



NEW HOPE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Membership



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WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP?



What do you think of when you hear the word membership? You might think of joining an exclusive club or a gym. Or maybe signing your kids up for soccer or 4-H comes to mind? Membership at New Hope is not your ticket to an exclusive club. You don't have to become a member at New Hope to participate in the life of the church. Many people have been involved here for years and have never become members. If you decide to pursue membership, you should know that we believe membership is a serious commitment. We also believe the joys and blessings of membership are well worth the investment. So what does it mean to become a member of New Hope?

The Bible describes Christian community in a number of ways; as a household (Eph. 2:19), a human body (I Cor. 12:12-31), and a temple made up of "living stones" (I Peter 2:4-5, Eph. 2:21). All of these are pictures of our need for each other. When a believer becomes a member of New Hope, they make an outward statement of an inward commitment. They commit to joining together with us, for God's glory and our mutual benefit, to share the responsibilities and rewards of all that God will accomplish through us.

Our Commitment to You:

The Pastors, Elders, and Ministry Leaders of New Hope will cultivate a trustworthy leadership team that submits to the authority of Scripture (1 Tim. 3:1-13 & Titus 1:6-9, 1 Peter 5:1-7). We commit to prepare you "for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12-13). We will seek to set an example in speech, life, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim. 4:12) and accurately teach the Scriptures (2 Tim. 2:15). We are willing shepherds of "God's flock" (1 Peter 5:2), holding one another to the expectations written below. We will be approachable and teachable and foster a church family full of faith, hope, love, and joy!

Your Commitment to New Hope:

Membership at New Hope means affirming the following commitments that express our devotion to Jesus and to one another.

- I have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:4-10).
- I have been baptized in water, signifying my conversion and new life in God (Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12).
- As a disciple of Jesus, I take responsibility to continue to nurture my relationship with the Him (John 15:1-17).
- There is evidence in my life of a genuine experience of regeneration (John 1:12-13, 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:18-25) and I am committed to a life devoted to holiness, wholeness, and our church family (Romans 6:4, 8:1-4, 13:13-14; Eph. 4:17-32, 5:1-2, 15; 1John 1:6-7).
- I affirm the sacredness of sexuality and marriage and God's design that marriage is an exclusive relationship between a man and a woman. Whether I am married or single, I will avoid sex outside of marriage, pornography, and living with someone before I am married. (Matt. 15:19, Rom. 13:13, 1Cor. 6:9-20)
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- When I struggle in any of these areas, I will humbly accept the forgiveness and grace offered to me through the gospel and seek the encouragement and help of my church community.
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- I welcome church leadership and my community to speak into my life and offer advice, correction, or direction when needed.
- If the Lord seems to be transitioning me to a different church, I will seek the wisdom of God and my community and will have a conversation with a staff member before I leave.

MEMBERSHIP STEPS

- Have a personal relationship with Jesus – Acts 2:41a.
- Be baptized in water following salvation – Acts 2:41b.
- Attend the one-time membership class
- Complete and submit the Membership Survey
- Meet with a Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Director to talk through the Membership Survey
- Sign a Membership Commitment and give it to the Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Director you met with (the Elder Board approves all New Hope members)
- Be actively serving in a ministry either at New Hope or somewhere in our community or pursuing service when the membership process is complete



KNOWING GOD



The one thing God wants most from you is you. He wants to know you and He wants you to know Him. He wants a relationship with you. He wants you to understand the depth of His love for you and for you to live your life in light of that love.

- "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Jn 3:16-17

The one thing that keeps us from knowing God is our sin. The Bible says we have all sinned or disobeyed God.

- "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom 3:23

Sin not only separates us from God today but also condemns us to an eternity without Him. If we reject God's offer of love and restoration through Jesus, we choose separation from God and eternity in Hell.

- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom 6:23

Forgiveness for our sin and restoration of our relationship with God comes when we receive God's gift of Jesus. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for our sin and the only way to forgiveness.

- "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom 10:9

There is no way we can earn forgiveness on our own or do enough good to earn God's love or favor. Jesus is the only way.

- "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jn 14:6
- "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works so that no one can boast." Eph 2:8-9

When you receive God's free gift of life and forgiveness through Jesus, the Bible says you are:

- **A New Creation** – 2 Cor 5:17, **Forgiven and Redeemed** – Eph 1:5, **Loved** – Eph 3:17-18
- **Adopted into God's Family** – Rom 8:15

And a whole lot more!

