easiest way to get this data is to look at last year's November bank or credit card statements. If you are primarily a cash user, you should look at your receipts from 2016.
- 2. Create a spending plan.
  - Your spending plan is the amount that you plan to spend for your entire Thanksgiving dinner. Use last year's spend as well as the national average to set a realistic plan for yourself.
- Create a grocery list.
  - Studies show that when a person has thought through their purchases before stepping
    into a store and walk in with a list, they are more likely to stick to purchasing what is on
    the list.
- 4. Look for sales and coupons that can be used for the items that are on your grocery list.
  - Stores often times have BOGO deals. Leverage sales and coupons to stretch your dollars.
  - Store specific websites and <a href="www.coupons.com">www.coupons.com</a> are a couple of resources to find deals.
- 5. Stick to your plan.
  - Marketing professionals know how to appeal to our senses to elicit purchases that are not needs. Stay focused on your end goal and stick to your plan.
- 6. Compare your intended spend to your actual spend.
  - If you are under or on target, great job.
  - If you are over your intended spend, consider returning some items.
- 7. Remind yourself that your financial freedom is not for sale. Use what you already have.

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The dessert entries were: Bunts' Pound Cake. Sis.

Lawson's Coconut Cake, Sis. Nelson's Peach Cobbler, Dea. Jerry Williams' Rum Pound Cake, Bro. Elijah Smith's Key Lime

Cake, Dea. Peterson's Coconut Jelly Cake, Sis. Lawson's Lemon Frost Cake, and Dea. Jerry Williams' Pecan Red Velvet Cake. (All pictured below in order.)

Our Bake-off judges (Sis. Carole Fields, Bro. Jon Dixon, and Bro. Jerry Moore) judged based on appearance, creativity and taste. As a result, Sis. Nelson's Peach Cobbler came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dea. Peterson's Coconut Jelly Cake came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Sis. Lawson's Coconut Cake came in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The festivities and competition continued outdoors with a fierce game of volley ball, frozen T-Shirt contests, hand tossing contests, sack races, raffle prizes, and my favorite of the day, Bible verse scrabble!

We want to thank Sis. Mary Teal and the team of volunteers that came together to make this an outstanding event that brought everyone together. We are looking forward to next year's Church Picnic!



























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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalms 131:1

















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### YOUTH ON A MISSION ... NEAR AND FAR PART 2

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Negril Point

St. Ann's Bay

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Bog Walk +Stony Hill

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Hope Bay Port Antonio

Fellowship Long Bay

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Bull Savannah May Pen Town
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Great Pedro Kaiser Morant Bay Yallahs Carlisle Bay Lionel Town Rocky Point Portland Cave Whenever someone we know is going to Jamaica in our minds we often think about beautiful sunsets, tropical trees,

fruity drinks, crystal blue waters, and white sandy beaches.

However, in July of 2017, Bro. Temperance Paris joined his mother, Sis. Samanthia Paris and his sister, SaMya Paris on the mission fields of Jamaica. Bro. Temperance Paris was the only male missionary on this trip and had the following responses about his experience ...

As a family, what was it like to experience the mission trip to Jamaica together? I enjoyed having my family with me, as it provided a place of comfort. Also as a family we were able to grow in our faith together through this shared experience. What inspired you the most about this mission trip? ... What would you share with our youth about the mission trip that could inspire them? What inspired me was seeing their different way of life and that God still made a way for them to receive Him. What surprised you the most about the mission trip ... like the environment, the culture, the people, witnessing, etc.? I really enjoyed the culture and atmosphere of the country. To some people the lack of modern amenities would be viewed as a point of pity. However, for me, it was this freedom that I valued the most. The way the people seemed to be in sync with their beautiful environment truly captivated me. What did you take away or learn from this mission trip experience? My biggest take away from this mission trip was that no matter what happens God will make a way.





Congress #1 Officers: Vivian Walker, President Women Intermediate, Deacon Eddie B. Norman, Assistant Dean & Brotherhood Instructor, Linda Padgett, Dean, Dorine Norman, Youth & Children Department Director, Jimmie Lee Wright, Sr., President Brotherhood. not pictured: Stephanie Levins, WIA Secretary

VHMBC was the hosting church for the 5<sup>th</sup> Week Congress #1 on October 25 – 28, 2017. First Baptist of Progress Village, Greater Hope, New Birth, New Friendship, St. Mary (Tampa), St Mary (Largo), Revelation and St. John Progressive, along with NHMBC are the churches that form Congress #1. The Congress is an auxiliary of the Mt. Pilgrim District Association. The goals of the Congress are biblical teaching, youth development and fellowship among churches. Another focal is mission activity. The mission project for this session was collecting flip flops for residents Puerto Rico who were ravished by hurricane Maria.

Major Congress events include nightly classes, President Hour on Wednesday night, a joint workshop with members of Congress #4. Rev. Benny Dyer and the St. Mary church family of Largo, Florida lead worship services during 'All Mission Night' on Thursday. The Youth and Children Ministry led by Dorine B. Norman met on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m..





