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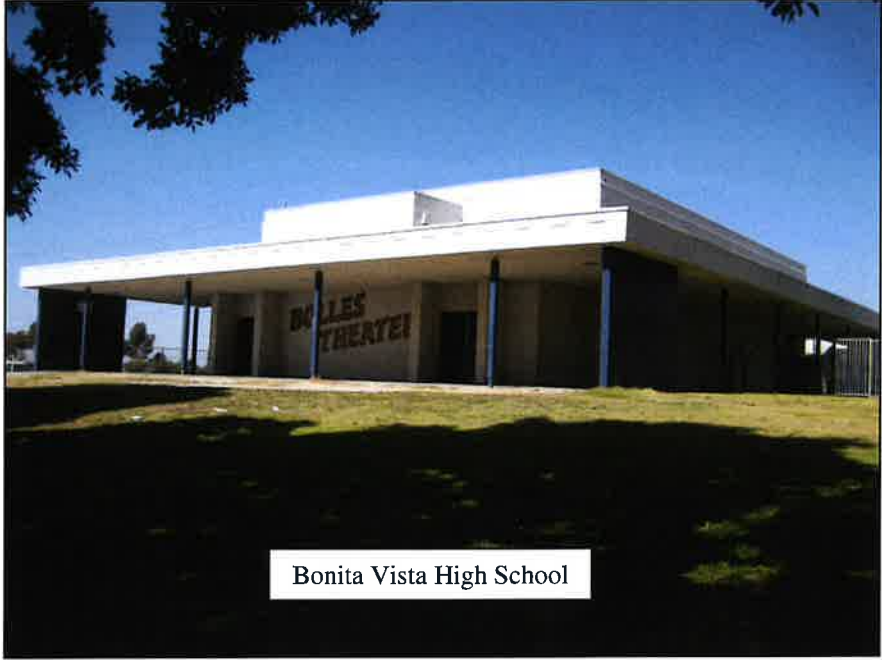
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Past, Present, Future



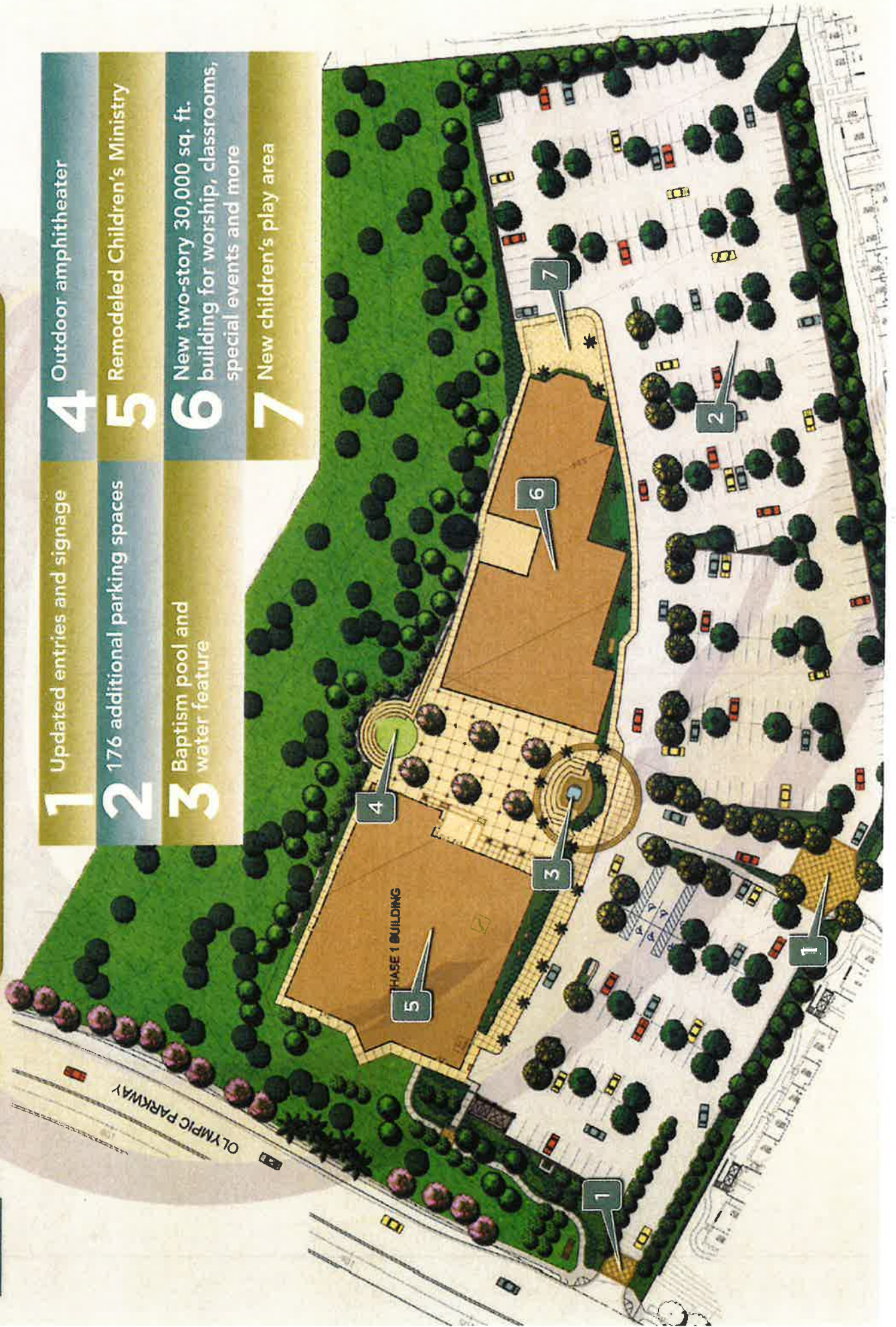
Bonita Vista High School



Family Life Center

For he was looking forward to the city with **foundations**,
whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10

