



201 MY FOUNDATIONS

Purpose Statement

We exist to Love God, Serve People,
Share Hope and to Have Fun.

At New Hope Church, our goal is to see each person have a genuine relationship with Jesus by their own choosing. We believe this relationship should be built on a firm foundation by knowing what you believe and why.

Growth Track 201 will discuss the foundations of our faith and give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Session 1: The Bible and the Trinity

The sole basis for our belief is the Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, without error, and the authority on all matters on which it speaks.

- God inspired, means that the Bible was written by GOD through HUMAN authors.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...” – 2Timothy 3:16

“For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” – 2 Peter 1:21

- We believe that the God who created the universe is capable of writing a book. And the God who is perfect is capable of writing a perfect book, without error.

“And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.” –Psalm 12:6

- This perfect God is making His perfect plan known to us. He included EVERYTHING we need in

Scripture; making it the final authority on all matters.

*“For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to the division of soul and of spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
–Hebrews 4:12*

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life, through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness...” – 2 Peter 1:3

As the Bible teaches, there is one God, eternally existing in three persons –Father, Son and Holy Spirit –each possessing all the attributes of deity.

- We believe that God is one, through total unity among all THREE PERSONS of the Trinity.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” –Deuteronomy 6:4

- The three persons of Father, Son and Spirit all existed before creation in MUTUAL LOVE, COMMUNICATION and SUBMISSION to each other.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.” – Genesis 1:1-3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” – John 1:1-5

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; and all things have been created through Him and for him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” – Colossians 1:15-17

- Though their roles are different, the Father, Son and Spirit all share the same attributes.
 - All Present- Everywhere all the time
Deut. 31:6, Ps. 139:7-12, Prov. 15:3, Jer. 23:24, Col 1:17
 - All Knowing- All mysteries and knowledge are His
Job 42:2, Ps. 139:1-6; 147:5, Isa. 40:12-14; 46:10, Heb. 4:13
 - All Powerful- Everything is under His control
Job 42:2, Ps. 147:5, Matt. 19:26, Eph. 3:20

- Changeless- Never changes His character, purpose, or essence
Num. 23:19, Ps. 102:27, Mal 3:6, Rom 11:29, Heb. 13:8, James 1:17
- Ageless- Lives outside time, was never born and will never die
Ps. 90:2; 93:2; 102:12, Eph. 3:21
- Holy- Perfect, pure and good
Ex. 3:5, Lev. 19:2, Ps. 5:4-6; 99:5, Isa. 6:3; 18:3; 57:15, Hab. 1:12-13, 1 Pet. 1:14-19, 1 John 1:5
- Loving- the source of all love
Ex. 34:7, Ps. 84:11, John 3:16, Gal. 5:22, Eph. 2:4-7, 1 John 4:8-16
- Truthful- His perfection makes all His words true
Num. 23:19, John 14:6; 17:17, 2 Cor. 1:20, Titus 1:2

Session 2: Salvation

God created people to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way.

- We were made for RELATIONSHIP with God

“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it...” -Genesis 1:28

- We pushed Him away by our REBELLION

“And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out His hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever. So the Lord God banished Him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which He had been taken.” –Genesis 3:22-23

As a result, we need God’s saving grace to end our separation from Him.

- We are SEPARATED from God.

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.” –Romans 5:12

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” – Colossians 1:21-22

- Jesus Christ ends our separation from God through His work on the CROSS.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” –Romans 8:1-2

Salvation comes only through God's grace- not human effort- and must be received personally by repentance and faith.

- God has done ALL the work to end our separation from him.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." -2 Peter 1:3-4

"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." -Colossians 1:13-14

- It is up to us to TURN from our sin and trust God with our life.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." - Romans 10:9

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." -Ephesians 4:22-24

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." -1 John 1:9

Session 3: Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the Cross as our substitute.

- Because of sin and death entering the world people needed a SAVIOR.

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in the way death came to all people, because all sinned.” –Romans 5:12

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” –Romans 3:23

- Jesus left HEAVEN to come to earth to show us who God is and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation.” –Colossians 1:15

“...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...”- John 14:9

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
–Luke 4:18-19*

- By living perfectly while on earth Jesus was able to be our sin.

