

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The Hive
Message: We Belong Together
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: May 12/13, 2018

The following are passages that remind us of God's requirement for all of His followers to be connected and to love each other as family. Imagine the impact to a watching world if we all take these commands and instructions to heart!

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! ¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-18 (NLT)

³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil

behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (NLT)

¹ Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:1-5 (NLT)

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

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MESSAGE NOTES



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Why are we doing a series like this?

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

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)

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

Proverbs 6:6 (NIV)

Bees have a unique ability to benefit the whole world: honey production.

We have a unique ability and responsibility also: leading people to Jesus.

¹⁴ You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

Like honey bees, we will only be successful if we choose to work together.

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

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Bees are pretty amazing creatures. And they're certainly industrious or they wouldn't have earned their 'busy' nickname. If you spend a little time learning about them, you'll notice that each plays a very significant role in their colony. The survivability of the group depends on each member dedicating their life to the role they were created to fulfill. The same is true for us. There is a lot we can learn from how these little creatures live that can help us focus on what's important and live up to our full potential.

This Weekend - We Beelong Together

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 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!**

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. Did you know that we have specific sites for both our **Children and Student Ministries** where you can find resources and tools to assist your child? **Check out nhckidstime.com for preschool through 5th grade and nhctakeover.com for students in 6th grade through 12th grade.**
2. Life can be tough, but you don't have to go through it alone. We want to remind you of two ministries that can help you as you navigate the tough times: For those 18 years old and older, we have **Celebrate Recovery (CR)**. CR meets Friday nights at 7 pm. You can reach out to CR at celebraterecovery@newhope.org. For students in middle and high school, we have **The Landing**. The Landing meets every Tuesday night at 7 pm. You can reach The Landing at info@thingscansuck.com.
3. **Did you just get back from college?** If so, check out Lifebound; the young adult group for those who recently graduated high school up through your 20's. We meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 at New Hope Church.
4. **Prayer changes lives, strengthens the weak, and touches the very heart of God.** We have a wonderful ministry of prayer warriors that are here to pray with you. If you need prayer for anything, we are here for you. **Simply send an email to prayerteam@newhope.org** and your prayer will be delivered via e-mail to the members of the Prayer Team and kept confidential.
5. **Takeover, the Student Ministry for students in 6th through 12th grade, will NOT meet this Sunday, May 13th.** Take this time to love your mother. **For more information, please visit nhctakeover.com.**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

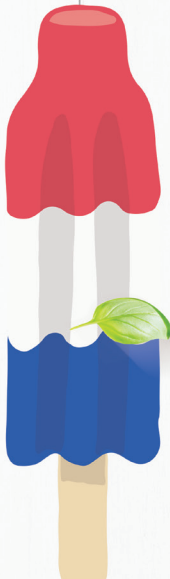
Regardless of where you're at in
Motherhood, (moms, expecting moms,
stepmoms, aunts, sisters, grandmas, and
aspiring moms) we honor every lady.

God bless you!

New Young Couples Group



New Young Couples Group led by Tim and Jessica Woodcock is looking for a couple or two to join our small group in Lake Ridge. We meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. We currently have 11 kids aged 2-12 who hang in our basement. More kids are welcome, but please know that it may get noisy and we may be interrupted at times. We are in the middle of a study called, Community. We start telling our personal stories this week, Tuesday, May 15th, so it's a great time to jump in! Contact Jessica for more details at Jessica.Woodcock@newhope.org.