If you have never received God's gift of life and forgiveness and would like to talk with a Pastor, Elder or Ministry Leader at New Hope, we would love to share more with you. Or you can pray right now a prayer that expresses your heart to God. It is not a prayer that saves you but the attitude of your heart. You can pray this simple prayer:

- God I know I've sinned and don't deserve your love, but thank you for loving me anyway and sending your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise three days later to pay for my sin. I accept your free gift of life and ask you to be the leader of my life. Thank you Father!

BAPTISM

Why is baptism an important part of membership?



Baptism is one of two ordinances that Jesus instituted for the church. Just before His ascension, Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). This instruction from Jesus is the first reason baptism is essential; He told us to do it.

Baptism illustrates the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. At the same time, it also illustrates our death to sin and new life in Christ. Being submerged in the water represents death to sin, and emerging from the water represents the cleansed, new life that follows salvation. Romans 6:4 puts it this way: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Very simply, baptism is an outward testimony of the inward change in a believer's life. Baptism doesn't save you. Your belief in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross does that. Baptism is, however, a public statement that says we now identify with Jesus and what he did for us. Making this public statement is the second reason baptism is essential.

We see the church launch in Acts 2 when Peter tells the residents of Jerusalem about Jesus, that He was the Son of God, and that though He was crucified, God raised Him from the dead. It then says, "When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do? " Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38) This is the first of many examples of how those who decided to follow Jesus began their life in Christ, with a step of obedience and testimony to their decision, by being baptized.

New Hope practices baptism by immersion because this is what we see modeled for us in Scripture. It is the best illustration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

New Hope does not baptize infants. Baptism is a step of obedience that says to the world you have chosen Jesus. Only someone old enough to make a decision to follow Jesus can be baptized. What is that age? The Bible doesn't say but if someone is old enough to understand what Jesus did for them, they are old enough to be baptized. New Hope does offer infant and child dedication. Talk with a Pastor or Elder if that is something you would like more information about.

SMALL GROUPS



Small Groups are the heartbeat of New Hope. Sunday morning services are where we come to worship together and hear the Gospel preached, but small groups are where we work out the implications of the Gospel with each other in our everyday lives.

God made us to be in relationship - both with Him and each other. Community in small groups gives us a place we belong and people who point us to Jesus. God often uses these people to help us understand and grow in the Gospel, form our identity in Jesus, and discover how God has wired us to serve the world. The scriptures refer to the church as the "body" of Christ - a living community that represents Jesus' hands and feet on earth.

Community is also the primary context for mission, our outward focus as followers of Jesus. God wants to use our communities (even though they're messy and broken) to draw others into his story and introduce them to Jesus. Every Christian is called and equipped to play a vital role in the church's mission to love the world and make disciples. What do small groups look like at New Hope? There are lots of different kinds, but they all share some key components.

- We do life with others in our community. - 1 Thes 2:8
- We invite others into our community. - Heb 10:24-25
- We invest our time and money into intentionally building relationships. - Ps 133:1-3
- We pray together and for each other. - Eph 6:18 / Acts 2:42
- We confess our sins to each other. - James 5:16
- We serve each other. - Acts 20:35
- We grow in understanding God's Word together. - Acts 2:42

Someone once said that "**Community is the laboratory in which we learn to rely on God's grace and experience the gospel's transforming power.**" We believe that's true; that we need other people and others need us. We'd even say that we can't become the people God wants us to be outside of community.

We know that taking the first step to join a group can be awkward, but it's worth it! Finding your people just makes life so much better! We've tried to make the process of connecting to a small group simple and stress-free. If you're not already plugged in, check out the steps to the left to get started. Another great way to figure out which group might be right for you is to check out a mid-sized event at New Hope like Couples Night, Men's & Women's events, or I Love My City. These events let you meet a wide variety of people who are often already involved in small groups at New Hope.

How to Get Connected to a Small Group

- Check out the list of small groups and when they meet at...
www.newhopeon395.com/smallgroups
- Stop by the welcome center on Sunday morning and grab a brochure that lists all the small groups at New Hope.
- Talk to one of the pastors.
- Call (541-567-8441) or email the church office (office@newhopeon395.com) or Pastor Tim (tim@newhopeon395.com), and we can help you find a group that fits your needs.