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” -2Corinthians 5:21

- Jesus solved the PROBLEM OF SIN by willingly sacrificing Himself to pay for our sin on the cross.

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” –Romans 5:8

This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone.

- We deserve DEATH because of sin.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” –Romans 6:23

- When we repent, we turn our sin over to Jesus.

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” – Luke 5:32

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” -2 Peter 3:9

- Jesus gives us GRACE over our failings.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”
–Romans 5:1-2

He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us.

- When Jesus rose from the grave He solved the PROBLEM OF SPIRITUAL DEATH.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”
–1 Corinthians 15:20-22

- Jesus gives us what we lost in the garden: ETERNAL LIFE and RELATIONSHIP with Him.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
–John 3:16

He baptizes believers with the Holy Spirit.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” –Matthew 3:11

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” -2 Corinthians 1:21-23

He will return to earth to complete history.

- Jesus is COMING BACK!

“Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” – Matthew 24:30

“...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...” –Titus 2:13

- We don't know when.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” –Matthew 24:36

“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” -1Thessalonians 5:1-2

- The Church needs to BE READY for His return.

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.” –Revelation 22:12

Session 4: The Holy Spirit, The Church and the End

The Holy Spirit draws sinners to Christ and equips believers for personal growth and service to the Church.

- Jesus SENT the Holy Spirit

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.” –John 16:7

- The Holy Spirit DRAWS sinful people to Jesus.

“And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” –John 16:8-11

- The Holy Spirit EQUIPS believers

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call...” –Ephesians 4:4

“There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.” -1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” –Galatians 5:22-23

The Church’s role is to glorify God, encourage believers and serve those in need.

- The Church is God’s HANDS and FEET on earth.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” –Ephesians 2:10

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,” –Ephesians 3:10

- As we become more like Jesus, we INVITE others into the kingdom.

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” –Acts 2:46-47

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.” – Ephesians 4:15

- The Church is supposed to HELP those in need.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” –Philippians 2:4

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” -1 John 3:17

At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment.

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.

Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and they were judged, each one of them according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” – Revelation 20:11-15

Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then He said “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “Its is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.” –Revelation 21:3-7

In Conclusion

We wish to make New Hope Church a home for all to connect with Jesus Christ as we reflect Him to the world. In order to do this we agree to have UNITY in essentials and LIBERTY in non-essentials. We agree, in everything we will show LOVE to one another.

“So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.

*Love never gives up.
Love Cares more for others than self.
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.
Love doesn’t strut,
Doesn’t have a swelled head,
Doesn’t force itself on others,
Isn’t always “me first,”
Doesn’t fly off the handle,
Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn’t revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end” -1 Corinthians 13:5-7*

Your next step is:

1. “301 Discover My Spiritual Gifts ”!

2. Sign up for Water Baptism, if you have recently decided to follow Jesus.

We look forward to seeing you take the next step in your journey with God!

ANSWER KEY

THE BIBLE AND THE TRINITY

1. God, Human
2. Everything
3. Three Persons
4. Mutual love, communication, and submission

SALVATION

1. Relationship
2. Rebellion
3. Separated
4. Cross
5. All
6. Turn

JESUS CHRIST

1. Savior
2. Heaven
3. Be
4. Problem of Sin
5. Death
6. Grace
7. Problem of Spiritual Death
8. Eternal life and relationship
9. Coming Back
10. Don't
11. Be Ready

The Holy Spirit, The Church and The End

1. Sent
2. Draws
3. Equips
4. Hands and Feet
5. Invite
6. Help

In Conclusion

1. Unity
2. Liberty
3. Love

As part of the co-operative fellowship of the Assemblies of God, we adhere to these 16 Fundamental Truths.

1. The Bible is Inspired by God and declares His design and plan for mankind.
2. There is One True God - revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ - As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. The Fall of Man ushered in evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. The Salvation of Man - Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
6. The Ordinances of the Church - (1) Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for everyone and empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'Speaking in Tongues,' as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.
9. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God.
10. The Church and its Mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin.
11. The Ministry - A divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the Church.
12. Divine Healing of the sick is a privilege for Christians today.
13. The Blessed Hope - When Jesus Raptures His church prior to His return to earth.
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ - when Jesus returns with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years.
15. A Final Judgment Will Take Place for those who have rejected Christ.
16. New Heavens and a New Earth - that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him.