

Vision

HEAVEN

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Matthew 6:33 ...seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is **seen**, but on what is **unseen**, since what is **seen** is temporary, but what is **unseen** is eternal.

Mission

Go to Heaven and take as many with us as possible.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We are a missions minded church. Every believer is encouraged to give, go, and pray to spread the gospel at home and abroad.

Ministry Philosophy

New Hope Assembly of God is intentionally relational and multi-generational. We desire to take off the masks and be known and get to know others. We never want to become policy and program driven but people of the Holy Spirit. We trust God to raise up Spirit led people to follow the unique callings of God to do the work of the ministry. We are (to borrow a phrase from Hy-Vee) EMPLOYEE OWNED. The church is the people of God, not brick and mortar. We believe everyone has a gift to use for God, but everyone should also serve wherever and whenever needed. To us as pastors, we see this word "pastor" as a relational word not positional or one primarily of authority. If you attend New Hope, we are your pastors and we love you and are very thankful for the opportunity to serve you.

May God's blessing flow through His church as we look forward and keep our focus these next 25 years.

Core Ministry Focus

Worship

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

Public worship services are important to God. Jesus established the church and the Bible gives us instruction as to ministry callings, spiritual gifts, and serving.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another: and so much the more as you see the day approaching.

Instruction

II Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

We make **Sunday School** (with graded classes) and **adult Bible studies** on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights a central part of our church. We will NOT compromise or water down the teaching of God's Word.

Fellowship

We emphasize the importance of spending time with each other and sharing our lives with each other; and sharing what Jesus is teaching us and how He is helping us. We give ourselves to hospitality in service to God, the world, and His people.

Evangelism

Matthew 9:37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few..."

We give ourselves to intentionally loving all people so we can let them see Jesus' love in our lives. We pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus and His salvation with all who will hear. We must be willing to do anything, anywhere, at any cost for God and His Kingdom.

Discipleship

One on one discipleship is the most effective way to make a disciple. Going forward we will also be emphasizing home fellowship groups to disciple those following Jesus to a deeper level in understanding, maturity, and ministry. Discipleship groups develop close friendships that encourage and support participants. There are a few of these groups going now but we hope to see more people rise up to host a discipleship group.



Sunday, October 4, 2015

NEW HOPE
Assembly



TODAY

To Our Visitors - WELCOME! We are very happy you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Brochure that will help acquaint you with New Hope. Visitor cards are available in the pew rack if you would like to leave a record of your visit. If ever we can serve you, please let us know. Thank you & may God bless you.

There is a **Nursing Mothers Room** available in Room 140 next to the first floor women's restroom.

Today we will receive our annual **Miracle Building Fund Offering**.

No Orchestra rehearsal today.

Rainbows, the Noah's Ark Club for preschoolers, will meet tonight at 6:00.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome baby **Carter John!** He was born on Thursday, October 1 to Jessica Bell and John Hansman. He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21¼ inches long. Grandparents are Tom & Lisa Hansman. May God's blessing and love be on Carter and his family.

Congratulations to Madison Graham who passed her boards to become an RN. She graduated from Mercy College with an ASN degree.

For the food, flowers, cards, calls, and visits, I **thank you**. This has been very hard on my entire family and we all thank you for your precious prayers. — Karen Talbott

In response to Pastor Austin's message on making disciples and mentoring others, Pastor Weaver is starting two **discipleship small groups**: one for younger men on Monday nights and one for a little more seasoned men on Saturday mornings. If you want to be a part of one of these groups, email Pastor Weaver at pastor.weaver@newhopeassembly.org. His groups will begin in 3 weeks. Also, if you feel led to start a small home group and you want to minister in this way please see Pastor Weaver.

Operation Christmas Child - Pick up your shoeboxes in the foyer. Volunteers may **sign up** online or at the Events Center. Collection week is November 16-23. Questions? Contact Katy Little.

It's not too late to sign up for **40 Days for Life**. Information is available at the Events Center.

Life Chain - Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. **Today** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. starting at First Assembly of God Church on Merle Hay Road.

Please join us Saturday, October 10 to help pack our **Savannah Shares** gene totes to be delivered to the PICU and NICU. Meet at the New Hope Student Campus, Room 04 at 8:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Willie Bagby.

If you have old T-shirts in good condition with solid colored backs, you can donate them to our **preschool Super Kids** theme! Drop them off at the Early Childhood Check-In counter by Wednesday, October 14.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

IRTL Apologetics Conference - Featuring International Pro-Life leader Scott Klusendorf. This presentation will equip pro-life advocates to persuasively defend their view in the public square. Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. New Hope Student Campus. \$15/person OR \$25 includes a boxed lunch. Details at the Events Center. RSVP 877-595-9406.

