



## ***Cliff's Notes***

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Summer is upon us and New Hope is praising God for one of the greatest years in our nearly 14 year history. God is so good. This year we will see as many people come to accept Christ and be baptized as ever before. Our giving is consistently breaking all-time records and our mission endeavors are spreading across the globe and reaching out to countless hundreds of needy people. This summer alone we will send two different groups to the Amazon Region where they will be working with New Hope's Mission Evangelist Brandon Carroll. At the same time we will be starting and supporting mission work in Montana with our Mission Evangelists Alan and Sarah Damron. Our older youth will be traveling to Guatemala on mission trip in August to work with a children's home while all of our youth will be traveling to New Mexico for mission work in that state. Our Hispanic Ministry, Jehovah Jireh Baptist Church, is moving forward under the direction of Pastor Avelino Berroa and his family. We are being blessed by our giving to PS.100. as we prove faithful before God in what He is doing in and with our fellowship. In August we resume our Lifebuilder Small Group Program with many new groups and a study of the book of Romans. All of this and God has so much more in store for each of us. Be sure you are fully onboard and experience the blessings of God at New Hope.

## ***Everything I Need To Know About Big Church, I Learned in Kindergarten***

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*by Josh Jenkins*

I had a great kindergarten teacher. Her name was Mrs. Miller. It wasn't just that I began to learn reading and math. Mrs. Miller taught more than that. As I was thinking about church at New Hope, I realized that some of what I learned in her class applies here as well.

Mrs. Miller reminded us to be in the right place at the right time. When it was time for reading groups, we all went to our assigned location. We were divided up on reading levels so that we could each learn best with those who were on our own level. At New Hope, our children's ministry provides awesome opportunities for children to begin to learn even before they reach kindergarten. By offering age-appropriate classes, the Spiritual Education begins early. Young children or preschoolers in our adult worship service won't benefit spiritually, but a child who learns to tell the story of Jesus, or Moses, has definitely grown spiritually no matter their age. As children transition to youth, they begin to learn from the adult service, and apply what they've learned through our youth ministry.

Mrs. Miller also reminded us to put other's first. At New Hope, we've got so many great people who are constantly inviting friends to church. Each week we welcome new guests, many who decide to make New Hope their church home. We're definitely a welcoming, open community of believers. Mrs. Miller's advice still rings true; is there anything else we can do to put other's first? Have you adopted any of these seating habits? Saving a seat for your friend or family member is great, but leaving your Bible or coat in the seat next to you just hoping that no one sits there, isn't. Having a regular place where you always sit is fine, but being upset when someone gets to it first isn't. Members sitting on the back rows while making our guests walk all the way to the front of the worship area can also be intimidating for our guests. Let's always keep looking for ways to put the needs of our guests first!

Mrs. Miller reminded us to be participants in our own learning. Everyone who wants to grow and learn has to be an active participant, not a spectator. Sometimes it seems more convenient to just go grab another cup of coffee, or shoot the breeze with a friend, than to participate in worship. Once the service has begun, it's time to focus our minds and hearts on God, our Savior and Creator, and eliminate the competing distractions. Not only do I have to work to keep myself focused on worship, but I also have to ensure that I don't create a distraction for others. Too much moving around or talking, and I know that I may cause those around me to be distracted from what they may really need that week.

Sometimes it's just the simple things that matter most.

# ***Eleven Truths about Lifestyle Worship***

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by Lewis Clark

Truth # 9:

Worship involves a sense of the presence of God.

Whether it's bowing down before God (Psalm 95:6), searching for the Lord (Psalm 105:3-4), trusting in His holy name (Psalm 33:20-21), dwelling in His house (Psalm 84), lifting hands (Psalm 134:2) or shouting to Him (Psalm 47:1), worship always involves a recognition that God is near.

Every morning I take a walk to the edge of our property and admire the sunrise, the misty fog laying low in the valley, and the quiet crisp air that seems so serene and sacred. I get a chance to start my day with a conversation of praise and thanksgiving to my God. I can't say I always allow this to stay with me the rest of the day. In fact, I'm ashamed of how many times during the day I've disappointed God after such a great start. But the wonderful thing about our God is that He is a God of grace and mercy. He meets us where we are as we start over again and again. Welcome to the Christian journey! His presence is near!

My prayer is that as we enter the time of worship on Sunday morning, it will be a reflection of our lifestyle of worship during the week. If this is your lifestyle, you will sense His presence in the message and the music. God wants to invade our hearts and minds. For this to happen we need to believe He is here with us all the time. Every moment in our lives is an act of worship. Every thought, every word, and every deed. Let's grasp the real truth that His presence is here with us. It will make us sing different! It will make us live different!

## ***We want to refer you!***

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Because of the economic downturn we have a few people in our church family who have lost their jobs. If your business is hiring or if you could use a skilled laborer in carpentry, electrical, welding, or roofing, please call the church office and we can help. If you are out of work, please contact the church office (750-4673) so we can add you to our referral list.



# **JUNE 22-25**

**Vacation Bible School**

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**1003 Century Street**

**For children 4 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

## ***Important Events***

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### ⇒ ***Ironmen's Meeting***

Thursday, June 4, all men are invited to a Men's Bible Study, 6:00 AM at the RAC. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served. Joe Layman will be our speaker.

### ⇒ ***B.A.S.E. 101***

Sunday, June 14, we will offer B.A.S.E. 101 at the RAC from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM. This class is designed to tell you everything about our church, our beliefs and our priorities. Each participant receives a binder that serves as a church handbook.

Completion of this class is required for church membership. Please sign up at the information table on Sunday morning or online at [www.newhopefellowship.com](http://www.newhopefellowship.com).

### ⇒ ***B.A.S.E. 201***

June 14 we will offer B.A.S.E. 201 at the RAC from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM. If you have completed B.A.S.E. 101, then you are ready to move around the bases. Please sign up at [www.newhopefellowship.com](http://www.newhopefellowship.com) or at the information table Sunday morning.

### ⇒ ***Baptism Service***

Sunday, June 14, we will baptize during our morning worship. If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office and someone will be happy to share with you about baptism and the details of that morning.

### ⇒ ***Youth Mission Trip***

June 15-20, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will travel to Glorieta, NM. Please be in prayer for our youth as they experience mission work.

### ⇒ ***Extreme Adults***

Extreme Adults will meet Tuesday, June 16, 1:00 PM in the RAC Conference Room for lunch and Bible study led by Joe Layman. Please bring a side-dish or dessert.

### ⇒ ***Vacation Bible School***

Boomerang Express is the theme for this year's VBS scheduled June 22-25, 9:00 AM -12 noon. Pick up registration forms for your children at the information table in the back of the worship room on Sunday or call the church office, 750-4673.

### ⇒ ***Peru Mission Trip***

Pray for our mission team, Amanda Benson, Shane Harris, Melody Jenkins, Lynn McCutcheon, Carrie McDaniel, and Sergio Rivera as they travel and serve in Iquitos, Peru, June 22-July 2.

### ⇒ ***Rodeo Round-Up Sunday***

Sunday, June 28, will be a great day to invite a friend to worship. We will have pony rides for the kids during our worship service. Remember to wear your western attire.