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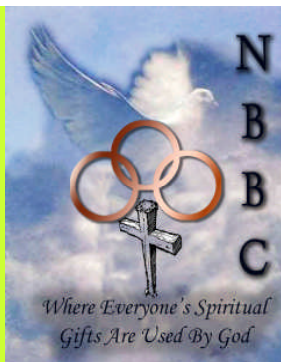
Pastor Curtis Durham

Special points of interest:

- Scriptures: Ro 15:13, Luke 8:5-15, Gen 8:22, Luke 10:2, Matt 13:3-8, Ps 146:5-10

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"Harvest of Hope"

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"Seeds"

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

In order to reap a harvest you must first plant a seed. As that seed is cultivated it begins to burst through the ground blossoming making it visible for all to see. There are many types of seed. Some blossom into beautiful plants and others are not as pretty to look at. Depending on the purpose of the seed, the planter looks for different qualities in the blossoms. Flowers are looked upon as a thing of beauty but a watermelon or an edible plant would be looked at differently. Regardless of the seed planted, often times undesirable things grow up around it. The planter will pluck out the undesirables to protect the integrity of the desired plant.

The planter must be aware of the needs and challenges of the plant. Some plants are subject to various pests that feed on and destroy the blossoms. Some plants need a lot of direct sunlight and others flourish with low sunlight. Some need an acidic base and others need low phosphate. Most of the times when someone plants they plant more than one seed because they want to produce an abundance of what is planted. They are looking to reap a harvest. All things must be considered if a bountiful harvest is desired.

Similarly to plants, Christians need cultivation to grow. There are undesirables that sprout up in our lives that must be removed to keep the integrity of the desirable. Christians also depend on light for growth but our light is Jesus Christ. He helps us to blossom into the beauty of God's likeness.

I am reminded of Jesus' parable of the sower found in Luke 8. ⁵ A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. ⁸ And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. ⁹ And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? ¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ [†] They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. ¹⁵ But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.



Seeds of hope properly nourished will bring a bountiful harvest.

Violet



April 2009 “What’s Happening at New Beginnings”

April 26, Pastor speaks at Trinity West Baptist Church, Tyler “Family & Friends” 3:00pm

	1 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
5 Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am	8 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
12 Sunday School 10:00am	15 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
19 Sunday School 10:00am	22 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
26 Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am	29 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm

“Pastor’s Heart: The Harvest has Hope”

Hello again everyone,

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. (Gen 8:22)

“God gives the increase”

The harvest has hope as long as day and night continues. Have you ever seen a big garden with a crop of peas? The rows can go on for miles or as far as the eye can see. Someone has to manage the crop and hire workers to harvest the crop when it is ready. At times, it may be challenging to find people that will work on reaping the harvest both in the natural and the spiritual. The word says that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. (Luke 10:2)

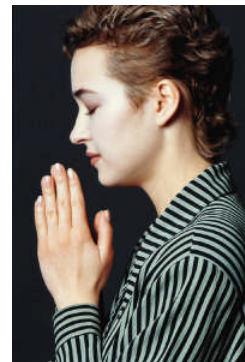
When we plant a crop, we expect it to grow healthy and plentiful. In Matthew 13:3-8, Jesus began to speak about a sower sowing seeds. The seeds fell in different places. The birds picked some up and ate them. Some fell on stony places where there wasn't much soil and the sun burned some up from its brightness because they did not have roots they withered away. Some fell into the thorns and the thorns grew and choked them out. We can be thankful for those that fell on good ground and began to produce one hundred sixty and thirty fold. We see from the parable if you continue to plant, the crop will produce, sometimes a lot and at other times a little. There is hope of receiving a harvest from the crop. Every corner, alley, street or market place that we go is an opportunity to share God’s word with someone. Let’s not be selfish, share even if they don't follow you to church or if you don't see them again, all belong to God, keep planting seeds, some may water but, God gives the increase
PEACE OUT!!



Pastor Curtis Durham Sr.

Prayer Closet

Dear Heavenly Father, I am so glad that our hope is in you because you can do anything but fail. You will never let us down. There are times when we don't quite understand what you are doing in our lives but we know that you are working out everything for our good. Father, I ask that you look on everyone that has a broken heart due to bad relationships and give them hope and assurance that you are the broken heart mender. Father look on those that are suffering with illnesses, plant a seed of hope deep down inside of them, and let them know that you will never leave them or forsake them. Father look on your children that have strayed from you and give them hope in knowing that you are there waiting on them to return. Father I thank you for the precious blood of Jesus that has given us the hope of glory and the hope of knowing that we will see you face-to-face one of these days. Thank you Lord for loving us enough to pay the ultimate sacrifice to redeem us. I pray that the power of your word and the anointing of your Holy Spirit will touch every life. I pray that lives will change and be filled with hope and promise. In the name of Jesus the resurrected savior, I pray. Amen



*“You will be secure,
because there is
hope; you will look
about you and take
your rest in safety.”*

Job 11:18

Food For Thought

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:
6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for
ever: 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The
LORD looseth the prisoners: 8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth
them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: 9 The LORD preserveth the
strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth up-
side down. 10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the LORD. (Ps 146:5-10)

Inspiration “Expressions of Hope”

Many times in my life I have had hopeless situations. Well, they were at least hope-
less as far as my eyes could see; a broken marriage, a tiresome career, and many
bills that seemed to never end. Yet, through it all, I am still here. For me God has
become the source of my hope. He has become the eyes of my soul, my protector,
my strength, and my salvation. I no longer worry about a broken marriage, a tire-
some career, or even the bills that never seem to end (God knows they do). For my
hope is in him. I am yet learning to trust him more and more each day and truly, I
really don't know how to fix these problems anyway, but he does. He knows all, he
sees all, and he can fix all. We must learn to trust and cherish the harvest of hope
that he has stored up for us. Let us not forget who he is, what he can and will do for
those that place their hope in him. Stay blessed in the Lord and keep hope alive.

Sincerely,
Minister Johnnie Durham III

*“Keep
hope
alive!”*

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Henderson Ch 10

Monday 6:00am
Friday 6:00am
Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00pm

Tyler Ch 18

Monday 7:00am
Saturday 9:30pm

1330AM KGLD

Tuesday 12:15-12:29pm



Violet Pier
Editor



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

Worship Services

New Beginnings Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation for you to be a part of our worship services.

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm

If you would like to be placed on our mailing or prayer list please write or contact us by phone. If you would like further details or you are interested in tax exempt donations to this ministry please contact Pastor Curtis Durham (903)752-3573 or (903)657-7470

Mission

The mission of New Beginnings Baptist Church is to impact lives for the cause of Christ, to reach out to all communities and people to share the love of God thus fulfilling the great commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Directions to New Beginnings Baptist Church

