

TAKE HOME SHEET



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2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

⁷ At that time Hanani the seer came to King Asa and told him, "Because you have put your trust in the king of Aram instead of in the LORD your God, you missed your chance to destroy the army of the king of Aram. ⁸ Don't you remember what happened to the Ethiopians and Libyans and their vast army, with all of their chariots and charioteers? At that time you relied on the LORD, and he handed them over to you. ⁹ The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war." ¹⁰ Asa became so angry with Hanani for saying this that he threw him into prison and put him in stocks. At that time Asa also began to oppress some of his people. ¹¹ The rest of the events of Asa's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. ¹² In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the severity of his disease, he did not seek the LORD's help but turned only to his physicians. ¹³ So he died in the

forty-first year of his reign. ¹⁴ He was buried in the tomb he had carved out for himself in the City of David. He was laid on a bed perfumed with sweet spices and fragrant ointments, and the people built a huge funeral fire in his honor.

2 Chronicles 16:7-14 (NLT)

Teach me how to live, O LORD. Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me.
Psalm 27:11 (NLT)

Now let's look at how Jesus used God's Words to stay on the right path.

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. ³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'" ⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world and all their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." ¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT)

Jesus was tempted to take shortcuts to make life work. He shows us how to resist temptation and stay on the path that God will bless.

Jesus responded to each temptation with truth from God's Word, specifically and immediately.

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NLT – New Living Translation

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Words. They can build us up and tear us down. They help us to communicate, learn, process and create. God's words are the most powerful ever recorded. They are life changing, even life saving. The only way to reap the benefits is to read them. As followers of Jesus, we need to take it a few steps further. We also need to own them, to believe they are true, and to follow them as the ultimate guide for our lives. In this series, we will partner with you to follow the Bible Reading Plan. It's a habit well worth forming. Our first stop in 2018 will investigate five things the Bible offers that can dramatically change our lives.

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

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CHURCH

We are always 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 committed Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to do whatever it takes to show 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!**

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!**

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Each week, we will post "5 Things to Know" for the week. This will typically include classes, info, and upcoming events. We also will give you dates to save as early as possible, so that you can get them on your calendar and be able to plan for them. Be sure to check out the entire program and visit newhope.org for everything. Here are five things to know this week:

1. **Ministry Fair NEXT WEEKEND, February 10/11.** Our volunteers at New Hope Church are heroes; they are truly the force behind everything that takes place here on the weekend and during the week. We all have different gifts, but together we are one! We understand that many people look at the size of New Hope Church and think they can't possibly make a difference. The truth is, you can. **Check out where you can make a difference- look through the booklet in your program!**
2. **The Parent Child Dedication** is for parents with kids of any age, who desire to make a commitment to model Jesus in their home for their children. We look forward to partnering with you and your family. If you would like to participate at New Hope on Saturday, March 17th from 10 am to 12 pm, please email us at pcd@newhope.org.
3. We offer **Financial Peace University** twice a year. FPU is a 9-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more. Our facilitators and coaches teach God's ways of handling money. **The preview class will be on March 22nd, and the core classes run from April 5th through May 31st.** Registration details will be released soon!
4. **Read the Bible with us this year-** visit Guest Services or nhcbrp.com to get the plan!
5. **Lifebound** is for those who recently graduated high school up through your 20's. We are looking to connect with you and help you connect with God, the church, the community and other people in the same stage of life. We meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00- 8:30 at New Hope Church. If you have any questions, you can reach out to us at lifebound@newhope.org.



Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2 pm - 4 pm
\$25 per person; \$40 for couples

Questions? Contact Wendy Hunt at
wendy.hunt@newhope.org

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SATURDAY,
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9 AM - 3 PM

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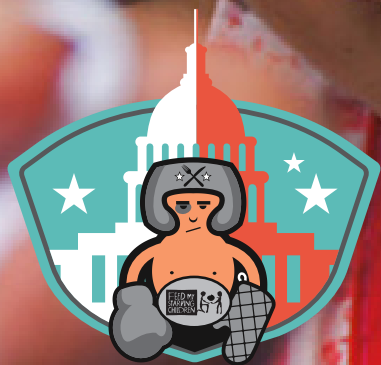
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EVERY DAY, AT LEAST 6,200 CHILDREN DIE FROM HUNGER
OR HUNGER RELATED CAUSES- ONE CHILD EVERY 14 SECONDS.



2018 **FOODFIGHT**
THE NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

NOW IMAGINE BEING ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



IMAGINE 115 SCHOOL BUSES
FULL OF KIDS DYING EVERY DAY!

