

THE HISTORY OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The first established church at New Hope was a log church.

John Charles and Lewis Davenport hued logs and built the church.

Tom Gibson states that there were cracks between the logs large enough to see people on the outside.

New Hope built a new wood frame church, year unknown.

Bill Gibson, Tom Gibson's dad built most of the church, along with the help of the members. The church was very small.

In 1913 a new church was built and the small church was converted to New Hope school, which was used till the 1950's.

The new church that was built in 1913 stood where the new graveyard is now. The pulpit of the church was located where George Woodring is now buried.

Bill, Charlie and Tom Gibson along with the church members built the church. The church burned the 4th Sunday night in August, 1928.

After the church burned, services were held in New Hope school for three years until our present church was built in 1931. Charlie Gibson and the member's built present church. Around the year 1968 the new addition was added onto the church.

TOM GIBSON

Oldest male member at New Hope Church. He is now 81 years old. He was born in 1895. He joined the church at the age of 14. He has been a member for 67 years.

Tom helped in building the different churches at New Hope.



CONSTITUTION OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGIA, GILMER COUNTY

AT THE REQUEST OF BRETHRENNHERSON AFTER NAMED THE FOLLOWING BRETHREN
TO WIT: J.T. MCHAN, A.M. JOHNSON, AND L.H. BURGESS, ELDERS OF THE CHURCH,
MET WITH THE CONGREGATION AT NEW HOPE SCHOOL HOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOOK-
ING INTO THE PROPRIETY OF ORGANIZING A CHURCH AND FORMING OUR SELVES INTO A
PRESBYTERY BY ELECTING ELDER J.T. MCHAN CHAIRMAN AND A.M. JOHNSON, SECRE-
TARY WHEREFORE LETTERS OF DISMESSERS THEN PRESENTED ORGANIZED TO THE NUMBER
OF 18 (EIGHTEEN) WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HEREAFTER AND UPON EXAMINING THEIR
LETTERS AND FINDING THEM REGULAR AND THEY THEN PRESENT THEMSELVES ASKING
THAT THEY BE ORGANIZED INTO A CHURCHPRESBYTERY, AFTER EXAMINING THEM AFTER
THEIR FAITH, FINDING THEM IN HARMONY AND ADOPTING THEIR ABSTRACT ANDARTI-
CLES OF FAITH OF THE ELLIJAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION THE PRESBYTERY IN THEIR
USUAL WAY BID ON THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1893. ORGANIZED THE FOLLOWING
NAMED BRETHREN AND SISTERS INTO A CHURCH AND NAME OF THEIR CHURCH WAS THEN
GIVEN AS NEW HOPE. THIS DONE BY PRESBYTERY AND AT THE REQUFST OF THOSE
WHO COMPOSE THE CHURCH INTO THIS ORGANIZATION. THIS OCTOBER 15th 1893.

J.T. MCHAN, CHAIRMAN
A.M. JOHNSON
T.H. BURGESS
BY. A.N. JOHNSON OF PRESBYTERY

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spreading of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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