

*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."

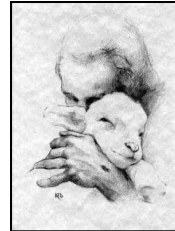
I need a Friend and Leader, a Savior and Lord, to help redeem my past, guide my present, and secure my future. You do, too. *Ephesians 2:8-10* tells us: "God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things 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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*June 25, 2017*

## **"Lowering Heaven Even When Others Are Raising Hell"**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

***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!



**Special, Patriotic Music Program  
Next Sunday**

Our full choir & orchestra will be featured at both the 9:30 & 11:00 services on July 2nd. It's a great week to invite an unchurched friend or family member to church!

**Monday FUNdays are HERE!!**

Join us from 6:00-8:30pm on select Monday Nights for fun with the entire family! Pick up a flyer from the info wall to learn more.

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

Upcoming Monday FUNday nights:

- June 26
- July 10
- July 17
- July 31

**Summer Spectacular**

Grab the family and join us for carnival games, bounce houses, hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn and dunk tank!!

**ALL FREE!!**

July 5th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Join in on the fun and celebrate summer with us!!

**Hosted by The Table and New Hope  
United Methodist Church**

**~ Summer Nights at The Table ~**

Join us each Wednesday night during the summer immediately following The Table. This is a time of laid back summer fun in addition to our regular mid-week worship experience.

Here's what's coming up:

**June 28** - Corn Hole and Gaga Ball Tournament

**July 5** - Summer Spectacular Carnival

**July 12** - Yard Game Night

**July 19** - Karaoke Night

**July 26** - Movie Night

**Just stay after The Table and have  
some summer fun!**

**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](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)

**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!

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

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;

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

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

- In memory of our son Mark, by Bob and Gayle Mahoney

**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!

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters; He*

*parest a table before me in the presence of my enemies, thou anointest my head*

*all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

**Going to the Brandon Parade this Year?**  
If so, we have some fans we'd like to give you to hand out to folks around you. They're on the Patio, take at least two dozen... more if you like. As you hand them out, you might say something simple like, "Here's a gift for you from my church."

**For the week of June 18, 2017:** Total in Worship = 1056 ... Serving in Mission = 105

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

Received Income YTD	1,725,532.00
Total Expenses YTD	1,698,995.00
Fixed Asset Purchases YTD	87,311.00
"Building For God's Future"	1,203,342.00
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)**