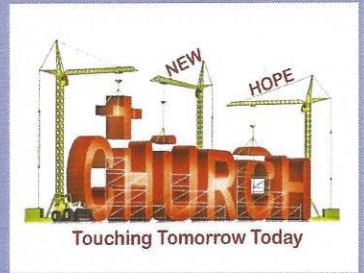




# TOUCHING TOMORROW TODAY



Summer Edition  
August 2019

New Hope Church  
Wayne, MI



Pastor and Velicia

## From Pastor's Desk

our ministry is turning toward expansion with the launch of our Taylor campus and renovations at our Wayne campus.

On Friday, September 27, we will host an Open House at the newly renovated Taylor, MI location. This is an opportunity to show some community care by introducing ourselves to our Taylor neighbors and to demonstrate spiritual care with the launching of New Hope's second church campus.

Soon, the Wayne campus will have a new paved parking lot after a new playground is installed (for the infant to 5-year-old Head Start program) in the grassy area of the lot.

This only happened because of your prayers and commitment to see people have a closer relationship with Jesus through the **Touching Tomorrow Today** capital campaign.

Our overall campaign goal is to raise \$1.7 million. To date, we have collected nearly \$800,000. To reach the goal, I am asking you to participate in the spirit of true Christian stewardship and honor the monetary commitment you made. Not everyone can contribute the same amount, but every contribution will help our church community (Wayne and Taylor Campuses) prosper in faith in the future.

Join me as we turn into the third year of the capital campaign by giving your pledge and practicing the Great Commandment (Love) and the Great Commission (Making Disciples) that results in a Great Church for Jesus Christ.

I am so excited about what the Lord is doing through you at New Hope.

I love you!  
Pastor Humes

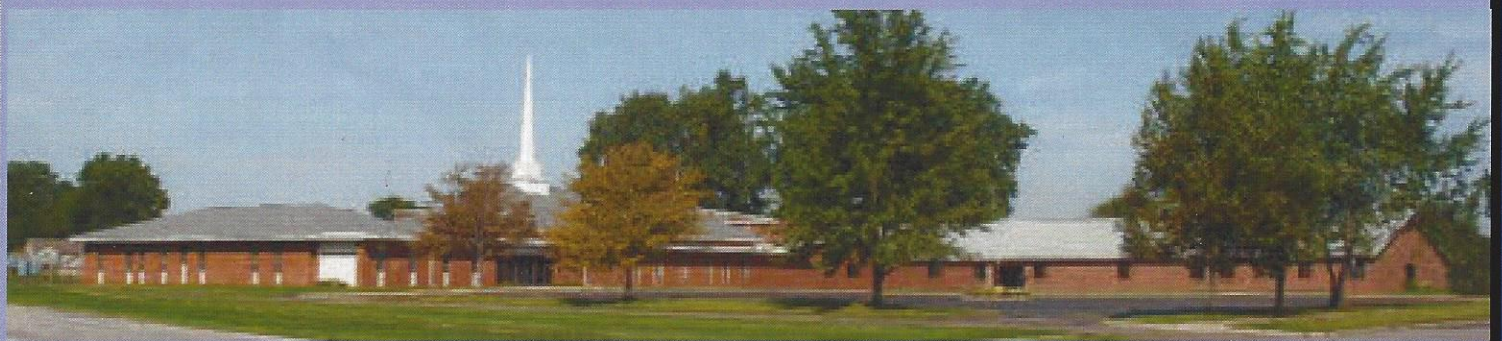
New Hope is 46 years old and growing in our faith walk and our footprint. We are turning the corner toward a new season!

As vacations and reunions conclude, I am reminded of three things you should not abandon:

- self-care (you)
- spiritual care (God)
- community care (neighbor).

The calendar is turning toward fall and

## New Hope Church Taylor Campus



# The Purpose Driven Church Conference

Written By Alexis Wilson

Saddleback Church held its 2019 Purpose Driven Church Conference, June 25 through the 27. New Hope was represented by 10 participants: Pastor and Velicia Humes, Dan and Wendy Kahill, Michael and Laurecia Witherspoon, Felicia Jordan, Deloris Nichols, and Shelby and Alexis Wilson. There were over 3,000 attendees representing countries including Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, North America and Africa.