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| 1 Updated entries and signage | 4 Outdoor amphitheater |
| 2 176 additional parking spaces | 5 Remodeled Children's Ministry |
| 3 Baptism pool and water feature | 6 New two-story 30,000 sq. ft. building for worship, classrooms, special events and more |
| | 7 New children's play area |





Mission of New Hope Church

We are called out to be a **distinct** group of people God can work in and through.

1 Peter 2:11 (NCV) "Dear friends, you are like foreigners and strangers in this world."

Romans 12:2 (Ph) "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good..."

God's heart breaks over people who live in spiritual darkness & are **lost** (without a relationship w/God).

Luke 19:41 (NIV) "As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it..."

There is a real **heaven** and a real **hell**.

Matthew 25:41 (NIV) "41 "Then Jesus will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

Matthew 25:46 (NIV) "46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

We believe **eternity** hangs in the balance of our ministry at New Hope. What we do **matters**. We believe this is the most **important** thing in life.

The Mission of New Hope Church is: See people become **followers** of Jesus Christ (become Christians), **grow** in their relationship with Christ to the point where they are **influencing** others toward a relationship with Christ

Matthew 28:18 (NIV) "18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Therefore go & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

1 Peter 2:9-10 (Msg) "But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted."

God has placed New Hope Church here to make a difference in **Chula Vista, CA**.

Our big goal is to average **1,500** people in worship attendance by 2024; **1,000** by the end of 2020.

A huge part of our vision is to reach people through **relationships** – "Relationships for Life Change."

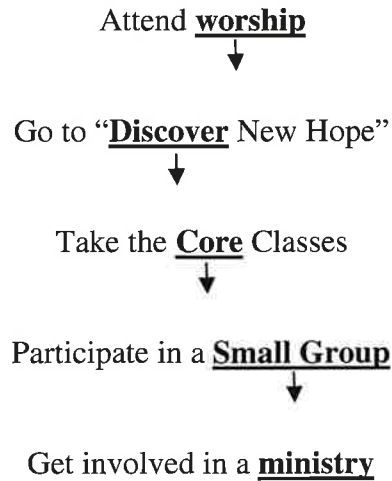
Once a person commits to following Jesus, we help you lead a life of **significance**, i.e. my life matters in God's Big Story and I assist others in finding a relationship with Jesus.

Matthew 25:21 & 23 (NIV) "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Come & share your master's happiness!'"

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

The Process

The Process to Achieve a Life of Significance at New Hope Church



Key Beliefs

See brochure “What We Believe” located in the lobby

The Baptist Faith and Message

(2000 Southern Baptist Convention)

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5,27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5,21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21,9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28;16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19;1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

III. Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherits a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32;3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

IV. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79;2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15;11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

VI. The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17;9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

VIII. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-12; 28:1ff.; Mark 2:27-28; 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-3,33-36; John 4:21-24; 20:1,19-28; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:5-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Colossians 2:16; 3:16; Revelation 1:10.

IX. The Kingdom

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10,23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2;12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16;12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6,9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22.

X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.

XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

XII. Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.

XIII. Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4,19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.

XIV. Cooperation

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Exodus 17:12; 18:17ff.; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4; 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1ff.; Acts 1:13-14; 2:1ff.; 4:31-37; 13:2-3; 15:1-35; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:5-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:1-16; Philippians 1:15-18.

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Exodus 20:3-17; Leviticus 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 10:12; 27:17; Psalm 101:5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 8:16; Matthew 5:13-16, 43-48; 22:36-40; 25:35; Mark 1:29-34; 2:3ff.; 10:21; Luke 4:18-21; 10:27-37; 20:25; John 15:12; 17:15; Romans 12-14; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10; 6:1-7; 7:20-24; 10:23-11:1; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Philemon; James 1:27; 2:8.

XVI. Peace and War

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9, 38-48; 6:33; 26:52; Luke 22:36, 38; Romans 12:18-19; 13:1-7; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-2.

XVII. Religious Liberty

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7, 24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1, 13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19.

XVIII. The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

Our Salvation

Making Sure you are a Christian

The most important question you will ever have to answer:

If you stood at the gates of heaven, and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?

The Symbols of Salvation

1. Baptism

Baptism does not make someone a Christian, nor does it wash anyone's sins away. Baptism is a public sign in which a new believer states Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior. Baptism is accompanied by a verbal confession that Christ is one's Lord and Savior. There is also a sense in which baptism is a symbol of the Christian experience.

Romans 6:1-4 *"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*

In a symbolic way, going under the baptismal water represents death and burial to our old way of life before becoming a Christian, and coming up from the water represents the cleansing and newness of life that Christ brings. Baptism is commanded by Christ for all those who profess to be His followers.

Matthew 28:18-20 *"And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

The early Christians followed Christ's command to be baptized.

Acts 2:41 *"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls."*

Acts 8:34-38 *"And the eunuch answered Philip and said, 'Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?' And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him."*

The above verse also points out that baptism is only for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We do not baptize infants because they obviously cannot make this decision at that age.

