

# NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## OUR MISSION

PURSUING GOD for the benefit of others. BEING THE CHURCH wherever we do life.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

### GOD

We believe in one God, the eternally existing, loving creator of all things. He is composed of three distinct persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), but He is still one in nature and being. All three persons are active in the work of rescuing humanity from sin and restoring us to new life in Christ.

*(Duet 6:4; Is 44:6; Ex 3:14; 1Jn 4:8; Gen. 1:1; Luke 3:22; Jn 16:12-15)*

### HUMANS

We believe that humanity was created in loving relationship with God as the ultimate crown of His creation. Made in the image of God, every human being is valuable and created to show the good nature of God to all of creation. Because of our sin (disobeying God), we fall short of God's purpose for us and deserve His wrath. Still, even when separated from Him by sin, God loves all people.

*(Ps 8:4-5; Gen 1:26-28; Rom 3:23, 6:23; Jn 3:16)*

### JESUS

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, and the only way of salvation from God's wrath. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on earth, and performed many miraculous signs. We believe in His teachings, atoning death, resurrection, ascent to Heaven, and that he speaks on behalf of His followers to the Father in heaven. Someday He will return and reign forever as King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

*(Jn 3:16, 14:6; Rom 6:23; Matt 1:18-25; Heb 4:15; Jn 20:30-31; Acts 2:22-24; Luke 24:51; Rom 8:34; Rev 17:14)*

### SALVATION

We believe that deliverance from God's wrath is only found in Jesus Christ, who received God's wrath for us when he substituted His life on the cross. On the cross, Jesus died to make a way for each person to be forgiven from their sins and enter into a loving relationship with the Father. Salvation is given to all who believe in Jesus Christ, turn away from sin, and commit their life to following him as their Savior and Lord.

*(Jn 14:6; Col 2:13-14; Rom 10:9-11; Acts 2:38; Luke 9:23-25)*

### BAPTISM

We believe that baptism functions as a public faith event where we turn to Christ and visually express that: (1) we need to be rescued from our sin, (2) only through Jesus Christ's death can we die to sin and be freed from our old self, and (3) only through Jesus Christ's resurrection can we obtain a new way of life with Him. When we are submerged and then brought back up, it symbolizes a cleansing death to sin and resurrection to new life in Christ.

*(Acts 2:37-38; Rom 6:3-4; Gal 3:27)*

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### THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the word of God, composed of various texts written by men who were led along by the Holy Spirit. Inspired by God, we believe that the original texts were written without error and are full of truth. God uses the Bible to show us how we can be brought back into right relationship with Him and then live faithfully. Because the Bible is the inspired word of God, it acts as the final authority on matters of faith in the church.

*(2Tim 3:16-17; 2Pe 1:20-21; John 20:30-31)*

### THE CHURCH

We believe that the universal church is composed of all people around the world who choose to place their faith in Jesus. Jesus's purpose for His church is that its members work together, caring for one another, with the goal of advancing and expanding His kingdom before His final return. The purpose of the local church is to encourage and equip the body of local believers to do this work in their own communities as well as around the world.

*(Eph 2:8; John 13:34-35; Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 4:11-13)*

## OUR CORE VALUES

### ULTIMATE TRUTH

Because we believe that God is the good creator of all things, we believe that only He knows exactly why everything exists, what went wrong, and how it can be fixed. Since he has chosen to show these things to us through the Bible, we value these truths, knowing that they are for our good.

### BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Because we believe that God is good and His word is true, the message the Bible contains - the Gospel of Salvation - should inspire every area of our lives. We value biblical study, prayer, and application of God's word to our daily lives.

### SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT

Because we believe the Bible is meant to help us follow Jesus, followers of Jesus will experience change as they study, pray through, and apply God's teachings to their lives. We value and celebrate spiritual movement in a person's relationship with Jesus.

### EVERY PERSON

Because we believe that God loves ALL people (with no exceptions), we value pursuing a diverse audience and rescuing them from the painful effects of sin. We choose, whenever possible, to care for those in need and to remove any unnecessary barriers to presenting unbelievers with the Gospel of Salvation.

### HEALTHY FAMILIES

Because we believe that parents are designed to be the key spiritual leaders in their home, we value a parent's role in leading their family to follow Jesus. And because we believe that families are the basic foundation for society, we value seeing families engage the community with the goal of making more disciples.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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