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Wisdom Series:

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Successfully learning from the Bible and being transformed by it is something we can all do. Here are some additional insights and resources to help.

In addition to having a good and readable translation, there are a few tools that will help you get a handle on understanding the Bible.

To **ANALYZE** what you read, there are some basic questions to ask:

Observation – Who is this written to? When did this occur? Where are they? What is going on with/around them? How are they feeling?

Understanding – Why was this written? What does God want me to learn from this?

To aid your analysis, having a good study Bible is a great help. A couple of good ones are, The Life Application Study Bible and the one Rusty uses most often, The Quest Study Bible. There are also on-line resources like Bible Gateway.

Application – this is where effective Bible Study should take us! The acrostic SPACEPETS from Rick Warren works as a template:

- Is there a sin to confess?
- Is there a promise from God to hold on to?
- Is there an attitude to change?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a prayer to model?
- Is there an error to avoid?
- Is there a truth to believe?
- Is there something to praise God for?

As you read and study, you will occasionally come across things that are confusing or difficult to understand. When you do, talk about it in your Small Group or ask a trusted friend in the church that has a good working knowledge of the Bible.



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God has provided and protected the Bible, so that you and I can be fully equipped.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Instead of merely admiring it, God wants us to carefully apply what we learn from it.

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. John 14:21 (NLT)

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⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:5-6 (NLT)

R - read

Find a translation that you understand. Rusty primarily uses the New Living Translation (NLT) and the New International Version (NIV)

A – analyze [See the Take Home Sheet for info]

Y - yield

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform vou into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

John 2:3-6 (NLT)

Go to newhope.org and click on messages to download this week's Take Home Sheet or stop by Guest Services to pick one up.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS: NLT - New Living Translation

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FIRST TIME GUESTS

learning how to apply it to our lives.

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you

down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

This week... Wisdom at Work. This week we will cover some key principles for understanding the Bible and



We are honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring whether or not God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing everyone the love of Jesus and help them establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

When you give to New Hope Church, know that in the big picture every dollar is directly applied to the mission of making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who are belonging, growing, serving, and reaching. If you would like to find out more about investing in the local church, please go online to bit.ly/nhcgiving.

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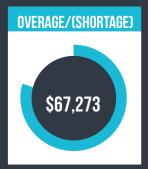




2018 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING







Did you know that nearly 60% of people who give at New Hope Church use online giving? It's simple and secure. Whether you'd like to give a single gift, or schedule ongoing donations, you can do it all online using your checking account, debit, or credit card. There are two ways to give online: 1) Create an account on the HUB and utilize the secure online giving through New Hope Church's giving platform, or 2) Use your bank's online bill pay platform to give using your checking account. To give electronically, visit newhope.org/giving.

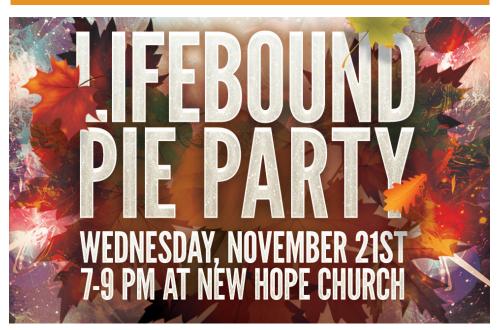
We think Christians should be the most generous people (2 Corinthians 9:6) on earth to support worthy causes, and there is no organization with more potential to change the world than the local church. Thanks!

TURKEY BOWL SEVENTH ANNUAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND FROM 9-11:30 AM SOUTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL SEPARATE ADULT AND KID FLAG FOOTBALL GAMES



Register online at bit.ly/2018turkeybowl



Hey, if you recently graduated high school or you are in your 20's, check this out. Are you looking for a way to stretch your stomach in preparation for your Thanksgiving meal? Or maybe you are just looking for a way to get out of the house for a few hours when you're home for break? **Come join us for our annual Pie Party, November 21st from 7-9 pm at New Hope Church**. Bring a pie, or a friend, or just come to eat pie, play games, and catch up. For more information, please contact Steph Schleyer at 703-971-4673, ext 262 or by email at stephanie.schleyer@newhope.org.



The Landing at New Hope Church (Tuesdays at 7pm) is a group for students in middle and high school which gives students a place to talk about the hurts, habits and hang-ups that they face each day. Being a student today is tough and sometimes the stress of everyday life can feel overwhelming. Things may have happened that are out of the student's control (ex. divorce, abuse, loss, bullying). Or perhaps they are struggling with depression, anxiety, fear, or anger. In an attempt to cope, students sometimes look for comfort in unhealthy ways (ex. alcohol & drugs, food issues, pornography, self-harm, perfectionism, etc.).