We also believe that Scripture teaches baptism is done by immersion. The word baptize comes from the Greek word "baptizo," which literally means to immerse. Therefore, we baptize by immersion. Baptism is a prerequisite for membership into the church. If you have been baptized by immersion in another church whose scriptural view of baptism is compatible with ours, you need not be baptized again. However, if you have not been baptized by immersion, or if you have been baptized by immersion but your former church's teaching on baptism is not compatible with ours (i.e. you have to be baptized to be a Christian, baptism makes you a Christian, baptism washes your sins away, etc.), you must be baptized by immersion to become a member of New Hope.

Perhaps the best analogy of the meaning of baptism is the wedding ring. A wedding ring is worn as a public symbol to represent the commitment made to one's spouse in marriage. The spouse proudly wears the ring to state his or her new relationship. However, anyone technically could wear a wedding ring. Simply wearing a wedding ring doesn't mean you are married. But the one who normally wears a wedding ring is married. In the same way a Christian is baptized as an outward symbol of his/her commitment to Christ. He/she is proudly stating the new relationship with Christ. However, someone could be baptized and not be a Christian. Being baptized in no way makes someone a Christian. But the person who is normally baptized has made a genuine commitment to Christ.

If you have never been baptized, I highly encourage you to prayerfully consider this public way of demonstrating your faith in Christ.

2. Communion or the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper (which some call "communion" or "the eucharist") is also a symbol of our faith. Perhaps it can best be described as a "meaningful memorial" in which we have an ongoing remembrance of Christ's death. The Lord's Supper reminds us of the central act of our faith, the death of Christ on the cross for our sins, in a way in which talking cannot do. The bread represents the broken body of Christ.

Matthew 26:66-68 ". . . They answered and said, 'He is deserving of death!' Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, 'Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?'"

Matthew 27:26-31 "Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. And they stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews.' And they spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

The juice represents the blood of Christ which was shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

John 19:17-18 "They took Jesus therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him . . . "

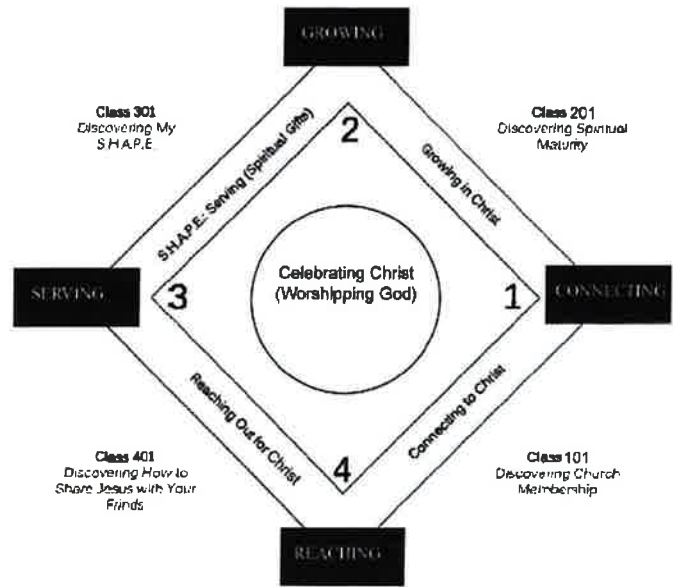
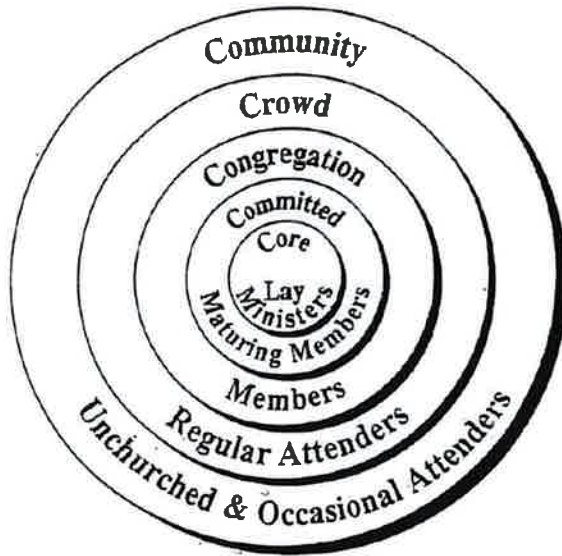
John 19:34 ". . . but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water."

We invite anyone who is a Christian to share in the Lord's Supper with us (whether you are a member of our church or not). Each person can choose whether to participate or not. The great missionary Paul instructs us that participating in the Lord's Supper is a serious matter and is not to be taken lightly.

I Corinthians 11:26-28 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

The Lord's Supper is a time to reflect upon our own relationship with Christ. It is a time of renewal and a time of celebration as we reflect on Christ's victory over death and sin and our own salvation. It is indeed a meaningful memorial.