As the hosting church, NHMBC presented the Opening Program on Wednesday to welcome attendees to the NHMBC. The Adult Choir under the direction of Minister James Richardson lead the congregation in praise. Deacon Eddie Norman provided prayer, Sister Vanderlyn Davis gave the welcome and Dorine Norman presented a reading. Pastor Mouton introduced President Robinson, the speaker for the service.



### Participating Ministries

- Board of Christian Education Ministry
- Brotherhood Ministry
- Church School Ministry
- Communications
  - Media Ministry
  - Newspaper
  - Social Media
  - Website
- Deaconess & Ministers' Wives Ministry
- Discipleship Training Ministry
- Foreign Mission Ministry
- · Gospel Chorus Ministry
- Greeters' Ministry
- Grief Ministry
- Health Care Ministry
- Junior Women Mission
- Nursery Ministry
- Pastor's Aide Board Ministry
- Praise Team Ministry
- Seasoned Citizens' Ministry
- Senior Women Mission Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Vendors
  - Joyce Bludsaw, Regions Bank
  - Gabby Delisme,
     Financial Services

A brainchild of Pastor Mouton, NHMBC held its inaugural Ministry Fair on Sunday, November 5, 2017 in the Christian Life Center. There was an atmosphere of celebration and excitement even on Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning as the ministry leaders setup their tables and booths. The purpose of the Ministry Fair was to reach potential volunteers to work with the over 30 ministries at New Hope. Other benefits include:

- helping people grow spiritually by finding a place to serve.
- generating awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among members
- providing an environment for members to ask questions and learn how they can share their spiritual gift(s) within a particular ministry.

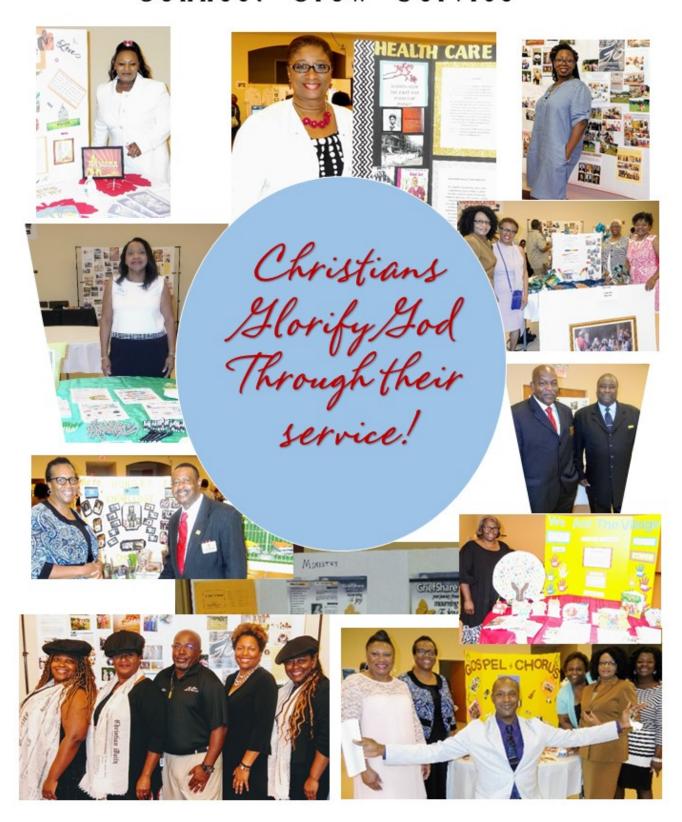
The participation was excellent, the entire CLC was filled! Polo shirts, t-shirts, cups & mugs, pens, plenty of candy, cupcakes, other baked goods and special labelled bottles of water were available to the attendees. Media Ministry Chairman, Michael Russ', interviews with ministry leaders were streamed "live" on NHMBC's Facebook page.

For those already involved in ministry, members were afforded an opportunity to recommit their time and spiritual gift(s). During the month of September and October 2017, Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr. taught a sermon series on Stewardship. He emphasized a Christian's responsibility to use their God-given spiritual gift(s) to build up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12) and glorify God through their service. Like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they have been opened.

# MINISTRY FAIR



# MINISTRY FAIR Connect Grow Service



### Veteran's Day Appreciation by NHMBC Youth Ministry



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### Alzheimer's Disease Awareness



Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia (syndrome characterized by loss of memory and generalized cognitive impairment). It is an evolving disease where the conditions and symptoms get worse over time.

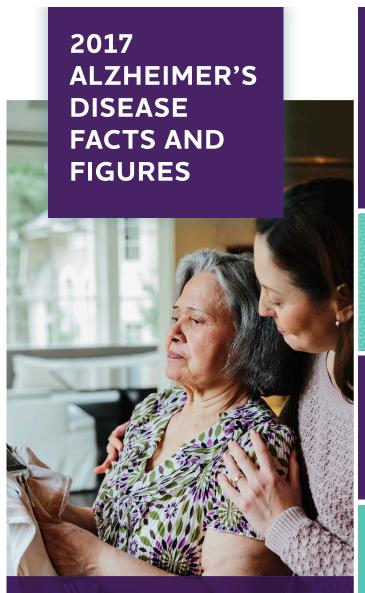
Today, approximately 5.5 Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. It is estimated that by 2050, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's disease will reach 16 million. Women are more likely than men to have Alzheimer's disease. In fact, 2/3 or 3.3 million of those with Alzheimer's disease are women. Additionally, African Americans are more likely than Whites (estimates ranging from 14%-100% higher) to develop Alzheimer's disease and tend to be diagnosed at a later stage of the disease, resulting in less time for treatment and planning.

