

## **MESSAGE FROM**

### **Leadership**

Greetings,

As you celebrate the life of our beloved, take time to allow your New Hope family to be a part of your healing process. Take time to personally mourn, but also become involved in the necessary steps to bring closure to your loss. I hope that the following information will relieve some of the pressure that you may be feeling. No one is truly prepared to deal with these types of situations, but allow us to help.

Your church family would like to let you know that we share in the loss of your loved one. Know that your church family loves you, we bless you and we are here as support and comfort for you and your family.

God knows that we grieve, understands our sorrow, and comforts us. He does not promise to preserve us from grief, but to help us through it. Take the time to read through this information and do not hesitate to call the church office if there are any questions or anything that we can do.

In Loving Care,  
New Hope MBC Pastor and Deacons

### **New Hope MBC Funeral Service Policy**

During this time of bereavement, know that we share in your loss. It is our prayer that New Hope MBC will be a source of love, to help ease your sorrow in making final arrangements.

All funerals at New Hope MBC will be officiated by the Pastor. If the family wishes someone else to bring the eulogy, they must seek the Pastor's approval. It is the Pastor's decision as to who will bring the eulogy.

### **Music During Service**

As New Hope MBC serves your family during your grief, we reserve the right to approve all music sung or played during the Family Hour, Funeral, and Repast. Please submit all music to the Music Administrator for Pastor's review and approval

### **Repast**

If the deceased was an active member of New Hope MBC or an immediate family member, the church will be responsible for the repast funds **(\$600.00)** if no more than 75 individuals. If over 75 individuals the family will be charged the caterers price per plate, to be paid two days before the funeral.

### **Active Member**

A member is considered "Active" who maintains New Hope's worship ordinances, discipline, doctrines and who has supported the expenses of the church within the last 6 months or who the Deacon Board has maintained as active.

### **Immediate Family**

It is defined as the following: Spouse, Father, Mother, Stepparent, Grandparent, Step Grand Parent, Sister, Stepsister, Brother, Stepbrother, Daughter, Son, Stepchild, Grandchild and Child with documented legal custody.

### **Members Resolution**

Members will be given a Church Resolution decreeing their membership standings within the church.

The member or immediate family member will be extended the sanctuary however, Saturday funerals will be limited to active members when there is no conflict with the New Hope church calendar of events. All Saturday funerals must be approved by the Pastor.

### **Non-Member**

Although we are sympathetic to the families who lost loved ones, we are not conducting funeral services for non-members currently.

**Laying in State or Repose:** No deceased shall be laid in state or repose overnight.



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**New Hope Missionary  
Baptist Church**

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**Funeral / Repast  
Guidelines**

*“Hope In The Field”*



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Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1