5 Circles of Commitment



HOW PEOPLE GET TO NEW HOPE

After School Arts for Kids:

Dance, Visual Arts, Theater, Tumbling

Sports for Kids:

Basketball, Cheer, Volleyball, leagues: Archery, Martial Arts, Golf

Special Events:

Concerts, Sporting Events, Theater

Sports for Adults:

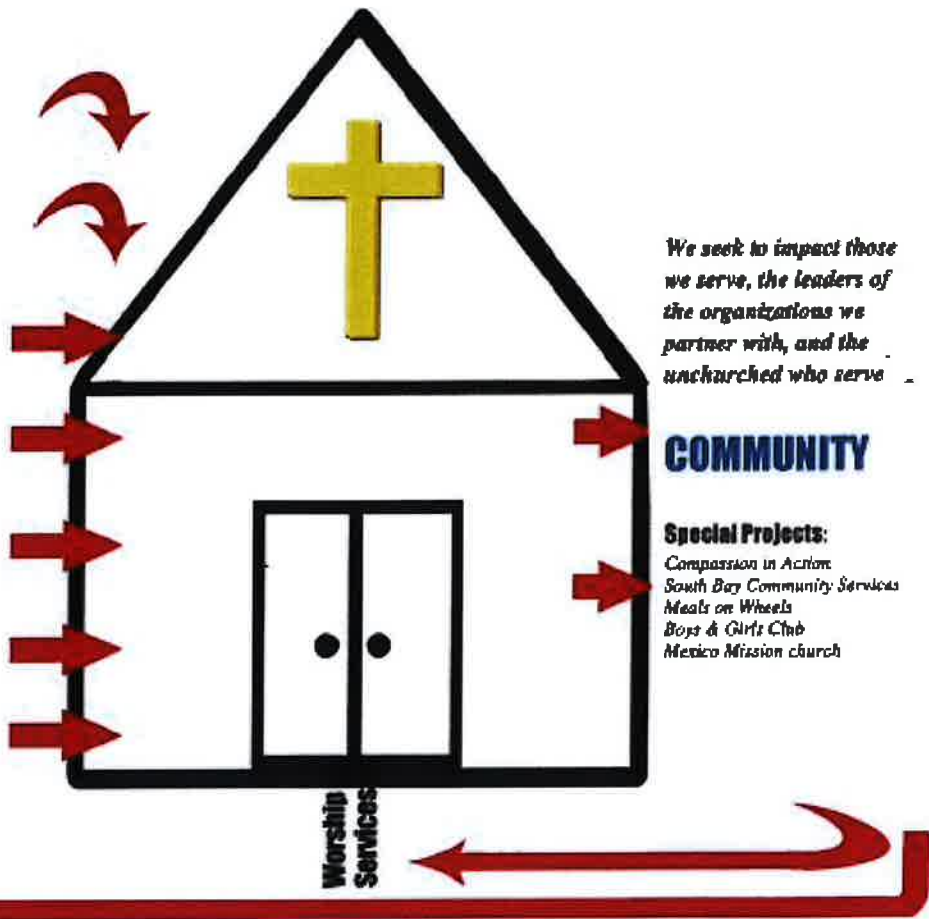
Softball, Volleyball, Basketball

Programs/Seminars:

Financial Peace University, Marriage, Parenting, Healthy Living, Tiny Tots, Kids Events

Camps:

Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball, Performing Arts, Bible (VBS), Science



Meet Our Staff

Russ Cox, Senior Pastor – BA University of Alabama, MDiv Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, DMin Fuller Theological Seminary (full time – on staff at New Hope since 1988). Married to Janie Cox; two children Rachel & Chris. Phone number 619-600-4160, ext. 306 work; 482-8429 home.

J.C. Hurtado-Prater, Worship Pastor – Born in Ecuador, South America, adopted and raised in small-town Indiana, joined the U.S. Army at age 19; traveled to 34 states, 4 continents, then settled in Southern California in 2005. Graduate of UCLA; MBA Saint Joseph's College of Maine; working towards Doctorate of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Came on staff in February 2015. Phone number 619-600-4160, ext 305.

Miles Scott, Student Ministries Pastor – born and raised in Modesto, CA, attended Holy Names University in Oakland. Taught middle school P.E., coached boys basketball and led missionary youth trips to the Dominican Republic, Africa and San Francisco. He and wife, Serina have two daughters Arabella and Sofia, and came to New Hope in 2016 to lead the sports ministry. A year later, Pastor Miles took over Student Ministries. His passion is to bring students closer to Jesus through relationship-building and Bible teaching. Phone number 619-600-4160, ext 303.

Tonya Childers, Office Manager – The Navy brought her family to San Diego. Tonya and Mike have four children. Their family enjoys exploring the great outdoors and trying out new restaurants around town. For two years, Tonya coordinated New Hope's Compassion in Action and led the event each year to an epic success of growth. She came on staff in 2018 and is the friendly voice behind our main church number, 619-600-4160.

Jenny Cruz, Children's Events Director – Jenny grew up in the Bonita/Chula Vista area and has attended New Hope since 1990. She studied Health Science & Nursing in college and has a passion for being creative through crafting, DIY, and event planning. She is married to Chris and they have 4 children – Jaylyn, Nolen, Charlie, and Everly. Jenny finds it heartwarming and a blessing to be able to work for New Hope – the church in which she and her own children have grown. In 2018, we welcomed Jenny to the New Hope staff.

Tara Hines, Church Treasurer – Hails from South Carolina, met and married her husband Donald, an active duty service member of the US Navy, while living in Florida; they have one son, Daniel. BA in English from Jacksonville University and MBA from the University of North Florida. Tara has over a decade of experience in the Insurance & Financial Services Industry. Welcomed to our staff in 2018. Tara enjoys reading, exercising and spending time with family.

