

Greetings, New Hope Christian Church family!

It's August!



A Word from Pastor David:



In some corners of Christendom, the church has caved in to convenience, which shouldn't be too surprising given the avid pursuit of pleasure in our culture. The trouble is instead of prevailing against the wiles of the enemy, the sad truth is that some local assemblies across the land have been prevailed against by the gates of hell. Instead of being **in** the world but not **of** the world, we have seen both in **and** of.

And yet, the church – in her design and purpose – is the nearest expression of God's will in this world. So, among the many needs in the church today, what is the greatest? Perhaps the answer is to look more like Jesus...the need for holiness. Society will not improve; it will only digress. Both Jesus' words and the apostle's writings tell us that (**Matthew 24:4-14; 2 Thessalonians 2; 2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter 3**).

Moral fortitude will not by itself adjust upward. Our communities, our churches need transforming transfusions of Christ's love and life and mind from the inside out. Knowing God more deeply and fully...obedience...discipline. Let God's Word work on you and in you, described as "living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**" (**Hebrews 4:12**). Is it possible?

Here are wise words that might help...

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you. Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left. Turn your foot from evil (Proverbs 4:23-27).

Not only possible, it is the very desire of God's heart!! That kind of submission to God and to His word will put the church on the cutting edge. That kind of surrender will serve notice to a watching world that Christ's bride is serious about the covenant we have made with our bridegroom. And people will see and know the difference, because they will see "Christ in us, the hope of glory" (**Colossians 1:27**); and He makes all the difference.

A Recipient of God's Awesome Grace,

David

Men's Breakfast on Saturday!

It is time for the men to meet for breakfast, fellowship, laughter, and more on **Saturday, August 8th** at 9:00 a.m. **We're meeting at the church building.**

Be sure to invite a friend or someone you have not seen for a while.



Congratulations and Thank You's are in Order

Brent Lewis made the effort to go back to school after years (dare we say decades) of academic lay-off; so, to say that a major feat was accomplished is no joke. We are proud of Lewis (as he is known around here) and congratulations are definitely in order in the completion of his Bachelor of Arts in General Ministry from Hope International University, Fullerton, CA.

Phil Raker is a guy who is sometimes seen more than heard; but kudos to him for successfully off-loading the dormant busses we have had sitting on the property taking up space. We even got a little cash out of the transaction(s) (even though we would have let them go for anyone willing to come and take them away). Thank you, Phil, for taking the time to see it through. The busses are gone...O Happy Day!

Over the past several months, you may have seen him in the back of the auditorium in the Sound Booth. **Eldon Berg** has been not only preparing and running the program and videography for Sunday service, but he is also meeting weekly with David to pre-record the service to have ready on Sundays at 10AM for all those not attending live. A huge thank you goes out to Eldon for his sacrifice and service to the Body.

As the Hebrew writer wrote, "Time will fail me if I tell of" **Dale and Regena Weber** (Hospitality and Facilities); **Jo Thomas, Ruth Brewer, and Rebecca Hastings** (Finance); **Ken Thomas, Lee Hastings. Brent Lewis, and Matt Dunn** (Usher/Server), and all the others who serve when asked.

Yard Sale at New Hope



Do you like yard sales? Then check this out!

New Hope is having a yard sale on Saturday, August 29th. We'll be opening up at 9:00 a.m. and need volunteers to help set up and sell.

If you are available on Friday, August 28th, we could use your help with organization, pricing, etc.

If you have things you no longer need or want, like clothing, books, sports equipment, toys, etc.), bring them to the church building before August 22nd and we'll include them in the garage sale. **Do not bring cars, computers, or large appliances.** Anything that does not sell at the garage sale will be taken to Goodwill or another thrift shop.

Proceeds will go to the Building Project at WI-NE-MA Christian Camp.

The Church Building is Open!

If you are thinking about joining us soon in the church building live for Sunday service, please know that we are taking precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible:

- We are disinfecting the bathrooms to the best of our ability.
- We are providing coffee, but it is being served by a gloved attendant.
- The chairs in the auditorium are more widely spaced than usual.
- Communion is packaged and available for all who wish to partake.
- A box for tithes and offerings is provided at the back of the auditorium on the hospitality table.
- We don't have masks or gloves on hand. If you feel safer wearing them, please bring your own.

Important: If you have predisposed health issues or any symptoms that may cause you to wonder if you might be sick, please stay home. If you are not yet comfortable to return, that is perfectly understandable, too.

Remember, you can always catch the sermons in the [Facebook group](#) or on the [NHCC website](#).

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Thank you for continuing to give. Your giving, support, and prayers bless us every day.

If you cannot make it to the church building, here are other ways you can give.

Thank you!

Calendar

Check out the [NHCC website](#), [our Facebook page](#), and/or [our Facebook group](#) for more information on what's happening.

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