Gloria A. Wood BSN, RN

Although Alzheimer's disease is not an "aging" disease, approximately 1 in 10 Americans age 65 years and older has Alzheimer's disease, and 1 in 3 Americans age 85 years and older has the disease. Every 66 seconds, someone in America develops the disease. Alzheimer's disease is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, killing more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for people age 65 years and older. Of the top 10 leading causes of deaths among Americans, Alzheimer's disease is the only one that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed down.

The annual cost to treat Alzheimer's disease is currently estimated at \$259 billion per year (20% of all Medicare dollars), making it the most expensive disease to treat. These costs are projected to rise to \$1.1 trillion by 2050. More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia. In 2016, unpaid caregivers provided an estimated 18.2 billion hours of care, valued at \$230 billion.

Alzheimer's Association (<a href="https://www.alz.org/facts;https://www.alz.org/africanamerican/">https://www.alz.org/facts;https://www.alz.org/africanamerican/</a>)



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE

6TH LEADING CAUSE

OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES

MORE THAN
5 MILLION
AMERICANS ARE
LIVING WITH
ALZHEIMER'S
BY 2050, THIS
NUMBER COULD
RISE AS HIGH AS
16 MILLION

EVERY
66
SECONDS
someone in the
United States
develops the disease

MORE THAN

### **15 MILLION AMERICANS**

provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias

IN 2016 these caregivers provided an estimated
18.2 BILLION HOURS of care valued at over
\$230 BILLION

In 2017, Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the nation \$259 billion By 2050, these costs could rise as high as

\$1.1 TRILLION



19% of caregivers for older people without dementia



1 N 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia

## IT KILLS MORE THAN

breast cancer and prostate cancer

COMBINED



Since 2000, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14%

while deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased by 89%



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THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS:

### One Church One Child

Workshop

Ron Peterson, Chairman NHMBC Deacons' Ministry

LaKay Fayson



"Find at least one family in each church to adopt at least one child".

LaKay Fayson, a Recruitment Coordinator for One Church One Child Adoption Organization, provided an informative workshop to members of NHMBC on November 4, 2017. Ms. Fayson office is located in Riverview, Florida and is part of the state of Florida's OCOC Adoption Organization. The goal of this non-profit, faith-based organization is to provide adoption related services and to work in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families and churches. One Church One Child also collaborates with the Community Based Care Lead Agencies and their provider agencies in recruiting and referring families interested in adopting children from Florida's Foster Care System.

In the state of Florida, the unfortunate fact is that while minorities represent approximately 17% of the state's population, over 50% of the children waiting for adoption are minorities, and take longer to be adopted. Therefore, One Church One Child places emphasis and special focus on the recruitment of families for minority children.

Ms. Fayson stated that married or single persons are allowed to adopt. If you are not interested in adopting a child but still want to assist this worthwhile organization, consider becoming a part of foster care, Godparenting, volunteering or making a financial contribution. Deacon Peterson shared the merits of adoption and thanked Ms. Fayson for sharing with the New Hope family. For more information go to www.ococfl.org.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Morgan Wallace is a member of the USA Gymnastics organization and is a member of the Temple Terrace Gymnastics team. In her last competition, Morgan scored a 9.0 on bars which earned her 1<sup>st</sup> place recognition. Morgan is the daughter of Michale Wallace and grand daughter of Robert and Margret Warren. She is a student at Lewis Elementary.

# Welcome Amiyiah to the Body of Christ!



Amiyiah Higdon, age 5 was baptized on November 6, 2017 at NHMBC with Pastor Larry J. Mouton, Jr. officiating. She is a kindergartener at Lomax Elementary School, home of the Panthers. Her parents are Teshara Reese and Elijah Hidgon, grandparents are Michael and Deidre Wilson-Allen, great grandmother is Maude Reese.





- Gamma Theta Omega, Inc, Educational Advancement
   Endowment Scholarship - \$1000.00
- The Claudia B. Silas
   Educational Advancement
   Endowment Scholarship \$1000.00

For additional details and for the online application, please visit a kagto.com and click 'Scholarship Opportunities'

Scholarships awarded December, 2017

# Happy Thanksgiving



There will be worship service on Thanksgiving Day starting at 10:00 am at New Hope M.B. Church



### 2017 All Choirs Christmas Fellowship

December 7, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Christian Life Center

This will be an evening-filled with great-fellowship between all choir & praise team members, musicians, directors and their guest and delicious holiday delicacies.