The Purpose Driven Conference is much more than a three-day getaway. It's a modern real-world application for the plan God has in store for us based on the teachings of the Bible. The ideology behind having a purpose driven church is

obvious and simple: equipping God's people to care for the world. The five principles that hold together the purpose driven philosophy are: worship, ministry, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. While some of these words may not seem applicable to non-Christians, they help solve our basic human needs of belonging and purpose. This thinking is not changing the principles of Christianity but is instead helping to revolutionize the view of Christianity and hopefully its followers, bringing people into the church and closer to Christ.

Over the course of the conference, Rick Warren explained a concept that I think many Christians forget, "People haven't lost faith in Christ, they've lost

faith in the church." During the conference he explained how people used to look to the Church for spiritual and physical healing, but with the work of man comes flaws. In attempting to carry out God's mission, some of His servants have become focused on the wrong parts of His message instead of realizing that His word has a cross-generational theme in this world—love. In times of division or uncertainty it is the purpose of the Church to step in and help heal the community through love, the way Jesus would have (and did in His time). With a little hope and a lot of prayer and patience, the Purpose Driven Church Conference shows how any church, regardless of denomination can fulfill God's purpose in a modern era and expand the Kingdom of God.

## ABC's of Health

Written By Marion Hoey

It's not unusual to read in the media or to hear on TV that certain medical conditions have a disparate impact in the African American community. We've heard them so much that maybe we come to expect to hear the numbers and then ignore them. But I and others on the Congregational Care team have a heightened awareness of the significance of these reports because, on a weekly basis we receive calls informing us that a member of New Hope is in the hospital awaiting surgery. We pray for a successful surgery, God's healing, and a return to worship service in God's own timing.

Occasionally, there is a brief stay in a rehab facility. But on those visits, we see others who have been in the facility for extended periods of time. Many of them are our African American brothers and sisters. Additionally, we have been called to comfort a family at the moment they have lost a loved one due to illness and medical complications.

This perspective led me and others on the Congregational Care team to take to heart Pastor Humes' call for New Hope members to know their ABCs on health care:

A= A1C

B= Blood pressure

C= Cholesterol

And recently on a Channel 7 News report on men's health, a physician added another measure:

BMI ratio = .50

We have excellent health offerings here at New Hope. It's not clear how many of us are taking advantage of them. We know, however, that some of our members are in excellent physical condition. They are probably monitoring their medical profile with their Fitbit and Apple Watches as they leave the gym on a daily basis. Some of us are managing our health by taking medicine or following a diet as prescribed by our doctors. Yet, when we get our text from the Pastor, we are brought back to the reality that here as well as nationally, there is still much more work to be done regarding the health of members in our African American community.

With that said, we believe the best first step is knowledge. Therefore, this is a plea for **every member** of New Hope to follow the pastor's lead and get your numbers.

The many benefits of knowing your ABCs will be outlined in future issues on health. In the meantime, when he asks if you know your ABC's, you will say:

A= 7.7

B= 138/80

C= 167



# Enhancement to New Hope Church Wayne Campus



## Renderings for the New Hope Community Center

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

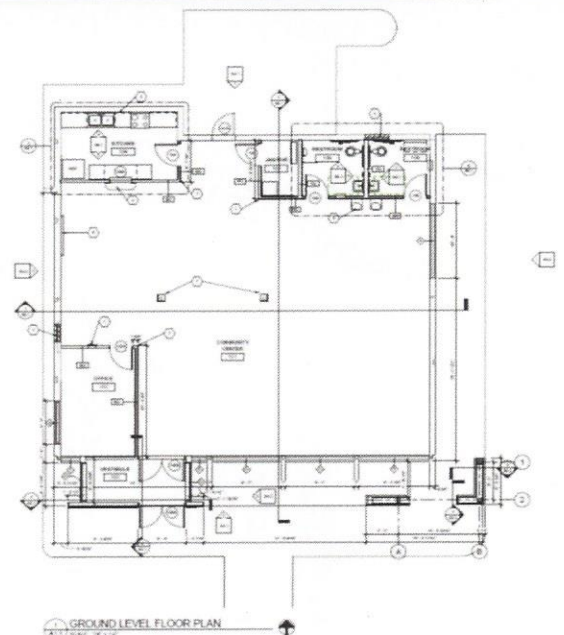
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REV. DR. VIRGIL HUMES - PASTOR



