

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO NEW HOPE CHURCH'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings and Happy New Year!

As we close the chapter on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for all the challenges we have overcome and the countless blessings we have experienced at New Hope Church. We have only been able to walk this journey because of Jesus' grace, strength, and love. Your prayers and love have strengthened and comforted us throughout the last year. We are excited to share the incredible ways God has provided this year.

Community Partnerships and Outreach

This year we formed a new partnership with the YMCA. This first enabled us to host free soccer clinics last Spring for kids in the community. The program was a resounding success and paved the way for another exciting collaboration with the non-profit RISSE, Inc; through their Gun & Violence Prevention program, we launched *Youth Skills Clinics* aimed at creating safe spaces for kids to grow while steering them away from violence. The Clinics offer workshops in STEM, construction, painting, and cooking. During the workshops, kids share about their week while their parents receive access to additional services and resources. Seeing the joy on their faces and hearing their excitement as they complete projects reminds us of why this work is so important. Even more rewarding are the moments when kids open up about their struggles and ask for prayer since they know they are loved and cared for.



**Building God's People One at a Time.
With His Love, With His Word, In Our Actions.**

Food Pantry Ministry

Through God's Provision, our food pantry has grown significantly. We are now serving 85 families one day a week. This totaled to the incredible number of 8,871 household distributions in 2024. This is truly a testament to God's faithfulness and the generosity of His people.



- *Over 170 backpacks filled with supplies were given to kids*
- *Over 100 kids were provided with Christmas toys*
- *60 different families received Thanksgiving baskets*
- *19 people regularly attended the free ESL classes*

IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt 5:16)

When God placed it on our hearts to serve the community, we had no idea the depth of the impact we would witness. We simply moved in obedience and trusted His leading.

Today, we are seeing a transformation — not just in individuals, but in the entire community. Neighbors now see the church as a body of people who genuinely care instead of just another building in their midst. As we meet practical needs, God’s Spirit is softening hearts and drawing people closer to Him. You, our friends and supporters, are a vital part of this work. Together we are living out our mission to “Build God’s People One at a Time.” Thank you for your prayers, love, and partnership.

Blessings,
Pastor Bea



Wilkin's Story: A Testimony of Hope

One of the most inspiring moments this year was Wilkin’s journey. He joined our English classes, which ended in May, but then approached us for help preparing for his citizenship exam. With the dedicated support of Bob and summer classes, Wilkin passed his exam in December and is now an official U.S. citizen! His story is a beautiful example of how stepping out in faith can transform lives.

FREE CAR WASH, WILKIN’S CITIZENSHIP & CHRISTMAS TOY GIVEAWAY



Bilingual Services

As we continue to minister to the new faces that come through the doors, we have needed to evolve our services to be bilingual so that every person is able to understand the message of Salvation. This even includes kids’ ministry volunteers using electronic translators, so their lessons are understood by all kids. What a beautiful sound that is when we worship in a multitude of languages and sing glory to His name.

Youth Group Update

Over the years our youth group held joint events with the Albany CRU High School youth group. This past Fall it was decided to merge both groups to form the NEW CRU youth group. The merger has enabled us to better walk alongside our teens as we disciple them and support their families. Not only has it improved teaching teens how to live out their faith, but it also enabled them to put their faith into action. This included showing the community love by doing a free car wash and doing multiple bottle drives to purchase food for the pantry.