



New Hope News

News and Events of New Hope Baptist Church

When I heard the forecast for snow, I thought about Psalm 51 and David's prayer to be washed and made whiter than snow. I also began to hum the hymn, *Whiter than Snow*. I did a little research and came across a devotion dated February 14, 2010.

With the historic weather we are having in Lancaster County, almost everyone is talking about snow. Most are tired of shoveling and being snowed in. We shudder when we hear predictions of even more snow. But we also have to admit that it is beautiful, especially when it is pure white, newly fallen, and undisturbed by humans. I've often wondered if King David ever actually saw snow, but after he had committed adultery he prays for forgiveness and cleansing. And in verse 7 of Psalm 51 he says "Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow." He knew that only the Lord could cleanse his sin and make him pure, whiter than snow. Numerous hymn writers have picked up on this theme. One of those was James L. Nicholson, a native of Ireland. He came to America around the age of 25 and lived in Philadelphia for almost two decades. Around 1871 he moved to Washington DC and worked there as a clerk in the Post Office Department. We really don't know much more about him, but in 1872 he penned the words to this week's hymn. We can only assume that Nicholson, like David and countless others, recognized the need to seek the Lord for forgiveness and cleansing, to be made whiter than snow. And he also knew that when one seeks this cleansing, the Lord will never say no. Maybe this old hymn shares a need that we all have. Meditate on these words.

1. Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;

I want Thee forever to live in my soul.

Break down every idol, cast out every foe

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

2. Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies

And help me to make a complete sacrifice.

I give up myself and whatever I know

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

3. Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat;

I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet.

By faith, for my cleansing I see Your blood flow

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

4. Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;

Come now and within me a new heart create.

To those who have sought You, You never said "No"

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

See You Sunday!

Pastor D

Let's Begin the New Year with Music!

The New Believers Quartet

will be with us

Sunday Evening at 6:00 PM



Sunday Morning Sermon Series

January 7 – The Most Excellent Way

January 14 – Love Suffers Long

January 21 – Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 28 – Baptist Men's Day

February 4 – Expressing Kindness

February 11 – Baptist Woman's Day

February 18 – Love Does Not Boast

Paul is saying, "I want to show you the best way to take care of virtually every situation, and that is the way of love." Then he points out that love is more important than four things Christians consider very important.

Spiritual Gifts – Knowledge – Faith – Generosity

Sunday Evenings @ 6pm



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Studying the Book of Revelation

Resumes January 14

Monday Morning Bible Study

Will Resume in January at 10:00 AM on Monday's. This is a repeat of the Bible Study we have on Sunday Evening. If you are unable to attend on Sunday Evening, come join us on Monday Morning.

Backpack Pals Ministry



Thank You For Your Support!!

If you would like to donate any of the items, you may bring them to church and place them in the pink tote beside the office door. If you would like to donate money instead of items, we will be glad to purchase the needed items.

If you choose to donate money, please mark "Backpack Ministry." You can also give online, just click the "Backpack Ministry" icon at www.nhbcwhiteville.com



Our Youth and Children, Grade 3 through 12, will be going to Summer Camp in June. They will be traveling to Teen Valley Ranch in Plumtree, NC. The cost per child is approximately \$400.00 per child. We are asking that those going to camp provide the first \$100.00. Fundraisers, work projects, and the generosity of others will provide the remainder of the funds.

You can help Send-A-Child-to-Camp or Sponsor a Child either by marking your check for that purpose or giving online and checking the "Youth Camp" tab. Thanks for all of your help and support to send our Kids to Camp this year.

**** Online Giving** is now Available on our Website at www.nhbcwhiteville.com. Just click on the Online Giving and you will be taken to a secure site. Thanks for being faithful and generous givers to the Lord's Work here at New Hope Baptist Church.

Our Worship Services are recorded each Sunday and are posted on our Website usually by Tuesday. If sickness or vacation kept you from being able to attend church, this is the perfect opportunity for you to catch up with the events of New Hope Baptist Church.

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Just look for the Sermon Tab

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