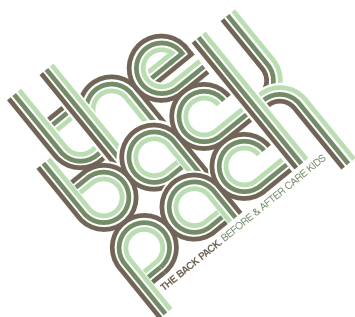
Ice Cream Fundraiser

Proceeds to support outreach projects in Nicaragua

NEW HOPE CHURCH

SUNDAY

MAY 20th
after the
11 am service



Do you have a child at any of the South County School Pyramid elementary schools (Halley, Laurel Hill, Lorton Station, Newington Forest, Silverbrook, and Sangster) and are in need of before or after school care? If so, why not check out our Back Pack program right here at church? We invest in the hearts and

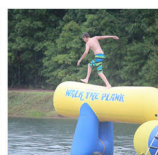
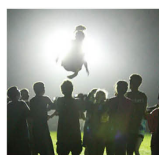
minds of young children through fun and rewarding activities to help them grow and mature so they may be better prepared for full and rewarding lives. Check out thebackpackonline.com or pick up a brochure at Guest Services. Registration for the 2018/19 school year is open now.

BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS



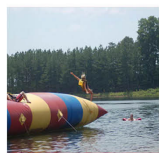
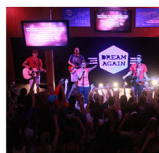
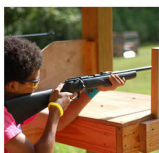
Whether you're a new follower of Jesus or someone who's been growing in their faith for a while, this might be the perfect time for you to take this very important step. Baptisms will be celebrated during all three services the weekend of June 16th & 17th.

Please plan to attend an orientation meeting immediately following one of our services the weekend of May 19th & 20th. Adults will meet in the auditorium and those under 18 will meet in the large room upstairs. If you have any further questions or cannot make one of the meetings, please email us at baptism@newhope.org



TAKEOVER

Summer camp for rising 6th graders through graduated 12th graders. Join us June 24-29 at Watermarks in Scottsville, Virginia. Register at bit.ly/2018watermarks.



The Adoption & Foster Care Connect Group

will meet Saturdays during the 5:30 service for four weeks. Meeting dates: May 12, 19, we'll take off for Memorial Day weekend, June 2, and 9. You are invited to join us if you are a potential, waiting or current foster or adoptive parent. If you've thought about adoption or foster care, come join us to explore if God is leading you and your family to foster or adopt! Email karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org to sign up or with any questions.

YUP- EVEN THIS BIKE!

YOUR USED BICYCLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN NICARAGUA



New Hope Church and the Silo Center, in partnership with Nica Bikes, are collecting bikes of any size and any condition. **Collection weekend is June 9th and 10th.** The bikes are shipped to Nicaragua where young Nicaraguans are trained in repairing and selling the bikes as a small business. The bike shop profits have also helped fund the orphanage and a thriving church in the community.

NicaWorks has been doing evangelism and discipleship in Nicaragua since 2004. What began as a small bike shop at the Casa Bernabe orphanage has grown into a large enterprise touching many parts of this extremely poor nation. Get the full story at nicabikes.com





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



THANK YOU NEW HOPE CHURCH
3,034,584 Meals • 8,313 Kids Fed



WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

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 Kaci Williams.** Kaci serves on our Children's Ministry Check-in Team to assure everyone is welcomed, checked in and safe. Thanks Kaci for being awesome and setting an example for all of us to serve!

There are many opportunities to serve at New Hope. **We NEED you! If you ready to serve, please email Carol Ann and let her know at carolann.gregoire@newhope.org.**

Do you know about the Holland Connect group? No, we're not a tour group. **We're the special needs children, students and adults of New Hope Church and their families.** Many in the special needs world are aware of a story written nearly 30 years ago about travelers expecting a vacation in Italy who end up in Holland instead. It's an unexpected jolt, but not without its own beauty and quiet victories.

We invite families touched by special needs to join us for lunch May 20th, after church in the Game Room upstairs. We'll get a chance to talk with senior staff and to discuss together about how New Hope can impact the lives of its special needs people. Our families will eat together (no childcare) but we will have toys to occupy them. Please RSVP by email to hollandconnect@newhope.org, so we can prepare enough food. Let us know of any dietary restrictions. We're looking forward to meeting you!

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