

Greetings, New Hope Christian Church family!

It's August 2021



A Word from Pastor David:



As we are close to moving into the fall season of 2021, I am praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is one of the requests for which Jesus told His disciples to pray (**Matthew 6:10**). So, I am praying that His will be done, His Kingdom come, within the culture of New Hope as it does within the universal Body of Christ. It is the kind of prayer that is not immune from difficulties (death, sickness, need of workers, facility breakdowns, etc.). It is prayer that the Spirit of God moving among His people will produce a fair amount of fruitfulness (more people in the Word, more members involved in Kingdom work, more talk of Jesus). It is prayer that doesn't always look in the rearview mirror, but learns from victories and failures experienced while at the same time saying with the apostle Paul...

"Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead..."

I PRESS ON!" (Philippians 3:13-14)

I do not know what tomorrow will bring, but I have certainly settled the question of Who is control. A sense of excitement awaits us as we open our eyes to the will and work of God in this place. I believe that God will more than ever be purging His Body of those who "talk a good walk" but don't walk. He is searching for men and women who will stand in the gap on behalf of His Kingdom; Christians who will take the sword of the Spirit and wield a death blow to the forces of Satan (**Ephesians 6:10-17**). The clarion call has sounded – "His truth is marching on!" Will you join the ranks of the redeemed as we minister in the name of Jesus? Will you count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord? Will you give yourself, your time, your talent, your money, like never before to see the glory of the Lord abound?

I urge you, Christians of New Hope: Pray, work, give, pray, share, love, pray, shine, preach, pray, teach, sing, pray, praise, and when all is said and done...pray some more! Pray with me that I will preach the Word with all boldness. Pray that we may each grow in our sensitivity to God and to the needs of others. Pray that God will so convict us with a sense of evangelistic urgency that our mouths will not be able to keep silent. Pray for the Leadership Team as we move forward in the selection of elders. Pray for the divorced, the widowed, the lonely. Pray that members of the flock here at NHCC will develop a vision for the world; that from Everett, Washington, we will send out more and more foreign missionaries, preachers, teachers. Pray that those college students who enter the workplace will make an impact on their employers and fellow employees. Stand firm and pray!

And as God convicts you to fill the gap at one or more of these levels – Fill it!

No more spectator Christianity; I exhort you to be a servant of God!

A Recipient of God's Awesome Grace,

David

NHCC Ladies Night Out!

Ladies, join us at the church on **Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.** for fun, food, fellowship, and an entertaining movie: *Strangers in Good Company*. It's a movie about a busload of women who become stranded in an isolated part of the Canadian countryside. As they wait to be rescued, they reflect on their lives.



Bring your favorite movie snack and a friend. We'll provide the popcorn and the lemonade! (By the way, the Rotten Tomatoes website gives this movie a score of 100% fresh!)

Potluck Picnic at the Bergs



The whole church is invited to the home of Eldon and Charlotte Berg for a potluck picnic on **Saturday, August 28th at 1:00 p.m.** The Bergs will be providing the meat and beverages, so bring your favorite salad, side dish, and/or dessert to share.

Here's their address: **7950 NE 195th St., Kenmore.**

Bring a lawn chair and prepare to have a fun afternoon fellowship. Spend a fun and relaxing afternoon with the rest of us!

Reading Through the Book of Mark (and the other Gospels)

As we've been going through the book of Mark, you may have noticed that Pastor David frequently refers to one of the other Gospels that tells the same story with similar yet often additional details. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the synoptic Gospels. John's Gospel has different details and acts as a supplement to the others.

You can buy books that show the Gospels side-by-side, or you can check out one of these websites:

- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/harmony/index.cfm>
- <http://www.para-gospel.com/full>

Before next Sunday, read Mark 7:31-37. What do the other Gospels have to add?

Keeping a Prayer List

Have you ever kept a prayer list or journal? In other words, writing down the prayer needs in your family, our church, our neighborhoods, our country, and the world. Writing our prayers down can help you focus. And don't forget to write down those things that you're thankful for.

In addition to the prayer needs David mentioned in his article, here are a few more to add:

- We have many in our church family who are sick and hurting in some way.
- School starts soon. Pray for the teachers, the aides, all of the students, the bus drivers, etc.
- Haiti. Last month their president was assassinated. Then they had a 7.2 earthquake that killed over 2,200 people and left 30,000 homeless and without basic necessities.
- Afghanistan. Millions of Afghan citizens are scrambling for safety in anticipation of the regimes harsh conditions including executions of political opponents, persecution of minorities including Christians, and oppression of women.
- Fires in California and other states. Pray for the thousands of firefighters fighting the fires as well as those who have lost their homes and their livelihood.
- Tennessee. With all the rain and flooding, many people have died or are missing. People are hurting.

Prayers of thanks and gratitude:

- Thank you, God, for giving me strength. (Philippians 4:13)
 - Thank you for never leaving me. (Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 43:2)
 - Thank you, Lord, for giving me all that I need. (Psalm 23:1, Philippians 4:19)
 - Thank you for carrying all of my burdens. (Psalm 55:22)
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- Thank you for giving me a purpose. (Ephesians 2:10)
- You do not promise that life will be easy, but you do promise us peace. Thank you. (John 14:27)

Visited the Church's Website Lately?

As many of you know, you can find an events calendar and David's sermons on the website. But did you know you can also find past newsletters, write-a-verse plans, and some activities for young and old? There are some pages you can print and color, some word games, a scavenger hunt, and a couple of other activities too. Go to nhcc.org and look under the Resources tab. We'll be adding more things to the website soon. If you have suggestions on what you'd like to see, email diane@nhcc.org.

Remember the Kids at Olivia Park Elementary

School is starting soon! For several years, New Hope has partnered with Olivia Park Elementary to provide food to kids and their families. So, the next time you go shopping, pick up some of the items listed below and bring them to church. This is a great way we can support our community.

Apple sauce, fruit snacks, granola bars, pop tarts, canned veggies and fruit, oatmeal, cereal, paper plates, paper cups, noodles, spaghetti, and items like those. (Individual packets preferred.)



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By Mail

New Hope Christian
725 112th SW
Everett, WA 98204

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

- August 25 – Ladies Night Out
- August 28 – Potluck Picnic
- September 6 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 12 – Leadership Team Meeting

Check out our [NHCC website](http://nhcc.org), [Facebook page](#), and/or [our private Facebook group](#) for more information and resources.



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