Tammy Marquez, Preschool Center Director – after teaching 10 years (including 1-1/2 years at New Hope Preschool), joined the staff as its director in November 2019. Has AA degree in Child Development from Southwestern College. She and her husband, Juan, have three children. Phone number, 619-600-4160, ext. 308.

Brook Price, New Hope Kids Director – member of New Hope since 1997, hired on staff April 2011 to coordinate teacher staff for our children’s classes during adult worship services. Holds a BA, MA, Multiple Subjects Credential, and Special Education Credential from SDSU. She and husband Lee have three children. In the 2017/18 school year, hosted foreign exchange student, Joris, from the Netherlands. Reach Brook at 619-600-4160, ext. 302.

Barbara Taylor, Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff – Worked with NCPD in Records Dept., owned her own secretarial service business for 18 years, and was a legal secretary for a small firm. Since June 2009, assists the pastors in various administrative projects of the church. Married to Clint Taylor, they have two daughters, Jamie & Andrea, and eleven grandchildren. Phone number 619-600-4160, ext. 322.

Clint Taylor, New Hope After School Director – grew up in a Navy family which moved every three years to a new location. Served in the U.S. Army, then made a career move to education as a classroom teacher and administrator, coordinated the before- and after-school programs. Retired from the National School District as a Coordinator and came on board as the New Hope After School director in 2012.

Dennis Tramontana, Sports Ministry Administrator – wife Isabel and sons Anthony, Dominic, and Devin, have attended New Hope since 2008. Volunteered as coach for our Upward Soccer and Basketball programs, and involved in various other sports with his sons. Now retired as Navy/Military Police, he has taken on the position of Sports Ministry since May 2019. He spends much of his time with his family, coaching his sons in their sports teams and playing sports himself.

Tava Willis, Kids Small Group Director – found New Hope in the summer of 2018 after being relocated from Hawaii, and called this church home. Tava joined the Army at 18, on active duty for a total of 12 years and has continued her service in the Reserves nearing a total of 20 years. She is the wife to Mike, a Navy Architect, and the mother of Xona and twins Miliana and Marley.

New Hope Community Church Officers & Committee Members for 2019/20

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE (length of term remaining) – 3-Year Term

1. Barb Boeldt 3 years
2. Eric Olson 2 years
3. Lia Smith-Pratt 2 years
4. Tom Rodriguez 1 year

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – 3-Year Term

1. Mica Jackson 2 years
2. Rob Johnson 2 years
3. Tom Woodrum 1 year
4. David Brantzeg 1 year

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – 3-Year Term

1. Mark Smith 1 year
2. Kathy Neubauer 1 year

CHURCH TRUSTEES – 3-Year Term

1. Jay Patterson 2 years
2. Bart Shifter 1 year

CHURCH VICE MODERATOR – 2-Year Term

1. Chris LaPorte 1 year

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – 1-Year Term

1. Royce Ann Myrick 1 year

CHURCH CLERK – 1-Year Term

1. Diane Adams

Finances of the Church

- Giving is an act of **worship**
- New Hope Budget
- Ways to Support the Ministries of New Hope

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give.
And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

Convenient ways to give at New Hope Community Church



Giving App
Download our New Hope Eastlake app on your iOS or Android device



Giving Online
Give online at NewHopeEastlake.org



Check
Enclose a check in an offering envelope and fill out your contact information



Cash
Include a cash donation in an offering envelope and fill out your contact information

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET ANALYSIS

PROJECTED REVENUES:

General Offerings (designated for running the day to-day operations)	\$1,140,336
Building Fund (in a separate account; only used for new building project)	\$450,000
Total Funds	\$1,590,336

FY 2020

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Designated Funds (income from classes, programs, etc.)	\$79,225
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	PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENSES:		INCOME		BUDGET	
	FY 2020					
General [a]	(\$921,136)				(\$921,136)	
Administrative [b]	(\$564,272)				(\$564,272)	
Support [c]	(\$36,400)		\$11,000		(\$25,400)	
Outreach [d]	(\$25,000)				(\$25,000)	
Missions [e]	(\$45,128)		\$28,725		(\$16,403)	
Children's Ministry [f]	(\$19,425)		\$15,000		(\$4,425)	
Adult Education [g]	(\$39,300)		\$24,500		(\$14,800)	
Student Ministry [h]	(\$9,000)				(\$9,000)	
Music Ministry [i]	(\$7,100)				(\$7,100)	
Sound/Tech Ministry [j]	(\$2,800)				(\$2,800)	
Children's Outreach Ministry [k]	**		**		**	
** expenses/income not included in general budget						
TOTALS:	(\$1,669,561)		\$79,225		(\$1,590,336)	
	General Fund Balance					
	(income minus expenses)		\$0			

Footnotes:

- [a] Includes building pledge transfers, debt retirement, utilities, maintenance, insurance, property tax, minor equipment, postage, office supplies, office support, telephone, etc.
- [b] Includes church given benefits, FICA, worker's compensation, and salaries
- [c] Includes copy machines, printing, reception/fellowship events, recreational/social events, adult sports ministry, etc.
- [d] Includes marketing & promotion, outreach activities, etc.
- [e] Includes cooperative giving program, local missions, mission offerings, mission support, mission activities, etc.
- [f] Includes all activities under Children's Ministry- New Hope Kids, Kids Small Groups, curriculum, Vacation Bible School, children's retreats/camps
- [g] Includes adult small groups, core classes, book table, discipleship, men's and women's retreats, training events for staff, etc.
- [h] Includes middle school and high school events, small groups, retreats/camps, mission trips, etc.
- [i] Includes music licensing fees, stage and set design, etc.

