

Greetings, New Hope Christian Church family!

It's April!



A Word from Pastor David:



Boy, how I miss not being together. I guess the media is doing their best by pounding the drum of “we’re in this together,” but it just doesn’t cut it for me. We are certainly united through God’s Spirit, but the synergy of living beings sharing life together in proximity (when we are literally together) surpasses any virtual communication we have at our disposal. It has been a blessing to use technology during this time, but I’ve got to tell you...I’m champing at the bit.

I kind of liken it to our relationship to Jesus in this sense: His presence in our lives – even though we don’t see Him – is a blessing and glorious and life-giving; but the day is coming when we will be *with* Him, and see Him face to face. I’ll take that over this every time.

So, you know the drill, we hear it over and over and over again throughout the day. In fact, here’s a little quiz... Each of these sets of letters represent buzz phrases we’ve been hearing in the news. See if you can score 100%. (Answers at end of newsletter, but don’t cheat.)

WYH
SAH
SD
FTC
NGOMTT
WAMIYLTH
SH

Very little of this virus has touched our members that we know of, and for that I am grateful. I’ve reviewed the statistics for Washington State, and to date there is no way to know for sure how many have contracted the virus (probably many more than have been tested or have shown serious enough symptoms to do anything about it). Of the 90+ deaths in Snohomish County, 86 had identifiable underlying conditions.

The leadership will be discussing plans as we move forward, and we will keep you informed. I think the wait time will be shorter than longer, but we do not know what a day may bring forth, so we continue to place our trust in God, striving to walk with His wisdom as our guide.

A Recipient of God’s Awesome Grace,

David

Additional Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for New Hope

Yes, we are still quarantined at home for a little while longer. Continue to keep a safe distance, wash your hands, and wear your masks.

Just for fun – take a selfie of you (and your family) wearing your masks and send it to me at diane@nhcc.org. As you know, David is preaching to an empty room. So, wouldn’t it be cool if we could put our faces on the chairs so he could “see us” when he preaches next time?

Here, I’ll start... 😊



Facebook page or group – huh?

New Hope Christian Church has two pages on Facebook – why, you ask?

- Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeEverett/>) can be seen by anyone anywhere. This page is our official voice of the church and is intended to be encouraging and invitational.
- Our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/606453772764310/>) is only for members and friends of New Hope. It's a private group so anything posted in that group stays there, so it's a good place for any of us to ask for prayer, post prayer answers, and share ideas and stories for our church family.

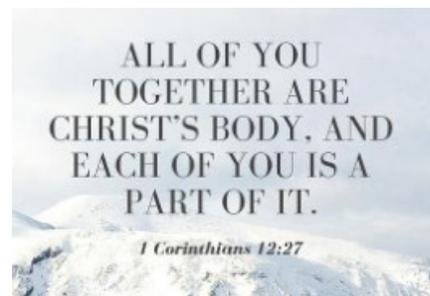
Be sure to LIKE our page and JOIN our group.

And if you have questions, email diane@nhcc.org.

Staying Connected to Each Other

Until we can meet together again face to face, it's important that we stay connected to each other (see I Corinthians 12:27). Here are some ideas:

- Pick up the phone and call each other.
- Write a note – you can email it or mail it via the post office.
- Meet up for a 6-feet-apart coffee date.
- Pray for each other. There are so many needs right now.
- Do you have others?



Staying Connected to God

- Go to the church's website (nhcc.org):
 - Watch one of David's sermons (<http://nhcc.org/resources/sermons>)
 - Print a verse-a-day sheet and write our the verses for April.
 - Check out the new New Hope BINGO!
- Sign up for a Bible reading plan at www.biblegateway.com or download the YouVersion Bible app to your phone. (There are a lot of reading plans there, too.) And these are just two of the options.
- Do a word study. Pick a word, a name, or a subject you've always wanted to know more about (grace, righteousness, Essenes, Bartholomew, etc.) and visit www.biblestudytools.com or www.biblehub.com to learn more.
- Create a prayer list and pray daily for your family, your neighbors, your community, our nation, the world, our missionaries, and so on.
- Here are a lot of free activities (coloring pages, puzzles, devotions, etc.) for kids and adults: <https://www.christianbook.com/page/promotion/social-promotion/most-popular-free-resources?>
- Do you have others?

Miscellaneous Things...

We've received several emails in the church's inbox with requests.

- Need a temporary job? The 2020 Census is in need of applicants: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>.
 - Need a place to live? A woman is looking for a Christian female to share a home with near McCollum Park. If you'd like to know more, email diane@nhcc.org and I'll put you in touch with her.
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Ways to Give



Online

nhcc.org/give/donate
or
Use your bank's
bill pay service



By Mail

New Hope Christian
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Everett, WA 98204

The building may be closed right now, but the church is still working!

Thank you for continuing to give and for your generosity. We continue to reach out to our South Everett community, and your giving and your prayers bless us every day.

Thank you!

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Answers to the COVID-19 Quiz buzz phrases:

WYH – Wash Your Hands

SAH – Stay At Home

SD – Social Distancing

FTC – Flatten The Curve

NGOMTT – No Gatherings Of More Than Ten

WAMIYLTH – Wear A Mask If You Leave The House

SH – Stay Healthy