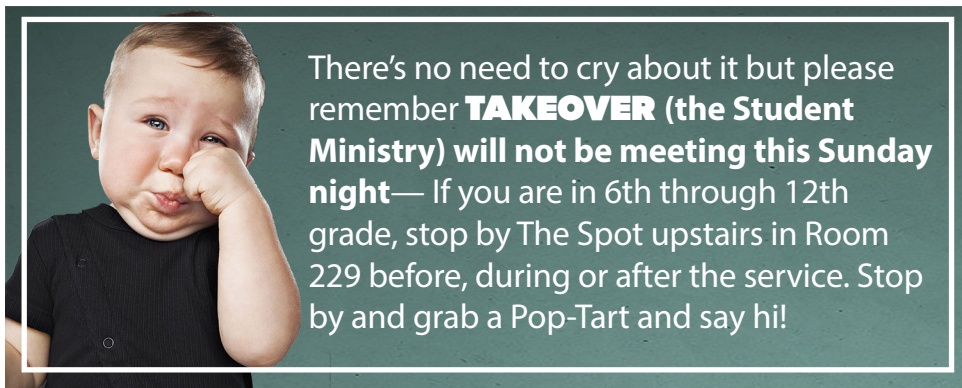
The idea of being able to put a dent in childhood hunger seems overwhelming and daunting. But the truth is, in just the last decade, the number of children dying each day from hunger and hunger related diseases around the world has decreased from 18,000 a day to 6,200 a day. A huge dent has been made, but 6,200 kids dying each day is still way too many! The fight to end hunger is still ongoing.

In an effort to reduce that number even more, New Hope Church in Lorton, Virginia, is partnering with Feed My Starving Children to pack 5,000,000 meals May 4, 5 & 6, 2018 at the Dulles Expo Center in Sterling. This exciting project is called 2018 Food Fight- The Nation's Fight Against Hunger. The idea is simple- thousands of volunteers come together to pack meals to be shipped to children in need all over the world.

America is more divided than ever. There's an 'us against them mentality', with people divided about race, politics, faith, and social issues. Wouldn't it be great to be "united" again...to find common ground and work side-by-side to make a difference? The Food Fight is a cause everyone can rally behind. Let's join together, put on our hairnets, and pack meals for starving children.

WWW.2018FOODFIGHT.COM

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There's no need to cry about it but please remember **TAKEOVER (the Student Ministry)** will not be meeting this Sunday night— If you are in 6th through 12th grade, stop by The Spot upstairs in Room 229 before, during or after the service. Stop by and grab a Pop-Tart and say hi!



There is a critical shortage of whole blood in the DC metro area and New Hope would like to help. We are trying to gauge interest in doing a blood drive with Inova on Saturday, March 3, from approximately noon to 4 pm. If you are interested in participating, please visit bit.ly/inova-blood.



If You Consider New Hope Your Home, We Invite You To Get Involved and Become A Partner!

At New Hope Church, we don't have members, we have partners. We all make up the church, and we desire for you to become a partner in what God is doing in us as the church, and through us in the community.

We don't just add partners without them fully understanding the vision and direction of New Hope. To accomplish that, we offer a **class called Discovering Partnership** that outlines our core beliefs, the mission and vision for our church, and expectations of partners, as well as what partners can expect of New Hope. At the class, our hope is to give you a basic introduction to our church family. Since New Hope is made up of people from many different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe. The next class will be offered Sunday, February 11th from 12:45 - 2:45 pm. We'll even provide lunch and childcare. **Register today at bit.ly/dpcfeb2018.**

#MADENEW

We are excited to announce that our next **Baptism Celebration Weekend will be February 24th & 25th** during the services. Baptism is going public about your faith in Jesus and communicating to the world your heart-felt commitment to following Him. It's the next step after accepting Him. **If you have any questions, please email us at baptism@newhope.org.** We would love to talk with you about the process.

Adults, we will have meetings in the auditorium after each service this weekend where you can get more details and your questions answered.

If your child is interested in baptism or you have questions about their faith commitment, please come to an information meeting after the 5:30 pm service and 11:00 am services, upstairs in the Remix Large Room.



PARTNERSHIP RENEWAL- 2018

Recently, we sent emails to all of the 2017 Partners with a link to renew Partnership for 2018. If you did not receive the email, and you were a partner in 2017, please go online to bit.ly/2018partnerrenewal and renew today. If you have taken the Discovering Partnership Class at New Hope in the past and have been baptized, but never signed your Partnership Agreement to officially become a partner, please go to bit.ly/2018partnership. Once you submit your form, we will confirm you as a Partner of New Hope Church. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER

OF THE WEEK

Our volunteers are the very best! There's no way we could keep New Hope running without the help of these special people. This week, we'd like to thank **Renu Kola**. Renu serves with the preschoolers in Sprouts. Thanks for serving, Renu! You are making a difference! **Be sure to read through the Volunteer booklet in the program to see how you can make a difference like Renu.**

Women's Breakfast

Creating a Space for Love • Saturday, February 10th – 8:30-10 am

Childcare for registered attendees only is available on a limited basis. Register early to get a spot!



Renee Woolfolk

Taking place at New Hope Church. The cost is only \$5. Register in the lobby after the service or online at

bit.ly/womensbfast. All women 18 years old and older are welcome to attend! Please invite a friend. Our speaker is Renee Woolfolk.

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