[j] Includes equipment, equipment repair, multimedia/software, etc.
[k] Includes all income and expenses from children/youth sports, New Hope Afterschool, Tiny Tots, and intercession camps

Budget Highlights:

1. To be healthy, the church needs to see continued numerical and financial growth. This is the responsibility of all those attending New Hope to honor God with their finances as well as influencing those who don't know Christ toward a relationship with Jesus and inviting them to our church and its many activities.
2. The money forecasted to be given to the General Fund (\$1,140,336) is based on the average giving to the general offering in FY19. The money forecasted to be given to the Building Fund (\$450,000) is based on 30% of our projected capital giving campaign pledges.
3. The budget includes monthly savings which is placed into our debt reduction account. This savings is derived from a portion of savings from loans paid back to 13 church families who loaned the church \$750,000 in 2008 at 0% interest which was needed to move onto our campus and a portion of savings from refinancing our mortgage on two different occasions.
4. It is vital, if possible, to keep placing this savings monthly into our debt reduction account to be in the best possible financial position as we plan to move forward in completing our church campus.
5. The budget reflects additional income projected from the capital giving campaign, which will be directly transferred out to our Building Fund account as an expense.
6. We currently have an emergency fund of approximately \$250,000. This is not shown in our budget, but is shown on our Balance Sheet. One of our financial goals is to continue to increase our reserves.
7. Those attending New Hope can support the church financially through several means other than just through our offering at our Thursday and/or Sunday Services, i.e. through online giving (see our web page at www.NewHopeEastlake.org and click the "giving" tab), direct deposit, mailing in tithes and offerings or through our "New Hope Eastlake" App which you can download onto your smart phone or tablet.
8. This budget requires trust in God, and all those attending New Hope are asked to make the church's financial needs a matter of prayer as well as sacrificial giving.

Closing Thoughts

Final Questions & Answers

What is New Hope's denominational affiliation?

New Hope is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, New Hope voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state, and local expressions.

What are the benefits of being a member of New Hope?

- It identifies you as a genuine believer in Christ (*Eph. 2:19; Rom. 12:5*)
- It provides a spiritual family to support and encourage you in your walk with Christ (*Gal. 6:1-2; Heb. 10:24-25*)
- It gives you a place to discover and use your God-given S.H.A.P.E. (*1 Cor. 12:4-27*)
- It places you under the spiritual protection of godly leaders (*Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:28-29*)
- It gives you the accountability you need to grow (*Eph. 5:21*)
- It enables you to help make important decisions which affect the direction and future of New Hope (*Acts 6:1-7*)

How do I become a member of New Hope?

- Make a personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Attend Discover New Hope – check that off your list!
- Basic agreement with New Hope's statement of faith.
- If you haven't been baptized, sign up for our next one. (*Baptisms are held monthly on campus*).
- Complete a membership application and sign the "Membership Covenant" on the back of the membership application. (*We can't assume you want to join New Hope even though you complete Discover New Hope and are baptized. You must complete the membership application and membership covenant and turn them in to the church office or a staff member.*)

What do I do now that I am a member?

- Now that you're on first base, keep moving around the bases. Watch for our next scheduled classes.
- Make sure you regularly attend worship. Remember you were made to worship God!
- Be a part of a small group where you can make some new friends and grow spiritually. If you need assistance in finding a group, contact the church office.
- Get involved in a ministry. Your church family needs you!

How can I get involved in ministry?

- Take Class 301 as soon as you can. You will learn about your God-given S.H.A.P.E. (*Spiritual Gift, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences*). Your S.H.A.P.E. primarily determines your ministry. You will also learn a great deal about yourself by taking the Myers/Briggs Personality Test, the Gallop Organization's "Strength Finder," and a spiritual gift inventory test. Many ministry opportunities involve just coming a few minutes before a worship service or class to help in various ways. We want every person to know their life matters, and that they are making an eternal difference in this world.

A Word about Politics & New Hope

(Written by Pastor Russ & distributed to our church family 11-4-10)

Where Were The Voter Guides???

Several people have asked us why we did not put out various voter guides and/or endorse certain candidates during the recent elections. That's a great question. At New Hope we remain politically neutral. We simply look to Jesus as our model in this area. Jesus' home land was under foreign rule. By today's standards we would call it an oppressive government. There were legitimate reasons to try to over-throw the ruling government, and there were men who from time to time would try to lead a rebellion or revolt against Roman rule. However, Jesus wasn't one of them. His primary focus and purpose was to lead people to God. He refused to allow any other thing or issue sidetrack Him from this.

There are many wonderful churches who are actively involved in politics at different levels. We have nothing but respect for them. However, that is not the direction God has given New Hope. Our primary focus is to help people become disciples of Christ. In order to become a disciple, a person must become a Christian, and then grow to spiritual maturity with all its implications, i.e. faithfully attending worship, being part of a small group, engaging in a significant ministry, and seeking to influence others toward Christ. We will not and must not allow anything to distract us from our God-given calling.

In the future there will be many political issues that people will want New Hope to support and take various actions. Please don't be surprised or disappointed when we don't. We encourage you to follow God's leading in your life, to be politically informed, and certainly vote. We will remain true to our mission of helping people know the life-changing difference Jesus Christ can make in a person's life both now and for all eternity. Now you know why there weren't any voter guides out.