SERVING

The Bible teaches us that every follower of Jesus has been uniquely gifted in a way that contributes to the church. You need the church to help you grow into the kind of person God wants. But the church also needs you! (1 Cor 12:12-31). If you are not already plugged into a ministry at New Hope or in the community, we would love to help you find the place where you can serve.

Here are some opportunities to serve at New Hope:

- World Partners Team
- Local Missions Team
- Kid's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Worship Arts Ministry
- Men's and Women's Ministry
- First Impressions (greeters, welcome booth, ushers)
- Mochas for Missions (coffee shop)
- MOPS and Moms Next
- Adult Small Groups
- Deacons
- Property Team
- Hospitality Team
- Created to Flourish (visual arts)

We also want to be outward-facing by loving and serving those outside the walls of New Hope Community Church. There are many places within New Hope to serve, but there are also many places outside the walls of our church where you can engage and serve our community. It may be working with a non-profit such as Agape House, Desert Rose, or Made to Thrive. It may be coaching your kid's sports team, becoming a leader in 4-H, or volunteering at one of the local schools. Be creative! We want to be intentional, especially when seeking out the oppressed, marginalized, fatherless, widows, and orphans.

If you would like more information about serving within a ministry at New Hope or getting connected with a ministry outside our walls, talk to a Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Leader.

01.

Formation

We are all becoming someone. The question is, who are we becoming? Becoming the person God desires me to be in Jesus requires intentionality. Developing life-giving practices are crucial in the process of spiritual formation. Some of those life-giving practices are:

- Learning to do the things Jesus did - Luke 9:23
- Reading and Studying God's Word - 2 Tim 3:16-17
- Praying and Listening for His Voice - 1 Kings 19:12
- Showing Biblical Hospitality - Luke 19:1-10
- Practicing Sabbath, Silence, and Solitude - Mk 1:35-38
- Worshiping and Celebrating - Luke 15

03.

Mission

At the end of Jesus' life, he gave his followers a mission; to make disciples. Mission is an outward-facing posture that followers of Jesus are invited to embody as his ambassadors. Jesus sends all Christians to serve and love the world sacrificially, just as God has sacrificially given himself for us. God has equipped every believer with unique gifts, desires, and experiences that allow us to influence our neighbors and help make disciples who go on to make more disciples.

- We know, love, and actively serve our neighbors & our city - Jer 29:7
- We intentionally look for someone we can disciple - 1 Cor 11:1
- We do evangelism with our community - Acts 2:31-32/ Mt 28:18-20
- We seek out the oppressed, marginalized, fatherless, widows, and orphans, and we help tangibly - 1 Jn 3:17, James 1:27
- We look for opportunities to point people to Jesus by telling our story.
- We show people God's love by practicing extravagant hospitality.

Identity

Understanding who we are in Christ is the foundation of knowing God and glorifying Him. When we give our lives to Christ, He gives us a new identity, and everything we do should flow out of what the Bible says about who we are. The Bible says we are:

- A New Creation - 2 Cor 5:17
- Forgiven and Redeemed - Eph 1:5
- Loved - Eph 3:17-18
- Adopted into our Father's Family - Rom 8:15
- A Servant - 1 Cor 12:4-11
- Part of a Multi-Ethnic Family - Rev 7:9-10
- Disciple-makers - Matt 28:18-20

02.

Community

God made humans to be in relationships - both with Him and with each other.

Community is a place we belong and people who point us to Jesus. God often uses these people to help us understand the Gospel, form our identity in Jesus, and fulfill our mission. The scriptures refers to the church as the "body" of Christ; a living community that represents Jesus' hands and feet on earth. Every Christian is called and equipped to play a vital role in the church's mission to love the world and make disciples.

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04.

DISCOVER LIFE THROUGH AN AUTHENTIC CONNECTION TO GOD AND HIS FAMILY.



DEVELOP YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND WITH OTHERS.



DEPLOY YOUR GIFTS AND PASSIONS BY BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS.



Attend and engage with weekend services.

Find a new **Identity** in a relationship with Christ.

Take the step of baptism.

Become a part of the New Hope family through membership.

Allow God to begin the **Formation** of your heart by developing spiritual habits.

Find **Community** by joining a small group.

Practice generosity.

Learn about your spiritual gifts.

Find a place to serve.

Learn to share the story of your spiritual journey.

