

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: He Will Be Our Peace
Message: Peace of Mind
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: December 15/16, 2018

The following will help you dig deeper into the three key points we looked at regarding experiencing God's peace.

Peace of mind does not require peaceful circumstances.

Paul, who wrote the letter to the Philippians, was regularly harassed, arrested, jailed, beaten and persecuted because of his faith in Christ. The people who received his letter witnessed this when Paul first came and told them about Jesus. Here is what happened:

²² A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. ²³ They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. ²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

Acts 16:22-25 (NLT)

For the rest of the story, read all of Acts 16.

Peace of mind is available to anyone who has accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Peace of mind is a by-product of knowing and trusting God.

Peace of mind isn't automatic – it requires dependence on God in the moment. Followers can choose to worry or be fearful, but that robs us of the potential to experience God's peace. Along with the promise of peace we looked at in the message (Philippians 4:8-9), see also:

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

2 Thessalonians 1:2 (NLT)

And now may God, who gives us his peace, be with you all. Amen.

Romans 15:33 (NLT)

MESSAGE NOTES



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⁵ Remember, the Lord is coming soon. ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me— everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:5-9 (NLT)

From this passage we see that peace of mind is...

...not contingent on peaceful circumstances.

...available to anyone who has accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

...a by-product of knowing and trusting God.

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!
Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
NLT – New Living Translation



Week Three: Peace of Mind

Peace. Many would give almost anything to find some. We look for it in all kinds of places, but the peace we usually find is temporary at best. God sent Jesus to show us how to have full and lasting peace – not somewhere in the distant future, but right now, regardless of our outward circumstances. Thanks for joining us as we discover the gift of peace that can be yours! ***This week... Peace of Mind.*** Life can be stressful on many levels and the holidays can really ramp things up. God has the ability to give us peace and calm, even in the most trying circumstances.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

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!**



**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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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!**

Women's Wrap & Eat Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 19th · 7 pm at New Hope Church

Ladies - join us for our 17th year of wrapping presents for the children of teen parents in a special program called Project Opportunity. It's part of a local alternative high school in Fairfax County that supports teen parents working to finish their high school diploma.

We wrap, eat and enjoy treats! No need to RSVP, just bring an appetizer (last name A-M) or dessert (last name N-Z) to share! Please bring a friend and small groups are welcome to attend together! Email Karena at karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org with any questions.

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE -FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES- 2, 4 AND 6 PM

PRESCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS ONLY AT 2 & 4 PM



LOOKING AHEAD- **The Landing** will not be meeting on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. **Lifebound** will not be meeting on December 26th or January 2nd. Our **weekend services** on December 29th and 30th will be online only. Simply visit live.newhope.org.

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EASY WAYS TO FEED KIDS & SHOW LOVE!

Please consider doing your Christmas shopping in our MarketPlace and provide the gift of food along with a present that is sure to bring a smile to the face of your friend, teacher, co-worker or loved one. All proceeds from sales in the MarketPlace help fund the meals we pack with Feed My Starving Children. We have beautiful scarves, bags, jewelry and beaded animals, as well as many Christmas themed decorations and ornaments.

What about those hard to buy for people? We've got you covered! Consider making a donation to our work with Feed My Starving Children for those people on your list. We have gift cards available in the MarketPlace showing the size of donation and how many meals that donation provides. Provide a life changing gift for a child in need today.



This year you have been given a life changing gift!

GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS?



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.

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MINISTRY PLAN

MORE THAN DOLLARS AND CENTS
Our Annual Ministry Plan Is Not A Budget -
It's A Plan To Change Lives.

The 2019 New Hope Ministry Plan was unanimously passed by the Partners last weekend.



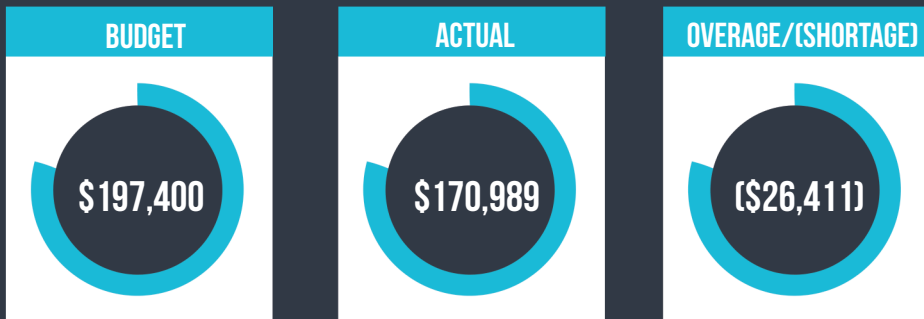
For those who are seriously dating or already engaged, New Hope Church is launching a new pre-marriage class. This class is designed to help couples better understand God's plan for marriage and learn how to navigate the challenges of marriage by better understanding one's future spouse. The unique and permanent bonding of a man and woman in marriage is a great blessing and the anchor on which society is built. But doing marriage successfully requires a unique set of skills and perspectives for couples to learn and develop. The class will look at compatibilities and differences in partners, effective communication strategies, building a home together and honoring God in your commitment.

The class will be taught by Bill and Lorna Soderberg in their home and will be scheduled around the mutual availability of all participants. **The class will meet six times, once per week for 90 minutes each session.** Instruction/discussion is built around the book, "Preparing for Marriage" by Boehi, Nelson, Schulte & Shadrach, general editor Dennis Rainey.

Please reach out with any questions or to let us know if you would like to join the class. Call Bill or Lorna at 630-606-8051 or you can email them at lornasoderberg@gmail.com.

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.**

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING



2018 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING



Our church has a strong history of special year-end giving that helps us to meet current needs and helps start the new year in a positive position. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can make a huge difference with a special year-end gift. To take a deduction for the gift on your 2018 tax return, your gift must be postmarked or received by the church on or before December 31, 2018.

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.



Parent Night – It’s a Phase, Don’t Miss It!

It can be difficult being a parent today. We all want the same things for our kids, we just don’t always know how to accomplish it. The church wants to partner with you to give you encouragement, support, and handles on how to successfully parent at every phase of a child’s life. **Join us January 17th, at 7 pm, at New Hope Church for a presentation and discussion about how we can work together to make a better future for our kids. The event is free and we’ll have childcare for a small fee if you need it. Just sign up when you register. Simply go online to bit.ly/nhcparentnight.**



WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers and we take pleasure in spotlighting them each week. **This week, we'd like to recognize Michelle Conerly.** Michelle serves as a video operator on our Tech Team. Not only does Michelle help us record our weekend services – our video cameras also capture our services live so they can stream online. This makes our services available for anyone who missed a weekend, chooses to catch a service online, or shares our services with others. Thank you, Michelle! We appreciate you! If serving on one of our tech teams interests you, we especially need help during our Family Ministry Services, The Landing and Celebrate Recovery. **Contact worship@newhope.org for more information on how you can help.**

A graphic for the 'TAKEOVER WINTER BASH' event. The text 'TAKEOVER' is in purple, 'WINTER BASH' is in large blue letters with a snowflake texture, and 'REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT BIT.LY/2019WINTERBASH' is in purple. A dark blue box at the bottom contains the text 'JANUARY 11-13 | STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE WATERMARKS CAMP & WINTERGREEN RESORT'. The background is a light blue and white snowflake pattern.

**TAKEOVER
WINTER
BASH**

JANUARY 11-13 | STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE
WATERMARKS CAMP & WINTERGREEN RESORT

**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN AT
BIT.LY/2019WINTERBASH**

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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