

We supply the effort and resolve.

The choice to grow is ours.

### Essential Qualities We All Need to Develop

- **Faith – Trust and obedience**
- **Moral excellence – Based on God's standard not the culture's**
- **Knowledge – Learning practical insights from God's word to guide our lives**
- **Self control – Ruling over our desires and passions**
- **Patient endurance – Hanging in there and not giving up**
- **Godliness – Living for God's honor above all else**
- **Brotherly affection – Devotion to other followers**
- **Love for everyone – Christ-like love to all**

**Progress proves my faith is real.**

*Go to [newhope.org](http://newhope.org) and click on messages to download this week's Take Home Sheet or stop by Guest Services to pick one up.*

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**  
ESV - English Standard Version  
NLT - New Living Translation

Be sure to check out the website at [newhope.org](http://newhope.org) to access additional resources, all of the message elements from this week, as well as prior messages.



Whether you are brand new to New Hope Church or you've been here for a long time, this is a place where you can meet people, get connected, and build authentic relationships with God and others. Check out the events in this program and on our website at [newhope.org](http://newhope.org) for a complete listing of the many different ways to get connected.

First time guest? We're so glad you're here! Stop by our Guest Services desk by the front doors. We'd love to meet you, answer your questions, give you a tour, and you can pick up your free gift with lots of church information.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK**

We can't do what we do each week at New Hope without the help of our amazing volunteers. This week we'd like to recognize Kevin Quinn. He's only been attending New Hope since 2014, yet serves on both the Greeter/Usher and Guest Services teams. Not only that, but he fills in every time there's a hole in the schedule. Thanks for going above and beyond, Kevin. It's obvious that you are 'all in' for New Hope and we appreciate you!

#### **TAKEOVER PARENT MEETING**

This Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, we're having a parent meeting during the Takeover small group time. Come hear about what's been going on in our student ministry, plus have a chance to ask any questions you'd like! Right after, at 7:30, we'll have a meeting for all parents and attendees of the Winter Bash. We will go over everything you need to know about what is upcoming!

#### **2015 BIBLE READING PLAN**

If you missed services last weekend, there are copies of the 2015 Bible Reading Plan available at Guest Services or online at [nhcbrp.com](http://nhcbrp.com). This is a great way to begin the healthy habit of reading the Bible each day. There are also valuable insights from some of our senior staff members to help guide you along the way. Our prayer is that no matter which approach you take this year, you will make spending time in God's Word a priority.

#### **ADOPTION CONNECTIONS GROUP**

At New Hope we are proud to have people touched by adoption by being an adoptee, adoptive parents, waiting adoptive parents, or foster parents. Our goal is to support and encourage one another as we navigate life. Please join us for our second meeting and lunch on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 in the Large Meeting Room upstairs (Remix Area). Donations of \$5 per person or \$20 per family will cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP to Karena by Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at [karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org](mailto:karena.rowenhorst@newhope.org)



Registration for the Silo Center Preschool 2015/2016 school year opens to the public on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 am! If you're a New Hope member or frequent attender, and would like to register your 2 ½—5 year old child for the upcoming school year, please contact us January 7<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup> at [info@silocenterpreschool.com](mailto:info@silocenterpreschool.com) to request the link. For more details about our preschool, please visit [www.silocenterpreschool.com](http://www.silocenterpreschool.com). Thank you!



It's not too late to be a part of our We Are project! We have two goals in this project. Raising \$1.4 million to pay our non-mortgage debt, and having 500 pledges (families or individuals). This second number is important because it reflects an all-in effort church-wide. If you're still praying about your pledge, have questions or would like to make your pledge on-line, please visit [wearenhc.com](http://wearenhc.com).

Wondering where our students are? Well, there's a service just for you! If you're in 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade, we'd love for you to join us on Sunday nights from 6—8 pm (doors open at 5:30). We have games, worship, teaching, small groups, service projects, and more!

**TAKEOVER**

Come and check out the next message in our series: Booty. God. Booty.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Celebrate Recovery is for people who are dealing with all sorts of life-dominating hurts, habits and hang-ups. If that's you, or someone you know, we'd love to have you come and check us out. We're here every Friday evening at 7:00. Email [celebraterecovery@newhope.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@newhope.org) with questions or if you'd like more information. Childcare is provided for kids 2—10 years old.

**Please stop by Guest Services and pick up our new brochure.**

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Most of us start each year in the same way. We vow to do things differently and make this year better than the last. We resolve to change, really change, and we start strong with the best of intentions. But, inevitably we fall short, settling back into old ways and habits for another year. We need to reframe the way we think about how we can really change...and it starts this year!

**Series: New Rules of Resolution**

**Message: Perfection vs. Progression**

**Speaker: Rusty Coram**

Those who are truly “Christian” are devoted to the life-long pursuit of becoming more and more like Jesus.

*<sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. <sup>5</sup> In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. <sup>8</sup> The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. <sup>10</sup> So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. <sup>11</sup> Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:3-11 (NLT)

**God supplies the power and promises to support our spiritual growth and maturity.**