We are so grateful God has brought you to New Hope!!!

Next Steps

The New Hope Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized in agreement with New Hope's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the New Hope Church Family. In so doing, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church

... by acting in love toward other members

... by refusing gossip

... by following the leaders.

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and growth of our fellowship together"

(Romans 14:19 PH)

"Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart" (I Peter 1:22 TEV)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." (Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as those who must give account.

Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."

(Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church

... by praying for its growth

... by inviting the unchurched to attend

... by warmly welcoming those who visit.

"To the church – . . . we thank God for you and pray for you constantly." (I Thes. 1:1-2 LB)

"The Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full.'" (Luke 14:23 NCV)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7 LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church

... by discovering my gifts and talents

... by being equipped to serve by my pastors

... by developing a servant's heart.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (I Peter 4:10 Ph)

"(God) gave . . . some of the pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who . . . (took on) the very nature of a servant." (Philippians

2:3-4, 7)

4. I will support the testimony of my church

... by attending faithfully

... by living a godly life

... by giving regularly.

"Let us not give up meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)

"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27 Ph)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." (I Corinthians 16:2 LB)

"A tenth of (all your) produce . . . is the Lord's, and is holy." (Lev. 27:30 NCV)

**BYLAWS
OF
NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA**

**ARTICLE I
Purpose**

The purpose of this Church is to love God and people by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

**ARTICLE II
Statement of Faith**

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God, and as the only basis for our beliefs. We at New Hope accept "The Baptist Faith and Message," a 1963 affirmation of basic Christian beliefs, as a general statement of our faith.

**ARTICLE III
Affiliation**

New Hope Community Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, New Hope voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state and local expressions.

**ARTICLE IV
Ministries**

New Hope Community Church follows the Purpose Driven Church model for its ministries. We believe there are five purposes for which God has placed us on His earth. They answer the question, "Why do we exist?" The five purposes are:

1. Incorporate God's family – CONNECTING

God desires that everyone connects to Him through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. An additional blessing of being part of God's family is relating and connecting to a local church family.

Ephesians 2:19 (LB) "...you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."

2. Educate God's people – GROWING

It is not enough just to attend church. Each follower of Christ is to grow to spiritual maturity in their relationship with Christ.

Colossians 1:28 (NCV) "We continue to preach Christ to each person, using all wisdom to warn and to teach everyone, in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature person in Christ."

3. Demonstrate God's love – SERVING

God wants His followers to serve Him. One way we serve God is by serving each other in the local church. Each member should be involved in a significant ministry based on his or her God-given S.H.A.P.E.

I John 3:18 (NAS) "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

4. Communicate God's Word – REACHING

God loves all His creation. Jesus died for the forgiveness of every person's sins. God desires that every person enter into a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. We are commanded to do everything we can to influence people toward a relationship with Christ.

Matthew 28:19,20 (NAS) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."

5. Celebrate God's presence – CELEBRATING CHRIST

We were planned for God's pleasure, i.e. to worship Him. Worship is our response to God's love. It is in essence giving back to God. True worship allows one to focus their attention and affection to God. Worship also involves using our abilities for God.

Psalms 34:3 (NAS) "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."

ARTICLE V New Hope Membership

Section 1 General

This is a sovereign and democratic Baptist church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the exclusive right of self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church. The membership reserves the right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

Section 2 Qualifications for Membership

1. A personal commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
2. Baptism by immersion as a testimony of salvation.
3. Completion of New Hope' membership classes.
4. Basic agreement with the New Hope statement of faith.
5. Completion of a membership application and signing "The New Hope Membership Covenant."
6. Voted into membership by the church members at any regular meeting.

Section 3 Membership Procedure

The candidate must ask for membership in one of the following ways:

1. By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of New Hope.
2. By the promise of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist Church.
3. By a statement of a prior conversion experience and baptism according to the policies of New Hope.

Section 4 Termination of Membership

Members shall be removed from New Hope's roll for the following reasons:

1. Death
2. Transfer of membership to another church
3. By personal written request of the member
4. Dismissal by action of the members of New Hope
5. Any person who has not attended New Hope church activities or communicated orally or in writing with the New Hope secretary will be dropped from the active membership roll after one year.

Section 5 Discipline

1. It shall be the purpose of New Hope to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff, and church leaders are available for counsel and guidance. Restoration rather than punishment should be the guideline which governs the attitude of one member toward another.
2. Should some serious condition arise which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, every reasonable measure will be taken by the Senior Pastor, Staff Relations, or designee to resolve the problem. All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance. If finding

that the welfare of the church will best be served by the exclusion of the member, a panel made up of two members from each of the following: pastoral staff, Staff Relations, and Stewardship Committee may, acting on behalf of the church, proceed to declare the offender to be no longer a member of New Hope.

3. Any person whose membership has been terminated for any condition which has made it necessary for the church to exclude him, may upon his request be restored to membership by a vote of the panel referred to above in #2 “two members from each of the following: pastoral staff, Staff Relations, and Stewardship Committee” upon evidence of his repentance and reformation.

ARTICLE VI Church Officers and Duties

Section 1

New Hope officers must be members of the church. The officers of New Hope Community Church shall be: the Senior Pastor, trustees, treasurer, clerk, vice moderator; and other support personnel as may be decided upon and elected by the church membership.

Section 2

The procedures for calling a pastor, employing all staff members, and for electing officers of the church shall be a part of the New Hope Operations Manual.