Salvation Army Breakfast Casserole Sunday will be October 18. Get the recipe and baking pans at the Events Center. Please bring casseroles to the church by 9:15 a.m. on October 18. Tables will be set up in front of the church.

We are collecting **men's clothing donations** for the Clothing & Food Pantry at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services. Items especially needed are gently used **men's clothing**, including jeans, shoes, belts, socks, and work shirts. If you can help provide any of these items, please drop them off in the foyer.

Home School Enrichment Activities - All home schoolers are welcome to attend art/music/gym enrichment sessions at the SC Chapel & Gym from 10:00 a.m. - noon on October 9 & 23. Questions? Contact Rebekah Hight.

Opportunity to Serve the Lord: We have an opening in the cleaning ministry that needs to be filled. Contact Julie Spencer if you'd be willing to serve the Lord in this ministry.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study - Monday at 1:00 p.m. in New Hope Java.

Men's Prayer for Our Nation - Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. in New Hope Java.

Ladies Prayer & Share - Tuesday at **1:00 p.m.** in New Hope Java.

INTERCESSORS - Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Campus, Room 09.

Celebrate Recovery meets on Tuesday night in the Student Campus. Large Group 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Small Group 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Coffee Café 8:00-closing.

Men's Bible Discussion Group - Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in New Hope Java.

Connect (ages 18-23) - Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Student Campus Auditorium.

Ladies' Friday Morning Discipleship Class - Beth Moore's study, *Believing God* at 10:00 a.m. in Room 212. Questions? Contact Jo Northway.

Connect college age ministry is going to the Pumpkin Ranch and having a bonfire afterwards on Saturday, October 10. Meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to carpool. Bring \$9 for admission or check Groupon.com to get a discounted rate. Questions? Contact Pastor Austin.

COMING SOON

Book Buddies are reading *Hiding in the Light: Why I Risked Everything to Leave Islam and Follow Jesus* by Rifqa Bary. We will meet on Monday, October 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in New Hope Java for our discussion. Questions? Contact LindaLee Lovelace.

COMING SOON (continued)

Women's Ministry Event - Thursday, October 15, arrive at the Student Campus at 8:00 a.m. We'll go to the Nelson Pioneer Farm & Museum and Mahaska Drug Store in Oskaloosa. Lunch at Smokey Row Coffee Shop. Deadline to **sign up** is next Sunday, October 11. Cost is \$10 plus the cost of your lunch. Questions? Contact Peggy Ostrander.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 17, 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Campus Chapel. Our speaker will be Rev. Keith Ratliff, Executive Director of Joshua Christian Academy and Pastor of Maple Street Baptist Church. Please **sign up** online or at the Events Center.

Mug & Muffin - Ladies, come for coffee and fellowship on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Student Campus Chapel. Child care will be provided.

Attention men of all ages: Starting Wednesday, October 21, Lenny Nelson will be teaching *The Knowledge of The Holy*. Each man will receive a copy of the book by A.W. Tozer and each week's discussion will be built around an attribute of God. The class will meet in Room 02 of the Student Campus.

Hidden Women's Retreat - Friday, October 23, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost for sessions only is \$15; if staying in hotel 2 nights, \$65 (4 to a room). Pick up a registration form at the Events Center for more info. **TODAY is the deadline to register.**

Men's Cookout - Saturday, October 24, at Steve Aljets' home, 5:30 p.m. or come when you can. Bring your own meat, drinks, a side dish to share, and a camping chair. Invite a friend to come with you. **Sign up** and pick up a map at the Events Center. Questions? Contact Steve Aljets.

If you would like to participate in our **Trunk or Treat** (distribute candy from the trunk of your car) during Urbandale's Beggars Night, arrive at the Student Campus between 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30 with your trunk loaded with candy and decorated (not required). We will be serving apple cider and handing out tracts and church information along with the candy.

NHYOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're having a **friendly competition** until November 8 to see which group (6th-8th or 9th-12th) has better attendance each Sunday! Points are given when you're here in the AM & PM, bring a friend, take sermon notes, attend Sunday School, and serve in some capacity. Check in each week at the NH Youth booth. Winning group gets a catered meal and glow-in-the-dark dodgeball.

REVIVE, for all high schoolers, meets on Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pastor Luke's house.

High School Fall Retreat - October 17 & 18. Cost \$55. Zipline is additional \$10. Registration & waiver forms are available at the Events Center. **TODAY** is the deadline to register. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke or Pastor Brian.