GROUND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

# On My Honor

Written By Justin Crouch

Becoming an Eagle Scout has been a dream of mine for some time. Ever since second grade when I started as a Cub Scout, I knew I wanted to be an Eagle Scout. Both my father and my grandfather had been Boy Scouts and so to some extent scouting runs in my family. This is why I was happy to have my family, friends, Pastor Humes, and other church family members come out to celebrate with me at my Eagle Scout Court on Honor on Saturday, June 8. The ceremony was also important to me because in 2013 my grandfather passed away. Prior to his death, we talked about Boy Scouts and the importance of being an Eagle Scout and so it meant a lot to me to honor him posthumously by presenting him my mentor pin during the ceremony.

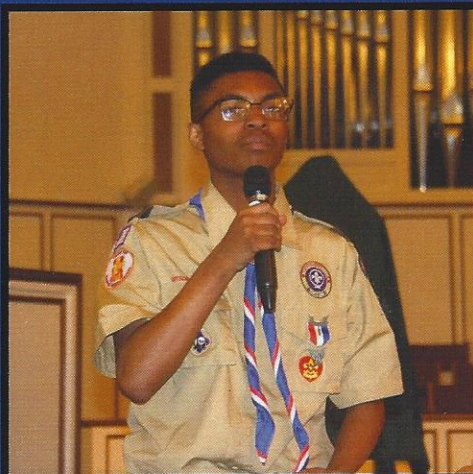
The ceremony also represented the end of a long journey and signaled a great

honor because only 4% of Boy Scouts ever become an Eagle Scout and so few Eagle Scouts are African Americans (this is why they call us the 1%). The road to Eagle Scout is long and rigorous. I started the process in March 2013. It took years for me to move through the ranks: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and finally Eagle. The requirements are that you must obtain 21 merit badges (I earned 37) in a specific subject area, complete a substantive service project and finally, go before a board of review and answer questions.

For my Eagle Scout project, I placed Buddy Benches in 3 local elementary schools. Two in the Plymouth Canton School District and one at Hicks Elementary, the school adopted by the church. I chose Buddy Benches because it is an easy way to prevent bullying. It eliminates loneliness

and fosters friendships and kindness on the school playground. So many kids suffer from isolation and bullying in schools. To me the Buddy Bench is an easy way to remedy this because students who have no one to play with can simply sit on the bench and this signals to other students on the playground that this student needs someone to play with them.

One of the best things about doing the Buddy Bench at Hicks Elementary was the opportunity to work with and support the church's efforts in the local community. Community service isn't something you do because of requirements. It is something you do to make a difference in someone's life. I know these benches will help some kids make friends and prevent others from being picked on. This is why I did it and this is why this project was special to me.



For  
**David Hicks  
Elementary School**

**August 5-24**

New Hope is collecting items to be delivered at the Open House held at the school, Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

Together, we can continue to provide the students with a great start for the school year.

### Items Needed:

- Backpacks
- Hygiene Products  
(wipes, sanitizers, etc.)
- Food Snacks
- School Supplies

Please leave donated items in the plastic bins labeled "Hicks School Donations" in the lobby at New Hope Church.

Any questions, contact Minister George Myers at 734-747-2289.

# Happy Anniversary New Hope

Written By Derron Murray

Greetings, New Hope family. Recently our church celebrated 46 years of spreading God's Word! We have always enjoyed the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, so what better way to thank Him sincerely than by hosting a weekend of events and activities for the community at our Taylor campus?

We kicked off anniversary weekend Saturday July 20, 2019, with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. Watch out IHOP, there's a new sheriff in town, NEW HOP(e)! As always, the food was delicious and the fellowship was fantastic! The rest of Saturday afternoon was dedicated to a vendor fair. Booths were set up on the Taylor campus for each vendor to showcase their product or service. Vendors included representatives from schools (both charter and local), travel agencies, custom jewelry, wholesale club (coming soon), artwork, real estate, and New Hope's Taylor campus recruiters. There was also a photo booth, face painting and a balloon artist for the kids — as well as many gifts and prizes!

