



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 - Busy as a Bee

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. **Save the Date - HER Ministry is hosting our Fall Women's Retreat on October 5-6, 2018** at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. This is an overnight retreat. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us! Registration will open in September. Questions - email Karenna at Karenna.rowenhorst@newhope.org.
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. **Have you ever sat in a weekend service and heard a song you wanted to buy, but you didn't know the name of it or the artist's name?** Or maybe, you just want to get more familiar with the songs we sing. Well, we've fixed that for you. For Spotify users—we've created playlists just 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. Go to open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow 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. **"Parents of New Hope" is a Facebook group** where moms and dads can connect and share insights, ideas, and support. You'll hear from the New Hope staff about upcoming programs and topics that affect our babies to post-graduates. Visit facebook.com/nhclorton and click on "groups" to join.



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.



We have the privilege of partnering with God's work in the world by using our gifts and resources through the local church. Your generosity is changing lives. **If you would like to find out more about investing in the local church, please visit bit.ly/nhcgiving.** Take a moment and review the **April financial numbers** below:

APRIL FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING

BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)
\$192,700	\$210,976	\$27,276

2018 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING

BUDGET	ACTUAL	OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)
\$735,550	\$757,846	\$22,296

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 Jessica Rasmussen.** Jessica serves on our Children's Ministry Check-in Team and with our preschoolers in Sprouts. Thanks Jessica 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.

BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS



Please plan to attend an orientation meeting immediately following one of our services this weekend. 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

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