Join us in the **Mission** to make disciples that make disciples of Jesus.

A DISCIPLE IS SOMEONE WHO IS BEING FORMED BY JESUS, FOLLOWING JESUS' WAY OF LIFE AND LIVING OUT JESUS' MISSION TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

OUR TEAM



Chris Hankel

Lead Pastor



Tim Beal

Executive Pastor



Daniel Longhin

Hispanic Ministries Pastor



Rafael Vargas

Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministry



Rich Finn

Youth Pastor



Adam Glass

Worship Pastor



Trista Hindman

Children's Ministry Director



Teresa Best

Office Manager



Jennifer Roberts

Office Secretary

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH ¹⁰

We believe:

- The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is inerrant in its original writing, and that it is the only infallible rule for faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105, 160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)
- In one God (Deut. 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:5), creator of heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Colossians 1:16), eternally existing (Psalm 90:2; Revelation 1:8) in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2).
- Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son (John 3:16), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:22, 23), and is fully God (John 1:1-4; 8:56-58), and fully man (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-8). God's revelation of Himself, His purpose, and His will was completed in Jesus Christ as is recorded in the Bible (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4).
- The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (John 16:14, 15). During this age, He draws men to God; convicts men of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:7-13); indwells and seals the believer at conversion (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13, 14); comforts, guides, instructs and empowers the believer for godly service (John 14:16, 17, 26; Acts 1:8). The evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the fruit that He produces in believer (Galatians 5:22-25; Matthew 7:16).
- Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Man sinned, bringing upon himself both physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God (Isaiah 53:6a; Isaiah 59:1, 2; Romans 3:23).
- Jesus Christ died for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice (1 Peter 2:21-24; 1 John 2:2); He arose bodily from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-5), and ascended into heaven where He now serves as our advocate (Romans 8:33, 34; 1 John 2:1).
- The shed blood of Jesus Christ provides the only basis for salvation to all who believe (Romans 5:1-10; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 18, 19; John 14:6).
- We are eternally saved (John 10:27-29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5) when we recognize ourselves as sinners (Romans 3:23) and put our faith in Christ, not because of any work we do (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5). All who receive Christ through faith are born again in the Holy Spirit (John 1:12; Galatians 3:26).
- In the personal, and imminent return of Jesus Christ, and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 6:13-15; Titus 2:13; Revelation 22:20).

OUR HISTORY

New Hope began in the fall of 1990. With 30-40 people and the leadership of the Northwest Conservative Baptist Association, New Hope became a reality. The NWCBA placed Pastor Dave and Sheila Andrus here on December 1, 1990.

In 1993, New Hope became a self-governed church with a charter membership and a new constitution. A year later, the church purchased the current 10 acres with the proceeds of the sale of the old facility.

In 1999, New Hope moved to a local middle school (Sandstone Middle School) to accommodate our growing congregation better. That same year the church entered into a building campaign. We began building our current facility through the sacrifices of money, time, physical abilities, and strong faith in God's provision.



In December 2002, we began another phase of construction, resulting in the addition of the nursery/fellowship hall area. Our latest expansion is our youth center. It was built in the spring of 2010 and consisted of several classroom spaces and an auditorium for our Middle School and High School ministries. In 2021 that expansion was paid in full, three years ahead of schedule. As God provides, we plan to continue expanding the facilities to meet the needs of our community and the New Hope family.

We have seen God do miraculous things in the lives of people through the ministries of New Hope Community Church. Many have come to know Christ and have demonstrated their commitment to follow Him through baptism. New ministries are added every year as we train up the body of Christ to reach into our community with the message about what God has done for us through His son, Jesus.

We hope you will choose to make New Hope your church home and connect with us as we seek to honor God in everything we do.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

- Date:
- Name:
- Address:
- Date of Birth:
- Email:
- Phone:
- Have you completed the New Hope Membership Class? Yes No
- Have you been baptized? Yes No
- Are you in agreement with our Statement of Faith Yes No
- Are you currently part of a Small Group? Yes No
- Which New Hope staff member, elder, or ministry leader would you like to go through the membership process with?
- In what ministry are you currently involved or hoping to be involved?
- Give a brief description of how and when you came to know and follow Jesus.
- Why do you want to become a member of New Hope Community Church?
- Do you have any questions for us?

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With God’s help, to the best of my ability, I will fulfill my commitment to New Hope Community Church.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____