That's where The Landing comes in. It is the place to come when students feel as though no one else could possibly understand what they're feeling or going through. The Landing is here to give them a safe place to be heard, learn new coping skills and find healing.

For more information about the program please contact us at info@thingscansuck.com.



Are you like some parents that start hyperventilating with the idea that your kids have to sit with you in the weekend service? If that's you, we get it, but we strongly believe it's important for our children to see their parents worshipping and learning as well. Attending the service together can be a sweet time for families to connect with each other and with God as they learn and worship together. Next weekend, our Remix (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) and Revolution (3rd through 5th grade) kids will be joining us for the Baptism Celebrations and our annual Open Mic service.

Here are some ideas to get the most out of attending service together as a family:

- Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids.
- Prepare: Tell your kids what will happen during the service, so they know
 what to expect. Also, set your expectations of them during the service. Keep
 it positive and focus on the ways you want to learn about and worship God
 together. Just an extra two cents promise drinks for after the service, not
 before, and go to the bathroom before you enter the auditorium.
- **Sit Close**: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and engage with the teaching and the music.
- Explain: Kids are curious! Be their tour guide. Don't be afraid to explain what is
 happening and why during the service. If your kids are old enough, give them
 paper and pencil to write their questions down for deeper discussion later.
- **Participate**: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. Stand, sing, pray, listen, take notes, respond as you normally would. Encourage your kids to do the same.
- Need to Leave?: No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break.
- Discuss: After the service, encourage your kids to talk about what they learned. Ask them questions and encourage them to share their thoughts.
 Be sure to share yours as well. Talk about what you learned and how you will respond to the message. Putting application to the message helps them see the value in attending and listening.

If you have questions about this or would like to talk about something amazing your kid did during service, please contact Steph Schleyer, our Director of Family Ministry, at stephanie.schleyer@newhope.org or 703.971.4673 #262.



Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. For those 18 years old and older, Celebrate Recovery (CR) can help you navigate the tough times. CR meets Friday nights at 7 pm. You can reach out to CR at celbraterecovery@newhope.org.

HELLDAYS?



Did you know you can still watch the weekend services online? It is super easy. If you have internet access, you can watch the services. Just go online to live.newhope.org on any device.



Have you ever sat in a weekend service and heard a song you wanted to listen to or buy, but you didn't know the name of it or the artist's name? Well, we've fixed that

for you. On Spotify, you'll find the current pre-service playlist, as well as playlists from previous weekends. **Spotify is free and easy to use.** Simply go to open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow New Hope Church.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Market happening at New Hope on Saturday, December 1st! We still have room for vendors and donation participants. To sign up to be a vendor, please go online to bit.ly/xmasvendor2018. To sign up to be a donation participant, please go online to bit.ly/xmasdonor2018.

We also have an opportunity coming up to put those crafting skills to work! **On Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 pm we will have a Ladies Crafting Party.** We will have projects that you can work on, or feel free to bring your own. Please register so that we know how many to plan for online at bit.ly/xmascraft2018.



MISSION muffins

See You November 25th

Can Muffins have a Mission? Ours Do!

Our muffins empower homeless and jobless people to start new lives full of hope, meaning and achievement.

Mission Muffins will have tables set up in the Atrium next Sunday, during the services, that will be loaded with delicious baked goods. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. 100% of the proceeds go back into the Mission Muffins program to purchase ingredients and pay our people.

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. This week, we recognize yet another fantastic husband and wife team – Julie and Erik Christensen. Julie serves on our Guest Services Team. She greets and escorts first time families around the church, making them feel welcome. Erik serves on our Security Team, keeping a watchful eye out, ensuring our safety. Thank you Julie and Erik. We appreciate you both! If you are interested in joining a team, please email Carol Ann at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org.



Hey students in 6th through 12th grade-are you wondering how you're going to kick the New Year off right? Love snow? Skiing? Snowboarding and tubing? Hot chocolate in the lodge? Join us January 11-13 for the 2019 Winter Bash! We will be traveling to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Virginia for the weekend, enjoying food, friends, fun and worship. We will leave on Friday afternoon and arrive back Sunday afternoon. The cost for the event which covers food, lodging, transportation, and activities at Watermarks Camp is \$125. The easiest way to sign up is to go online to bit.ly/2019winterbash. The online registration will have all of the information you need to sign up.



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