

“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: Ephesians 3:10 ***“In order that at the present time, by means of the church learn of His wisdom in all its different forms.”***

The Little White Church

In Ephesians 4: 12-16, God speaks through His word about the church. Paul says a lot about the church in these verses. I took from them that love results when the whole body is properly working together with every part contributing its share. Each believer is a unique and crucial part of God’s plan for the church.

God put me in a place at the right time to be a part of His plan to establish New Hope Church. Have you ever read or seen the movie *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks? The plot of the story is a woman leaving her unsafe, troubled home in search of a place where she feels loved, accepted, safe and secure. We know as believers we find all of these things in our Lord and Savior when we make a profession of faith. I think I can relate some of these same feelings to the Little White Church building where we first became a body of Christ.



It was a safe haven for many of us at a time when we felt a little lost and bewildered. We were a group of Christian believers without a church. Charlie Steward set up a meeting with the Choate family, who just happened to have a family church building that was not being used here in Cooper. This family not only opened their hearts to us, and allowed us to use this lovely church building. We had our church service there the very next day. So... New Hope Church began.

This building holds lots of good memories for me. We became that body of Christ that Paul speaks about in Ephesians. We loved and supported each other. We became that caring family. I’m not sure I have ever felt as loved and so much a part of anything as I did this church family. Time came for us to move from this quaint little building. We needed more room, a place to baptize our new members, a place to have fellowship and a place to call our own. Did we lose our safe haven? Heavens no. We all knew our security is in our faith and trust in our Savior. Our rock and foundation is Jesus Christ. Yes, we left the Little White Church building, but we took with us a kind, loving, friendly, unselfish church family who loves God and serves Him gladly.

My heart will always have a special place for all these memories of the Little White Church we call New Hope Church.

My life verse is Isaiah 40:31; ***“But those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”***

We prayed, we listened, we waited; and God established New Hope Church.