On Sunday, July 21, our 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship services were held at our Wayne

campus. Dr. Louis Forsythe, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Detroit, delivered the sermon for the 7:45 a.m. service and Dr. Bertram Marks, Pastor of First Community Baptist Church (also in Detroit), delivered the sermon for the 10:45 a.m. service. Both sermons were extraordinary and purpose-driven. The musical selections from the Praise Team (7:45) and Music Academy Choir (10:45) were awesome as well!

Overall, the weekend celebration of our church anniversary reminds us that we as Christians are simultaneously looking forward and backward. Our look back at 46 years of this church's life gives us courage and hope for the next 46. The church is the first fruits of the Kingdom of God. Its purpose is both to remember God's faithfulness, kindness, mercy and wisdom — throughout our history up until now, and to move us and our world toward the goal God has given us! Amen.

# Back to School

Written By Kim Wright

The summer comes and goes and before you know it, school will be back in full swing. Children will be attending elementary, middle or high school, or college.

Students and parents may be met with emotional and organizational challenges. How will my child adjust to their new school? Is my child prepared for their first day of college? What is a good time to meet with my child's teacher? These questions come across the minds of many parents. In order to get back on track for the new school year, here are five helpful tips:

- 1. Ease into the school routine:** switching from summer to a school schedule can be stressful for both children and parents. To avoid the stress, try practicing the routine a few days in advance of the first day of school.
- 2. Have children connect with friends:** seeing a familiar face can ease some anxiety when children go back to school.
- 3. Identify priorities:** at the beginning of the school year, parents should talk to their children about their priorities. For example, how many sports or extra-curricular activities will your child participate in?
- 4. Social media:** parents should set boundaries on when and how much time children should be tuned into social media.
- 5. Create a space for homework time:** children should have a desk or designated area to complete their homework assignments. The space needs to be quiet and distraction free.

With these five tips, parents and students will be off to a successful start of a new school year!



## Vendor Fair

# Estate Planning Essentials

Written By Nadia D. Vann, Esq.

Many people wonder why having estate planning documents is important. An estate plan consists of documents that may include a will, a trust, or some other form of designation that will allow for easy transfer of your assets after your death. An estate plan will allow you to rest easy knowing that your exact wishes will be carried out and that your family will be taken care of in the manner that you see fit. A well-executed estate plan will also eliminate most disputes that may arise between family members. When putting together your estate plan it is important to think about the following:

## Who will be in charge of administering or handling your estate?

An estate plan will allow you to determine who will be in charge of ensuring that your final wishes are carried out. This person should be someone whom you trust and who can handle the many aspects, both financial and emotional, that come along with administering an estate.

## Who will be the beneficiaries of your assets?

Will all your assets go to your spouse? Your children? Your grandchildren? Your church? Estate planning documents will allow you to designate who gets what and in what portions. Your documents will solidify your

wishes and make it easy for your personal representative to distribute.

## If you have young children, who will be their guardian?

Although no one wants to think about dying before their children, in the event that you were to pass away while your children were still young, you would be able to designate a guardian for your children and determine who would control their financial future in well-executed estate planning documents.

## Keeping the peace in the family!

Even if you don't remember it, you promised your second cousin they could have your fur jacket. You also promised this same fur jacket to your first cousin and to your best friend. When the time comes to distribute the fur jacket, your estate planning documents will be crucial to keeping the peace in the family and ensuring that everyone receives what has been promised.

## Do I need a lawyer?

No, there are many websites and forms that can be used for executing your estate planning documents, however, it is important to remember that there are several legal requirements for valid documents that can withstand post-death challenges. It is recommended that you hire a lawyer to review your documents if you prepare them yourself.



## Upcoming Events

### Men's Golf Scramble

Links at Gateway Golf Course  
Romulus  
Saturday, August 24

### Young Adult Weekend

Escape Room  
Livonia  
August 16

Worship  
August 18

### Softball Game

New Hope Church  
Vs.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
Taylor Campus  
Sunday, August 25

### Back to Church Sunday

Wayne Campus  
September 15

### Healthy Taste Fair

Wayne Campus  
September 22

### 29th Pastoral Anniversary

September 27 and 29

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