

## Small Groups begin mission projects

Members involved in Small Group Bible Study on Wednesday nights have begun participating in mission projects that will last through August.

Christian Education Director Jacqueline Mack says that each Small Group has committed to serving at least one need expressed by various agencies, and to rendering a spiritual / evangelical service to the entities.

Commitments have been made to the following entities:

- Educating Africans for Christ
- Falcon Hill Recovery
- Feed the Children
- The Good Samaritan Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- New Hope Baptist Church Prison Ministry

Members of Small Group Bible Studies participated in a Mission Awareness Fair February 22 to gain insight and information about the various needs of the community.

For more information about this mission effort, please contact Sis. Mack at the church, (601) 366-7002; [jmack@newhope-baptist.org](mailto:jmack@newhope-baptist.org).



# Ministry and Missions News

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## NBC General Secretary slated as speaker for Pastor's Anniversary

**T**he Reverend Harry Blake — president of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention and General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. — is the guest speaker at Pastor Jerry Young's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, set for 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

Rev. Blake also is in his 37<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of Mount Canaan Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.



Author of the book, *"Developing a Strong Prayer Ministry in the Local Church,"* Rev. Blake has

been a guest lecturer at Morehouse School of Divinity, Arkansas Baptist College, Leland College, Wiley College, Bishop College, L. K. Williams

Ministers Institute, American Baptist College, Birmingham Bible College, United Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Under Rev. Blake's leadership, the Mount Canaan Baptist Church family has established a Model Prayer Service that has been emulated throughout the nation. Ministries initiated by Rev. Blake serve all segments of the congregation and community and include tutoring programs, children's ministries, young adults ministry, family ministry, and a prison ministry. His community activities include serving as president of the Board of Directors of entities operating a low-income housing complex and a senior citizens/handicap housing complex.

Reverend Blake and his wife, the former Norma Jean Jernigan, are the parents of four children and the grandparents of thirteen.

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## Easter Cantata today at 4:00 p.m.

New Hope members and friends are invited to the Easter Cantata at 4 p.m. today, April 9, in the church sanctuary.

The concert/dramatic production — *"Lord of Every Man"* — is designed to celebrate the most important event in history: the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will feature music by the combined choirs of the church.

Church members and the general public are invited to attend.

## Sessions set for Church Directory

New Hope staff members are making plans for producing a pictorial church directory for the first time since 2001.

Photography sessions are being conducted by Olan Mills Studios and are scheduled 3:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, June 28-30 and 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 7-8 at the church.

Each family photographed will receive a free copy of the pictorial directory, along with a free 8x10" family photograph.

As an added feature, an online version of the pictorial directory will allow member information to be updated as needed.

Members should check the church bulletin board regularly or visit the church website, [www.newhope-baptist.org](http://www.newhope-baptist.org), for further details as they are available.

## Sewing classes available

Want to know how to sew, or want someone to teach your teenager sewing basics? New Hope is offering the perfect opportunity for members of all ages — including teens — to learn sewing basics in the new Sewing Ministry at the church.

Sis. Earline Strickland, who has a Ph.D. in Home Economics, has volunteered to teach the class.

Sessions will be held on Saturdays beginning in May, based on the number of persons who have expressed interest in the ministry.

Participants will need to have a sewing machine available.

## Senior Ministry

The next meeting of the Senior Ministry is set for Monday, April 10, with Bro. Maurice James as the featured speaker.

Dr. James is an ophthalmologist.

*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the LORD, THE LORD, is the ROCK eternal.*

Isaiah 26:3-4

## Women's Day Weekend: Equipping women God's way

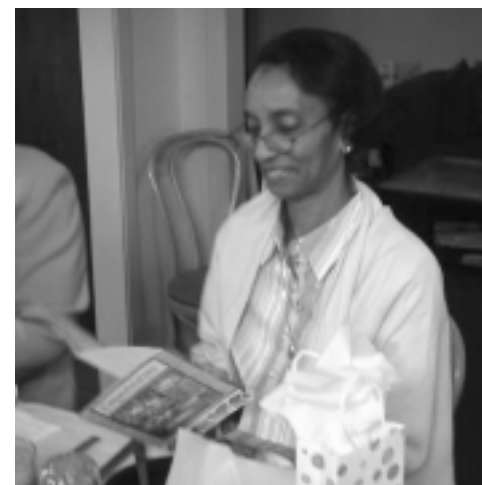
New Hope's Women's Missionary Union (WMU) celebrated its annual Women's Day Weekend, March 18-19 with the theme, "Walking Worthy: Facing Life Challenges God's Way," based on II Thessalonians 1:11-12.

The weekend got off to a great start on Saturday with the "Women's Day Seminar." Those in attendance had the opportunity to attend two of four concurrent sessions offered. Sessions included "Seeking God in the Midst of Life's Storms," led by Sis. Marilyn Mills; "Building and Maintaining Quality Relationships between Mothers and Daughters," by Sis. Bridgett Clayton; "Young Christian Women: Dealing with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges," by Sis Bettina Brandon; and, "Living Your Best Life After 50!" by New Hope's First Lady, Sis. Helen Young.

The concurrent sessions offered guidance and information to women of all ages for facing the challenges and responsibilities of their daily lives. Following the breakout sessions, participants gathered for the closing session featuring Sis. Emma Adams as keynote speaker. Sis. Adams advised women about the preparations needed for completing the journey to heaven.

The Women's Day Weekend activities culminated with the Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 19, where a special Women's Day Choir provided uplifting music and the keynote speaker, Sis. Natalie Twyner, inspired the audience with words of wisdom for balancing life's demands. The Sunday event provided a fitting end to a wonderful weekend of faith and fellowship.

