



New Hope Basics

An Overview of Who We Are, What We Do & Why We Do It

Why we exist - This is the core of what Jesus wants every church to achieve

Purpose: To Worship God, grow in Christ, love one another & make disciples

WHY IS PURPOSE NEEDED? Because the church belongs to Jesus, and He Himself created it to achieve His own purposes.

HOW IS PURPOSE DETERMINED? By listening to Jesus commands to His church as given in scripture and committing to fulfill them.

WHY IS THIS OUR PURPOSE? Because a great commitment to His great commandment and great commission makes a great church.

Keeping these four purposes in balance enables us to fulfill Christ's great commandment and great commission. When we do, God's people grow stronger through worship, deeper through discipleship, closer through service, and larger through evangelism.

A FEW SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER: Great commission = Mat.22:36-40. Great commandment -28:19-20.

Our ultimate goal - This is New Hope's unique dream of an inspiring future just out of reach

Vision: To help neighboring families grow strong through healthy relationships with Christ & one another

WHY IS VISION NEEDED? Because: "A clear vision of our future give clear direction for our present." - Prov. 29:18

HOW IS VISION DETERMINED? Our goals become clearer when we realize that "The greatest void grants the greatest vision".

WHY IS THIS OUR VISION? Because God has uniquely positioned New Hope to meet the needs of our neighbors, the greatest of which is growing strong families. This lets us build relationships to share the gospel, because healthy relationships are essential to healthy ministries.

A FEW SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER: Neighbors first-Acts1:8. Importance of family-Deut.5:16; Prov.11:29; Psa.127:3 Relationships-Col.3:13

How we achieve our goal - This is what we must do & be to achieve our purpose & vision

Mission: To be a family focused church that people love to attend

WHY IS MISSION NEEDED? Because "A clear mission helps us focus on the actions & attitudes essential to success"

HOW IS MISSION DETERMINED? By asking: "How can we achieve our purpose & vision most effectively?"

WHY IS THIS OUR MISSION? Because everyone desires strong families, we must use this opportunity to build relationships, while removing every man-made obstacle that keeps seekers from connecting with the church and the gospel.

A FEW SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER: Removing obstacles from Seekers-Col. 4:5; 1Cor.14:23; Rom.14:13; Mat. 23:13; Heb.10:24; Mk.7:1-7

Inspirational Slogan

Motto: "Families grow strong here!"

WHY IS THIS OUR MOTTO? Because slogans are short and easy to recall, they help identify us and remind people of what we can do for them.

HOW IS A MOTTO DETERMINED? By asking "What phrase would most easily allow people to identify us with who we are and what we do?"

WHY IS THIS OUR MOTTO? Because growing a strong family has a powerful attraction for both believers and unbelievers.

A FEW SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER: Mat.19:4-6; Prov.15:20, 20:6-7, 22:6, 31:10; Col.3:20; Mat.15:4; Eph.5:22-33; Heb.13:4-7

Guiding Principles of our Culture

Core Values: **Why are these our core values?** Because they are the principles that drive our culture and inform our decisions. These are the ideals we live by, the lenses through which we filter everything and the non-negotiables that shape us. We may not always achieve them perfectly, but we strive to live them out to the best of our ability. They can be remembered by the acrostic **New Hopians**.

New Hope must strive to be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure.

Culturally relevant-1Cor.9:19-23. Doctrinally Pure-Titus1:9

Excellence honors God and inspires people.

Gen.1:31; Exo.31:6; Dan.6:3; Eph. 6:7-8; Col.3:23; 2Cor.8:7; Prov.22:29;

We believe the Word of God has the power to transform lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Word Powerful-Psa.19:7-8; Isa.40:8; 55:11; Mat.4:4; John17:8,17; Act.20:23; Rom.10:17; Heb.4:12; 2Tim.3:16-17; 1Pet1:23;

Through Holy Spirit-John14:26, 16:13; Eph.1:17-19; 1Cor.2:10-14; 2Pet.1:20-21; 1Cor.2:12; 1Thes.1:4

Healthy relationships are essential to healthy ministries.

1John4:20; 1Tim.3:1-7, 4:12; Titus1:5-9; 1Pet.5:1

Our faith requires risk and sacrifice, and is defined by our actions, not our reactions.

Pro.3:5-6, 29:18; Eccles.11:1; Mat.10:39; 14:28-29; Gal.2:20; Heb.11:1-8,

Practicing radical honesty, sacrificial love and mutual respect builds a culture of Peace, Trust and Freedom.

Honesty-Pro.6:17, 28:18; Mat.5:37. Love-John13:34-35, 15:13; 1Cor.13:1-13; 1John4:8, 19. Respect-Rom.12:10, Phil.2:3; 1Pet.2:17; 1Thes.5:12-13

Individuals must pursue their specific ministry within the Body of Christ.

Eph.4:12-13; Heb.13:20; 1Pet.2:5, 9; Rev.1:6, 5:10

All people are created in God's image and deserve to be treated with love, dignity and respect.

Gen.1:27; Jer.1:5; Psa.8:5-7, 139:13; Mat.7:12; Mark 2:16-17, 12:31; Luk.6:36, 10:37; 1Pet.2:17-25; 1Co.12:12-31; 1John3:17.

New Hopians are set free to function under Christ in their own unique way.

Luke4:18; John 8:36; 2Cor. 3:17; Gal.2:4-5, 5:1, 13-14; Eph.3:12; Rom. 8:20-21; 1Pet.2:16;

Service & Sacrifice, Purity & Love are what qualify Leadership. To lead is to Equip, Encourage & Inspire.

1John4:20; 1Tim.3:1-7, 4:12; Titus1:5-9; 1Thes.2:9, 5:12; 1Pet.5:1; Equip - Eph.4:12; Encourage & Inspire - Heb.10:24.