

History of the Women's Ministry 1970 – Present

The Women's Ministry of Greater New Hope Baptist Church started in 1970 and was called the "Women's Day Committee". It was organized by our late Pastor, Reverend Charles H. Hamilton. Each year, the first Sunday in May has been set aside as our Annual Women's Day Service. This is a tradition that has continued with our current Pastor, Bishop Melvin G. Brown. They have been quite fortunate to be blessed with dynamic, gospel-filled, female speakers and the Greater New Hope Combined Women Singers for this annual occasion.

Since the beginning, the following ladies have most capably served as Chairladies: First Lady Flossie J. Hamilton (1970-1971), B. Wanzer (1972-1973), Annabelle Oliphant (1974-1976), Frances Harvey (1977-1979), Inez J. Howard (1980-1988), Minister Delores W. Yancey (1989 to 2004), Inez C. Williams (2005 to 2021) and the current Chairlady, Sherry Hill (2021 to present). The following women of God have been Co-Chairs working to enhance the Women's Ministry and Greater New Hope: Minister Delores W. Yancey, Inez C. Williams, Sherry Hill, Priscilla Irick, Donna Baines and currently Neko Santa-Cruz and Deaconess Jessie M. Williams. Each of these ladies has contributed their hard work and dedication for the betterment of Greater New Hope.

The Women's Ministry has supported the church both spiritually and financially. Through the years, their fund-raising projects have been quite successful and they have had some dynamic speakers deliver very inspirational messages. Many of their fund raisers consisted of spiritual retreats, plays, shopping, and just fun ways to fellowship with each other. They have also held many banquets honoring Christian ladies they determined as worthy and dedicated. However, one of the most joyous occasions is the Everybody Birthday Celebration each month. The First Sunday of each month the Women's Ministry honors the members and visiting friends born in that month. The church sings "Happy Birthday" and there is cake, punch, and other snacks for everyone to enjoy. The Women's Ministry is a vital part of Greater New Hope Baptist Church and always welcomes new members to join. They are a group of energetic, intelligent, vibrant, and spirited Christian ladies that look forward to the years ahead and pray for strength and encouragement to continue their Christian journey.

