

*Our Mission is to make more and better followers of Jesus Christ.*



### ***How Do I Become a Christian?***

**Great question!** It's one I've been asking the last 36 years of my life. I want to be a better student of Jesus. No matter what you've done, you can start to be a lifelong learner on the way with Jesus today. We're all in the same boat. *Romans 3:23* reminds us: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

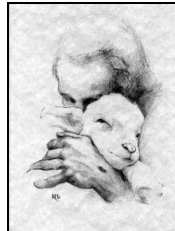
I need a Friend and Leader, a Savior and Lord, to help redeem my past, guide my present, and secure my future. You do, too. *Ephesians 2:8-10* tells us: "God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." There's no "secret formula." We simply say "Yes!" to Jesus and we enter into a process to become the masterpiece God already sees in us. Perhaps you could pray like this:

*"Dear God, thank You for the gift of grace through Jesus Christ. I say 'yes' to Him today. Thank you for the way He offered Himself on the cross for me! Help me become the person You say I am, O Lord. Amen."*

If you've made the commitment today to follow Jesus, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby to pick up your "Yes!" Bible & information.

~ Pastor Jamie

P.S. Join 500 others who receive my daily devotion via email. Sign-up at [findnewhope.com/soap](http://findnewhope.com/soap)



### ***Your Church Staff***

*Shepherds of biblical times carried staffs to guide and protect their flocks. Today we think of a "staff" as a team of people working together. Both examples suggest the importance of a partnership of people God can use to help others in need. Your Church staff is made up of part-time and full-time employees of the Church and what we refer to as "volunteer staff". These people, along with so many others who volunteer in service, are a Church family and a team in ministry doing God's work for you and alongside you. To learn more about our staff members, go to [findnewhope.com/staff](http://findnewhope.com/staff)*

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# NEW HOPE

United Methodist Church

"One Church, in Two Languages"  
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***April 2, 2017***

**"Build Hope: A Perfect Fitting Yoke"**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

***Welcome! Thanks for worshiping with us today.***

The Bible's "one another" commands provide a picture of how we are to support, encourage and love each other. Jesus told His followers how we treat one another shows the world to whom we belong.

- In a high-tech but low-touch world, people can't help but notice when a group of people exhibit such loving relationships...
- Producing a yearning and even an anticipation to experience the same in their own lives.
- Worship becomes a priority.
- People actually look forward to coming together.
- Developing a strong relationship with Christ and with one another is our foundation, the source of our strength, and our motivation!



**SERVE ONE ANOTHER**  
**(Galatians 5:13)**

**See Our Weekly Mission Insert**

It's green for "Go!" Discover upcoming opportunities to serve others outside the church. Offers lots of opportunities to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ!

**Free Blood Pressure Screening Today**  
in the Social Hall between services.

**Maunder Thursday Service**

April 13 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to help make phone calls on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to let people know that Announcement Sunday, when we will receive our First Fruit Offering, is just around the corner. We'll meet at the church at 6:15PM on Monday, April 10 for some prayer, and dinner. We'll start calling at 7PM. Horizon Stewardship says historically campaigns are boosted by about 10% through this final push on pledge cards. This means this group will be working to boost the Build Hope Campaign by up to \$150-250K. We'll need less than 2 hours of your time. So if you can help, please contact me at dschapiro@tampabay.rr.com or 813-361-5576.

**BE HOSPITABLE TO ONE ANOTHER (1 Peter 4:9)**

**Invite Someone to Worship With Us - Online!** Our complete 9:30 and 11:00am services are viewable at findnewhope.com - just click on the homepage's "Worship" button.

**Invite a Friend to Church Next Week!**

Most new members say they visited our church because someone invited them personally. When was the last time you invited a friend, neighbor or co-worker to worship with you? Pick up an invite card at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby this morning to keep handy in your purse or wallet!

**Invite Your Hispanic Friends**

As one church, in two languages, we offer Hispanic worship and ministry experiences during the week. Invite your Spanish-speaking friends to check us out! For more information, write Roberto@findnewhope.com

**Wearing Your Name Tag is One Way to Practice Radical Hospitality**

If you already have a name tag, please wear it for the comfort and benefit of others so they can greet you not only with a smile, but also by name. If you don't have a name tag, please leave your name at the Welcome Desk this morning and we'll have one made for you!

**Attention: Parents of College Students**

Is your student living away from home while in college? So we can keep in touch with them during the school year, give their contact info to Shelly Wilson, 689-4161 or shelly@findnewhope.com

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
**(1 John 4:11)**

**The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and...**

- in memory of Rags & Marian Lundgren, by Becky Johnson and Family.

**Monday Funday Registration**

is now available. Visit findnewhope.com and click on the banner for more information on our revised Vacation Bible School format.

**PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**  
**(James 5:16)**

**Sympathy:** > Nick England, nephew of Sandy Ayala, passed away 3/9/17.

> Florence Christian, aunt of Becky Johnson, passed away 3/26/17.

> Joseph Rodriguez, father of Rick Rodriguez, passed away 3/26/17.

**A complete list** of members in the hospital, assisted living/rehab/nursing homes and serving our country in the Military is sent out on our Church prayer chain every week.

**To Submit Prayer Requests**

Use a Prayer Card from the pew rack and place completed card in the Lobby's Prayer Box, call 813-689-4161, or email your requests and updates to prayer@findnewhope.com

**Receive Regular Updates on Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports by Email**

sign-up on our website, findnewhope.com/prayer

**Join the Prayer Team in the Prayer Chapel (behind the Sanctuary)**

Sundays at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am;  
Mondays at 9:30am

**To Receive the Pastor's Daily Devotion (S.O.A.P.) Every Morning by Email**

go to: www.findnewhope.com/soap

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**  
**(1 Thessalonians 5:11)**

**The Benefits of Doing Life Together**

One of the key ways God promises to grow us as followers of Jesus is through a deeper connection to God's Word and other believers. A good way for this to happen is through Connect Groups where we can study the Bible and really get to know one another. We want each person at New Hope to know there is a group of folks who really care about them 24/7 - especially when a crisis occurs. We also want each member to be someone who cares deeply and can be called on by others when a crisis strikes in their life. It's just the church being the church! Contact dan@findnewhope.com to find a group that's right for you.

**New Women's Study Begins April 5**

Women in the Word will begin a new study, "First Corinthians", by Melissa Spoelstra, at 9:30am in the Social Hall. Books can be purchased for \$15.00 at Lifeway Book Store. For additional information, contact Bobbie Ranalli at BHughes21@verizon.net

**\$1,000 Academic Scholarship Available**

from UMW to a female New Hope UMC member who is a graduating high school senior. Application forms available in the Narthex or Church office. **Deadline to apply is April 20.** For questions, contact Denise Gower at 654-4679 or gower6@aol.com

**For the week of March 26, 2017:** Total in Worship = 901 ... Serving in Mission = 158

**Tithes & Offerings: (Fiscal Year Began July 1st)**

Received Income YTD	1,323,704.00
Total Expenses YTD	1,249,034.00
Fixed Asset Purchases YTD	50,743.00
"Building For God's Future"	538,066.00
Endowment Fund*	51,691.00

\*For more information about donations to the Endowment Fund  
call the Church office at 689-4161 or email endowment@brandonchurch.com