

# NEW HOPE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Membership

“To know God and glorify Him by making disciples of Jesus.”



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# WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP?



Membership means different things to different people. This short packet is designed to give you a picture of what membership looks like at New Hope. 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. But if you decide to pursue membership, you should know that we treat it seriously. We believe the joys and blessings of membership are well worth taking the step.

The Bible describes Christian community in many ways; 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 a picture of our need for each other. Membership is simply a statement of an inward commitment to make this particular community a priority in one's life. It's a commitment to partner with other Christians for our mutual benefit and ultimately for God's glory.

## **Our Commitment to You:**

The Pastors, Elders, and Ministry Leaders of New Hope are committed to cultivating a trustworthy leadership team that submits to the authority of the Scriptures (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 Word of Truth (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 one another...

- By grace and through faith I have repented of my sins and placed my trust in Jesus for my salvation (Ephesians 2:4-10).
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- I have read and agree with New Hope's Statement of Faith (page 10).

# MEMBERSHIP STEPS

1. Repent of your sins and place your trust in Jesus for salvation. – Acts 2:41a.
2. Be baptized in water following salvation - Acts 2:41b.
3. Attend the one-time membership class.
4. Complete and submit the Membership Survey (page 12).
5. Meet with a Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Leader to talk through the Membership Survey.
6. Sign the Membership Commitment (page 13) and give it to the Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Leader you met with.
7. The Elder Board votes to approve your membership.
8. Be actively serving in a ministry at New Hope or somewhere in our community (or actively looking for a ministry to serve in).



# KNOWING GOD

The story of the gospel, told in the pages of the scriptures, can be broken down in 4 "chapters."

## 1. Creation

The first chapter we call "Creation." We see in the book of Genesis that God created a good world and enjoyed a perfect and very personal relationship with the first humans. This is what God most wants from human beings; a close relationship in which we understand His love for us and live in joyful obedience to his design.

- "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." - John 3:16-17

## 2. Fall

But shortly after, the first humans, feeling like they knew better than God, chose to rebel against God's loving rule and authority. They chose to trust their own instincts instead of God's instruction and through their sin, death and brokenness entered the world. All humans continue to live out this rebellion and are separated from God by their sin.

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

Sin not only separates us from God but also condemns us to an eternity without Him. But because of God's great love for us, he has provided a rescuer in Jesus.

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

## 3. Redemption

Jesus, fully God and fully human, lived the perfect life that we should have lived. He perfectly submitted himself to the loving rule and authority of God the Father, willingly taking the punishment we deserved. His death on the cross provided the means for our forgiveness and restoration with God. Salvation is offered, not by accomplishing any work, but by repenting of our sins and believing that Jesus' work on the cross was enough.

- "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." Romans 10:9

God's love is not earned but received. Because God's love for us is based on how Jesus lived and not on how we live, once we trust in Jesus we can be confident that God is with us and for us.

- "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 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. Ephesians 2:8-9

## 4. New People

When someone repents of their sins and trusts in Jesus, he makes them a new person giving them the power to overcome sin and the desire to submit to the loving authority of God the Father. He also begins the lifelong work of sanctification, forming his people into the image and character of Jesus. Becoming a Christian and following Jesus is no easy task. The bible never promises that life will become easier or more comfortable. In fact, the bible describes the Christian life as a "living sacrifice," a continual effort to give up what we want in exchange for what God wants for us. It's only through this prolonged "dying to ourselves" that we discover the joy of living a life fully devoted to God.

If you've never believed in the gospel story, the invitation is open to repent of your sins and trust in Jesus' work on the cross for your salvation. Although a prayer doesn't save you, many people choose to pray as an expression of their belief. You might pray a simple prayer like this...

"God, I know that I've sinned and chosen my own way instead of your way. I don't deserve your love. Thank you for loving me anyway and sending your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and pay the penalty for my sin. I repent of my sin and place my trust in Jesus for my salvation. I invite you to change every aspect of my life to be in line with the gospel. Guide me and lead me as I follow you. Thank you Father! Amen!"

If you've recently believed in Jesus or want to talk more about it, the staff at New Hope would love to share more with you.

# BAPTISM

Why is baptism an important part of membership?



Baptism and communion are two practices 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 is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. At the same time, it also illustrates our death to sin and new life in Jesus. Being submerged in the water represents death to sin. Coming out from the water represents the 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 expression 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 are now a Christian and identify with Jesus. 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 that Jesus was the Son of God and was raised from the dead after he had been crucified. 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 people being baptized immediately after their decision to trust in Jesus.

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.

