

Greetings, New Hope Christian Church family!

It's March!



A Word from Pastor David:



Peace is supposed to be one of the fruits of the Spirit in conversion, and it is. Be careful, however, in describing peace lest you categorize it in behavioral terms rather than the condition of which it speaks. Does peace for the Christian mean that we are oblivious to outside conditions? Does peace imply for the follower of Christ that tragedy, evil, suffering, pain, and discouragement are unable to penetrate our composure?

Peace describes a condition rather than a behavior. Peace is the result of salvation, which means we are no longer at odds with God. Jesus, the peacemaker, shed His blood as an act of peacemaking between God and us. Peace describes the state of man after conversion. When we in faith turn our lives over to Jesus, and enter into the new covenant through His blood, we are at peace with God.

Peace is not a protective shield from the battle around us. It does not make us immune from pain and suffering. We still get sick sometimes. Bad things happen to good people. Peace is not a drug which makes us oblivious to symptoms (a point to ponder).

The truth is that life affects each of us differently, providing diverse experiences along with many common ones. It is hard to accept or understand sometimes, but my reaction to pain and suffering may differ from yours, but I am still at peace with God. No one person's response to circumstances is a norm; however, our responses can and need to always be informed *by* the peace of God.

Sometimes Christians forget that "God's peace...surpasses human comprehension" (Philippians 4:7). But it's real. And it's there. And that's enough.

A Recipient of God's Awesome Grace,

David



Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night!

Yes, we know that your smart phones will automatically adjust, but don't forget about the clock on your coffee maker, or your oven, or on your mantle, or wherever!

Don't be late!

HOPE Group on Tuesdays

The HOPE Group Fellowship and Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights at the home of Ken and Jo Thomas (14602 33rd Pl. W., Lynnwood).

Join This Free Online Bible Study

Beginning next Monday (3/9), Bible Gateway is presenting a 5-week online Bible study, *The Path to the Cross*, led by Ray Vander Laan. He's done a series of Bible studies and videos from the Holy Land. He provides so much insight and background to the Scriptures. This study will be a good prelude to Easter.



There's no cost to watch the videos. You'll get an email each Monday with a link to the video and will have a week to watch it. You can also purchase an optional study guide.

Want to know more? Go to BibleGateway.com and check out the details of this free online Bible study. And sign up! Then let's talk about what we're learning on Facebook!

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, March 14th

Men, if you haven't been coming to the 112th Street Diner for breakfast with the other guys, you've been missing out!

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for food, fun, and fellowship.



It's New Hope's Birthday!



We're turning 23 years old on Sunday, March 15th. Join us at 10:00 for worship and check out the Wish List in the foyer to see what you will bring as a gift for New Hope!

How much do you know about New Hope?

- Where was the church meeting 23 years ago?
- When did New Hope move to this building?
- When did David and Beth come to New Hope?
- What was the name of the first pastor of New Hope?

Embrace Grace

New Hope is launching a new ministry/small group that provides emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single, young pregnant women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy.

This is a 12-week program teaches these young women about God's love and grace, and shows them that the church is a safe and nonjudgmental place for them.

For more information on the Embrace Grace ministry, visit www.embracegrace.com. If you want to learn more about how you can get involved or support this ministry, stop by the table in the foyer after church on Sunday or call Cheryl Wright (425.268.0665) who, along with Ellen Moore, is leading this ministry at New Hope.



Resurrection Sunday – Easter - is only 5 weeks away . . . who will you invite to church?



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for New Hope

It's all over the news and hard to miss. At New Hope, we care about all of our members and about our community. We want you to take precautions to keep yourself and others safe. Don't let fear drive your decisions so make sure you're visiting the [World Health Organization](http://www.who.int) and [CDC](http://www.cdc.gov) websites for the most accurate information.

We know that the uncertainty of this outbreak is creating anxiety. Yet we remain confident of God's constant presence. Please join us in praying for those affected by this illness, as well as for those working around the clock to provide care and assistance.

New Hope will remain open and we will continue to have services on Sunday and on Tuesday night. If local and state health officials do recommend closure, or we determine that it is in the best interest of our Northshore family to close, we will let you know to the best of our abilities through the church website, emails, and Facebook.

Calendar

- Every Tuesday night at 6:30 – HOPE group at the home of Ken & Jo Thomas.

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- March 8 – The leadership team’s monthly meeting
 - March 8 – Daylight Saving Time starts; turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.
 - March 14 – Men’s Breakfast at 112th Street Diner at 9:00
 - March 15 – New Hope’s Birthday Celebration
 - April 12 – Resurrection Sunday!
 - May 2 – Church Yard Sale



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

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