Section 3

The duties of the officers of the church shall be as follows:

(a) Pastor

The pastor is responsible for leading New Hope to function as a New Testament church. The pastor will lead the congregation, the organization and the church staff to perform their tasks. The pastor is the leader of pastoral ministries in the church. As such, he works with lay leaders and church staff to: (1) lead the church in performing its tasks; (2) lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry and application; (3) proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers; (4) care for the church's members and other persons in the community; and (5) the senior pastor will be the moderator of New Hope. In his absence an associate pastor or vice-moderator will preside as the moderator at such functions as needed.

(b) Church Staff

(1) Church Ministry Staff - The church members shall employ ministerial staff based on the recommendations from the Staff Relations Committee. The specific duties of the Staff Relations committee are set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

(2) Support Personnel – The Staff Relations Committee, on behalf of the church, shall employ upon recommendation from the supervising staff member custodians, secretaries, and other support personnel as needed. The specific duties are set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

(c) Clerk

The clerk of the church shall keep appropriate records of all the actions of New Hope. All church records are church property and should be filed in the church office. A detailed job description for this office is set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

(d) Treasurer

The church membership shall elect annually a church treasurer to monitor the preservation and paying out of all monies, things of value, paid or given to the church. An itemized account of all receipts and disbursements shall be monitored. A detailed job description of this office is set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

(e) Trustees

The trustees elected by the church will hold in trust the church property. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church membership authorizing each action. It shall be the function of the trustees to affix their signatures to legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, purchase, or rental of property and other legal documents where the signatures of trustees are required. A detailed job description of this office is set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

(f) Vice-Moderator

The vice-moderator may be either a member of the church ministry staff or lay member of New Hope. In the absence of the moderator, the vice-moderator will preside over all official church functions as needed. A detailed job description of this office is set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual.

ARTICLE VII

Committees and Coordinating Groups

Section 1 Committees

All church committee members shall be recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church membership. The committee members shall serve on a rotation system with a portion to be elected each year. The church shall have committees as deemed necessary. A detailed job description for each committee will be set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual. Following is a list of standing committees:

- Nominating Committee
- Staff Relations Committee
- Stewardship Committee

Section 2 Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams may be formed in order to provide coordination, planning, supervision and evaluation of all activities being carried out by the ministry. Such ministry teams shall be headed by the team leader or the ministry staff person having responsibility for the ministry.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings of Members

Section 1 Worship Services

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday and other days as deemed appropriate for preaching, instruction, evangelism and worship of Almighty God. These meetings, directed by the pastor, shall be open for the entire membership of New Hope plus guests.

Section 2 Business Meetings

Business meetings of the church members shall be held as follows:

1. The annual meeting of the church shall be held with the primary purpose to receive and adopt the annual report within two weeks of the beginning of the Fiscal Year (July 1st.).
2. Business meetings of New Hope may be called at any time by (a) the Pastor, (b) in the absence of the Pastor, by the Associate Pastor(s) or vice-moderator to consider matters of significant nature providing a three-day notice of the subject, date, time and location is given. Only such matters as announced or published three days prior shall be considered at that business meeting.
3. Advance notification to church members for regular business meetings may be given by any one of the following methods:
 - a. Distribution of written material to the congregation in attendance at a Sunday service.
 - b. Announcement of the business meeting in the Church newsletter.
 - c. Oral announcements to the congregation at a Sunday service.
 - d. By letter to church members.
 - e. By email or posted on the church's website.
4. Quorum: A quorum will consist of 25% of New Hope's membership.
5. Parliamentary Rules: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (latest edition), is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all business meetings of the church.
6. Voting Rights of Members: Every member of New Hope, who is present, is entitled to vote at all elections and on all recommendations which have been properly submitted to the church. Voting will be restricted to members 18 years of age or older.

ARTICLE IX
Church Finances

Section 1 Budget

The Stewardship Team, after receiving input from the staff and Staff Relations shall prepare and submit to the church membership for approval an inclusive budget.

Section 2 Accounting Procedures

A system of accounting that adequately provides for the handling of all funds shall be the responsibility of the Stewardship Committee and shall be set forth in the New Hope Operations Manual. An annual audit shall be authorized by the Stewardship Committee.

Section 3 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the church shall be the calendar year.

Section 4 Reporting

A quarterly financial report, which will include revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, prepared by the church treasurer will be made available.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

Changes in these bylaws may be made at any regular business meeting of the church, provided each amendment shall have been first presented to the Stewardship and Staff Relations committees for review, to the church membership in writing at a previous meeting, and copies of the proposed amendment given to each member at the business meeting. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws shall be by two-thirds vote of the quorum present and voting. All amendments shall become effective immediately after adoption by the church. These bylaws as amended, upon adoption, supersede and nullify all other bylaws as previously adopted.

ARTICLE XI
Principal Office

The Church maintains its principal office at 2720 Olympic Parkway, Chula Vista, California 91915. The members of the Church shall have full power and authority to change the principal office from one location to another. Any change of this location shall be recorded by the secretary of the corporation, or this section may be amended to state the new location.

ARTICLE XII
Date

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting secretary of New Hope Community Church, a California Nonprofit Religious Corporation, and the above bylaws are the bylaws of this Corporation as adopted by the members of this Corporation on Sunday, December 5th, 2010.

Executed at Chula Vista, California on this day of Sunday, July 14, 2019.

Diane Adams, Church Clerk