Since we believe baptism is a step of obedience that one takes, we do not baptize infants at New Hope. How old does someone need to be in order to trust in Jesus? 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 in our everyday lives. God made us to be in relationship - both with Him and with each other. Community gives us a place we belong and people who point us to Jesus. God often uses these people to grow and mature us in the Gospel, form our identity in Jesus, and discover how God has wired us to serve others. 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.** God invites every Christian to love other people and to use their gifts to serve those around them. God often uses our communities (even though they're messy and broken) to introduce others to the gospel. 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 Thessalonians 2:8
- We invite others into our community. - Hebrews 10:24-25
- We invest our time and money into intentionally building relationships. - Psalm 133:1-3
- We pray together & for each other. - Ephesians 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 easy. 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](http://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 ([office@newhopeon395.com](mailto:office@newhopeon395.com)) the church office or Pastor Tim ([tim@newhopeon395.com](mailto:tim@newhopeon395.com)), and we can help you find a group that fits your needs.

# SERVING



The Bible teaches us that we were created to serve other people. God has given every Christian a gift and role in serving the church and the world (1 Corinthians 12:12-31). A significant part of your spiritual growth happens as you respond to the opportunities that God places in your life to love and serve those around you. If you're not already serving somewhere, we'd love to help you find a place. Here are some options at New Hope you might be interested in...

- 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 center, 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 believe God has called us to love and serve Umatilla County. There are many places outside of New Hope where you can serve our community. It may be working with a non-profit, or volunteering at the annual "I Love My City" clean up day. Some of the local organizations we support include...

Agape House, Stepping Stones, Desert Rose, Made to Thrive, Campus Life. Wherever you serve, God will use your gifts to grow you and bless the people around you.

\*If you would like more information about serving at New Hope or getting connected with a ministry in the community, talk to a Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Leader.



## 01.

### Formation

One of God's promises to Christians is that He will continually transform us into the person and character of Jesus. God's commitment to you is that he will grow and mature you. What can you do to contribute to this process of formation? Some of the spiritual practices that have helped Christians over the centuries are...

- Learning to do the things Jesus did - Luke 9:23
- Reading and Studying God's Word - 2 Timothy 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 - Mark 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 God's 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 - Jeremiah 29:7
- We intentionally look for someone we can disciple - 1 Corinthians 11:1
- We do evangelism with our community - Acts 2:31-32/ Matthew 28:18-20
- We seek out the oppressed, marginalized, fatherless, widows, and orphans, and we help tangibly - 1 John 3:17, James 1:27
- We look for opportunities to point people to Jesus by sharing our story.
- We show people God's love by practicing generous hospitality.

### Identity

Understanding our identity in Christ is the foundation of knowing God and glorifying Him. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us a new identity. Everything we do, including our motives and thoughts, flows out of our identity. The Bible says we are:

- A New Creation - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Forgiven and Redeemed - Ephesians 1:5
- Loved - Ephesians 3:17-18
- Adopted into our Father's Family - Romans 8:15
- A Servant - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Part of a Multi-Ethnic Family - Revelation 7:9-10
- Disciple-makers - Matthew 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 find a place to serve. 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



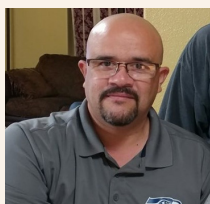
## Tim Beal

Executive Pastor



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Hispanic Ministries Pastor



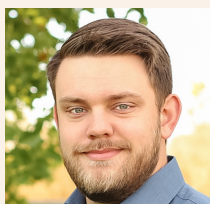
## Rafael Vargas

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 <sup>10</sup>

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 Community Church was born in the fall of 1990 when about 40 people from West Park Baptist Church partnered with the Northwest Conservative Baptist Association and called Pastor Dave and Sheila Andrus to lead. 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 West Park Baptist facility.**

**In 1999, New Hope moved to a local school (Sandstone Middle School) to accommodate our growing congregation better. That same year the church entered into a building campaign. Through many sacrifices and volunteer hours, the current sanctuary, lobby, and classrooms were constructed.**



In December 2001, we completed an addition that included a nursery and the fellowship hall area. Our latest expansion is our youth center which was built in the spring of 2010 and added several classroom spaces and an auditorium for our Youth Ministry. In 2021 that expansion was paid in full, three years ahead of schedule. In the summer of 2020, after 30 years of faithful ministry, Pastor Dave Andrus retired. Chris Hankel, New Hope's longtime Worship & Executive Pastor, was affirmed as the new Lead Pastor.

Over the years we have seen God do amazing things in the lives of people through the ministry of New Hope. Many have come to know Jesus for the first time and many more have grown in their faith through the programs, services, and people God has blessed us with. We continue to look for creative ways to love and serve people and expand God's Kingdom.

We hope you will consider making New Hope your church home as we seek  
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# 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 Community Group? Yes No
- Which New Hope Pastor, Elder, or Ministry leader would you like to go through the membership process with?
- In what ministry are you currently serving or hoping to be involved with?
- How and when did you place your trust in Jesus?
- What has your relationship with Jesus looked like the past few years?
- Why do you want to become a member of New Hope Community Church?
- Do you have any questions for us?

**I affirm the following commitments that express my devotion to Jesus and New Hope Community Church**

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

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_