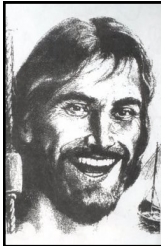


Our Mission is to make more and better followers of Jesus Christ.



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



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

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"How to Be a Good Sheep for the Good Shepherd"

Psalm 23

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.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
(1 John 4:11)

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

- In honor of McKenzie Connally and Tyler Johnston, by Diane Johnston & Family.

BOGO Book Fair Today through May 14

Support our weekday preschool & kindergarten while getting some great deals for yourself at our **buy-one-get-one-free** Scholastic book fair in Wesley Building, room W108. Open daily (except Saturday) from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Confirmation of Continued Service to New Hope

In the UMC system, the two orders of clergy elders and deacons are "appointed" and elders are "itinerate" (moved) and serve at the pleasure of the Bishop. We at New Hope UMC have been blessed with the Bishop's decision to allow Pastor Jamie Westlake and his wonderful wife Denise to continue to serve us for his 11th year. This coming year promises great things and with his leadership and counsel we will continue to make more and better followers of Christ.

Also Pastors Roberto Chaple and Ricc Conner are in the process of becoming elders and they are also coming back under appointment for another year at New Hope. We are very excited about this as we will continue to see the fruits of their leadership and counsel as Nueva Esperanza and both our Table service and the ministry at our sister church of Limona Village Chapel UMC grow.

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 - 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

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER
(James 5:16)

Sympathy: Jane Byerley, wife of Don Byerley, passed away May 1, 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

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)

Tuesday Men's Bible Study – New Topic: "Signs and Wonders"

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!

UMW General Meeting Today!

All women of the church are invited to join us in the Social Hall as we celebrate mothers. The meeting begins at 12:15pm and will be hosted by the Creative Concerns Circle. For more information about United Methodist Women at New Hope UMC, please contact President Mary Baker, coolcats4@verizon.net.

Married People Event Tonight!

Join us at Limona Village Chapel from 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy a great evening with a live message from Ricc Conner, fun games and a great time. FREE Childcare with reservation. Contact Shelly Wilson, shelly@findnewhope.com.

Joy Ringers Spring Concert Tonight!

The Joy Ringers will hold their Spring Concert tonight at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Monday FUNDay Registration

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

For the week of April 30, 2017: Total in Worship = 1,138 ... Serving in Mission = 144

Tithe & Offerings: (Fiscal Year Began July 1st)

Received Income YTD	1,496,263.00
Total Expenses YTD	1,490,654.00
Fixed Asset Purchases YTD	50,743.00
"Building For God's Future"	1,114,415.00
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