*Sis. Gloria McKnight, (right) who is retiring as the church's volunteer clerk / financial secretary after 15 years, recently took part in a celebration in her honor hosted by the church staff. She was presented the Volunteer Award at the Second Annual Hope Awards program in February. Congratulations, Sis. McKnight, for your outstanding continuous service to the New Hope family!*



## Deacons Ministry Fellowship held

The Deacons Ministry held its first "Get Acquainted Fellowship" for families in the Family Life Center on March 26, following the 11:00 am worship service. Designed as an opportunity for deacons and their assigned families to get to know each other better, the fellowship is one of many that will be held. The plan is to have the church's 45 deacons alternate in having a special time of fellowship with their assigned families.

Families of deacons James Dallas, Wes Hutchens, and Eugene Jackson attended the first fellowship. The deacons discussed the relationship they hope to develop with families and the importance of feedback in deacons' service to families.

Members are being notified by postcard and the church bulletin of the "get acquainted" fellowships. Look for your family's invitation and be prepared to enjoy a time of food, fellowship and fun.



*In a check presentation following worship service on Sunday April 2, Pastor Jerry Young (second from right) presented a check for \$27,000 to officials of New Hope Christian School for book purchases for the school library. On hand for the check presentation were (from left) Sis. Natalie Twyner, School Board chairwoman; Sis. Helen Young, director, New Hope Christian Preschool; Sis. Gerrilyn Thomas, principal, New Hope Christian School; and Bro. Alexander Martin, vice-chairman of the school board. The check was presented as the result of gifts made by church members who were told in November of school library needs for meeting accreditation standards. School officials had requested a \$20,000 donation.*

# Youth Ministry News

## Support Our Church's Youth: Participate in Youth Ministry Fund-raisers:

- Snack sales on Wednesday evenings
- "Pancake Breakfast" May 6 at Applebees Restaurant in Ridgeland. Tickets are \$5.

Get more information about these activities by contacting Bro. Jefferey Stafford, Youth Ministry Director, (601) 366-7002; [jstafford@newhope-baptist.org](mailto:jstafford@newhope-baptist.org).

## Briefly...

- The Youth Ministry has begun monthly meetings -- "Teen Time" -- to help middle and high school youth tackle issues from a biblical perspective, become involved in mission projects, and learn how to exercise their faith. The meetings, the first of which was held on Saturday, April 1, also provide an opportunity for youth to fellowship with one another and with New Hope's Youth Ministry director, Bro. Jefferey Stafford.
- The Closing Program / Awards Ceremony for the Awana Ministry at the church is set for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7 in the Family Life Center gymnasium. A number of youth in the church and community will be recognized for their outstanding scripture memorization.
- Plans for Vacation Bible School have begun, and volunteers are needed immediately. "The Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage," is the theme for the outreach VBS program at Forest Park Apartments May 30 - June 1 and for the in-house sessions at the church the first week of June. Members and friends interested in working with VBS should attend the April 13 planning meeting.

# Black History



## THEN...

**W. B. Purvis:** Realizing the inconvenience of carrying around a bottle of ink to sign documents or fill out papers, Purvis received a patent for the **fountain pen** on January 7, 1890, stating, "The object of my invention is to provide a simple, durable and inexpensive construction of a fountain pen adapted to general use and which may be carried in the pocket." Credited with successfully patenting many other inventions, Purvis is believed to have invented, but not patented, several other devices including the edge cutter found on the boxes of aluminum foil, cling wrap and wax paper.

## NOW...

**Norries Wilson** was hired December 12, 2005 as the head coach at New York's Columbia University, making him the first black coach in the school's 135-year football history. The hiring also makes him the first black coach in the history of the Ivy League, which provides more intercollegiate athletic opportunities than any other conference in the country. Prior to joining the staff at Columbia, Wilson was offensive coordinator at the University of Connecticut.



Devin Jefferson and Jeremy Adams (front row, from right) are among students in New Hope's High School Sunday School Class who have been viewing the *Left Behind* movie series on the first Sundays of the past few months. Adapted from the *New York Times Best-Selling* book series, the movies attempt to demonstrate the occurrence of the Rapture and the seven year countdown to the Apocalypse. High schoolers, don't be left behind. Join the high school Sunday School Class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in room 208.

## Banquet held

The deaconesses of the church hosted an "Evening in Hawaii" banquet for church deacons on March 31 in the Family Life Center fellowship hall.

Pre-dinner music for the evening was provided by a quintet consisting of deacons Alfred Briscoe, James Dallas, Thomas Moman, Willie Mott and J.T. Smith. Other entertainment included two skits -- "Has This Happened to You?" and "Could This Happen to You?" -- as well as a "Back Down Memory Lane" power point presentation, presenting photo highlights of the lives of deacons and their wives.

Planning committee members for the event were Sis. Linden Haynes, Sis. Ethel Brashears and Sis. Erma Perkins.



# Upcoming Events

## New Member Fellowship

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall, Family Life Center

## Easter Cantata

Sunday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. / Church Sanctuary  
Theme: "The Lord of Every Man"

## Pastor's Anniversary Program

Sunday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. / Church Sanctuary  
**Speaker:** Dr. Harry Blake, *Pastor, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church*; General Secretary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; *President, Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention*

## Southwest Regional Conference (SWRC)

April 10-12, Memphis, TN / Holiday Inn Select Hotel

## AWANA Awards / Closing Program

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. / Family Life Center

## College Fair

May 20 / New Hope Family Life Center  
*sponsored by the Family Enrichment Ministry*

## Hypertension Screenings

Sunday, May 21 / Family Life Center  
*sponsored by the Health Ministry*

## Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. / Sanctuary

## Honoring Our Heroes

Special Recognition Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. / Sanctuary

## Vacation Bible School

Forest Park Apartments May 30 - June 1  
New Hope Baptist Church June 6-8

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