

*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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***May 14, 2017***

***"Joy Rules"***

**John 15:11**

***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!

**Monday FUNDay Registration**

is now available. Visit [www.findnewhope.com](http://www.findnewhope.com) and click on the banner for more information on our **revised** Vacation Bible School format.

**Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday, May 21**

The United Methodist Men will serve fresh pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee in the Social Hall next Sunday from 7:30-11:00am.

**~ Happy Mother's Day! ~**

Stop by the social hall to visit our Selfie Station where you can create fun selfies with our New Hope Mother's Day Snapchat filter, props and fun backdrop. Be sure to tag **#newhopemoms** to share your photos with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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

**Exploring Membership Luncheon Today!**

The Christian faith is as much about belonging as it is believing. To learn more about our church's emphasis on mission and ministry, and your role in it, attend our luncheon in NH115 at 12:15pm. Walk-ins are always welcome!

**Invite Someone to Worship With Us - Online!** Our complete 9:30 and 11:00am services are viewable at [findnewhope.com](http://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](mailto:Roberto@findnewhope.com)

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

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

- In honor of Jodi Martin, by Renie, Josh, Nick & Cody Martin.
- To the Glory of God, by Chad & Katheryn Maynard.

**BOGO Book Fair Ends Today**

Support our weekday preschool & kindergarten while getting some great deals for yourself at our **buy-one-get-one-free** Scholastic book fair from 9:30am-12:30pm in the Wesley Building, room W108.

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

**Sympathy:** > Estel Jones, husband of Madge Jones, passed away May 6, 2017.

> Kevin Kelly, father of Barbie White, passed away May 9, 2017.

**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](mailto:prayer@findnewhope.com)

**Receive Regular Updates on Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports by Email**  
sign-up on our website, [findnewhope.com/prayer](http://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](http://www.findnewhope.com/soap)

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

**The Benefits of Doing Life Together**

One key way 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! To find a group right for you contact [dan@findnewhope.com](mailto:dan@findnewhope.com)

**Tuesday Men's Bible Study**

The Senior Men's Bible Study meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Social Hall. Come early for biscuits and coffee!

**New Bible-Reading Bookmark**

Each morning, about 500 people receive Pastor Jamie's Daily Devotion via email. The bookmark in your bulletin this morning is our reading schedule through August. To begin receiving the Daily Devotional, scan at right or sign up on the church website: [findnewhope.com/soap](http://findnewhope.com/soap)



**For the week of May 7, 2017:** Total in Worship = 980 ... Serving in Mission = 140

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

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| Received Income YTD         | 1,563,369.00 |
| Total Expenses YTD          | 1,565,143.00 |
| Fixed Asset Purchases YTD   | 85,613.00    |
| "Building For God's Future" | 1,119,927.00 |
| 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](mailto:endowment@brandonchurch.com)