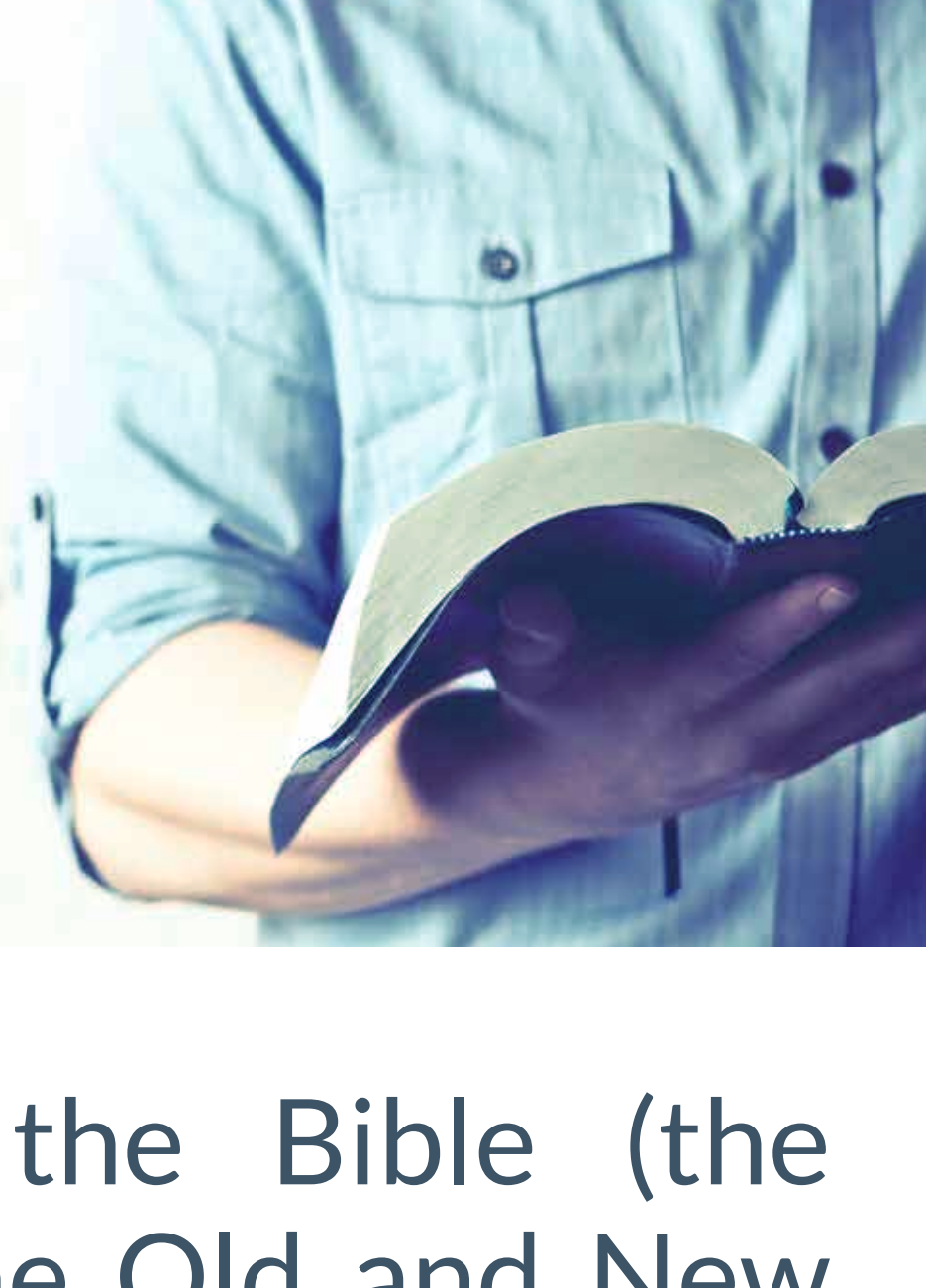


# WELCOME

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

NEW HOPE'S STATEMENT  
OF FAITH



**WE BELIEVE** that the Bible (the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments) is God's infallible written Word. It stands as the sole basis of our beliefs. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally, and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

**WE BELIEVE** there is one true God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity (Luke 3:22; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ was, and remains, both fully God and fully man (John 1:14; Col 2:9-10; Acts 1:11). He eternally existed as God (John 14:9; Phil 2:6), then He was born of a virgin (Matt. 1:18-23) and lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15); He was crucified, died as a penalty for our sins (Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18), and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day (Luke 24:36-43; 1 Cor. 15:3-8). Later, He ascended to the Father's right hand where He is the head of the church (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22) and intercedes for believers (Heb. 7:25). We believe Jesus Christ is personally, bodily, and visibly coming to earth again (Acts 1:11; 1 Thes 4:16).

**WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit. He indwells and gives spiritual life to each believer (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9), thus enabling them to live a Godly life (Eph. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:16, 22-23). He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, He intercedes for believers (Rom. 8:26), and He glorifies Christ (John 16:7-15).

**WE BELIEVE** that man was created by God without sin (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7) and that by one man's disobedience to God (Gen. 3:1-24), every person incurred spiritual death (Rom. 5:12), which is separation from God, and physical death as a consequence; and that all people are sinners by nature and practice (Rom. 3:23). As a result, every man is in need of salvation from God (1 John 5:11-12).

**WE BELIEVE** that salvation is a work of God's free grace and is not the result of human works, baptism, church membership or man's effort (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7). Only those who put their faith in Christ for the payment of their sins are forgiven and therefore in right relationship with God (Rom. 3:21-26; 5:1-2, 9).

**WE BELIEVE** that at physical death, those who are in right relationship with God enter immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord (Luke 16:19-31). Because of this, we have the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7). At physical death those who have rejected God's forgiveness in His Son enter immediately into eternal, conscious separation from God and face everlasting judgment and condemnation (Rev. 20:11-15). We also believe in the personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ to the earth to carry out the plan of God (Acts 1:11; 1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 19:11-20:6).

**WE BELIEVE** in the one true Church (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13). God admonishes His people to make disciples of all the nations (Matt. 28:18-20), and also to assemble together regularly for worship, for edification, and for mutual encouragement (Heb. 10:24-25; Col. 3:16).

**WE BELIEVE** that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 12:2). We believe that this is accomplished in part by submitting to the lordship of Christ (Eph 1:22; Col. 1:17-18), yielding to the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18; Rom 8:12-13), and studying and obeying the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15; John 14:21).



# AM I REALLY SAVED?

HOW DO I KNOW FOR SURE THAT I'M ETERNALLY SAVED



## BEFORE READING THIS SECTION, FIRST ANSWER THREE STRAIGHT-FORWARD QUESTIONS:

1. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
2. Do you believe that He died on the cross for your sins and for your salvation?
3. Is it your desire to follow Him all the days of your life?

These questions distinguish between what the Bible calls a Believer and a non-Believer. Yet many times, even 'believers' have insecurity about their eternal destiny. They ask questions like, "Am I really a Christian? Are my sins really forgiven? When I die, will God let me into Heaven?" Having doubts doesn't mean you're not saved; everyone experiences doubts at some point.

## YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE ETERNALLY SAVED! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WONDER.

John addresses these very issues in the first century when he wrote:

**"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13**

### WHO IS GOD WILLING TO SAVE?

**"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God..." 1 John 5:1**

Compare that verse with John 3:16:

**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

In both verses, the same word that comes before "believe" is "whoever". Does this exclude anyone? Who is God willing to save? Does that include you?

### HOW IS A PERSON SAVED?

Being saved does require an action on your part. The word is repeated in both verses above. What action must the "whoever" take? They must believe **"that Jesus is the Christ"** (meaning Savior).

The word believe doesn't mean this is just an intellectual agreement. It's not saying, "Yes, I believe that's probably the case." At that level, all of us "believe" many things. But to 'believe' in the Biblical sense goes far deeper. When the Bible says, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved,"** the word 'believe' means to have trust in, to commit to, or cleave to Jesus as Savior. You must trust fully in and commit your life to this truth.

### BY WHAT ARE WE SAVED?

It is the GRACE of God through our faith in Christ alone that saves us (Ephesians 2:8). Meaning, we cannot save ourselves. You cannot save yourself by "being good enough." Understand, God does not weigh our good works against our bad works and then decide whether or not to let us in. Many people are counting on their good works to tip the scales in their favor. In that case, they don't have salvation; they are counting on their own works! They are not believing in Jesus, they are believing in themselves. The Bible says you are dead in your sins if you don't receive Jesus. A list of good works won't balance the scales because you aren't saved by good works, but by the Grace of God.

Faith in Jesus and your perception of the Holy Spirit living in you can still seem quite subjective. That is why John points to how a person lives as the tangible evidence of truly being saved. The true children of God show their identity by pursuing a pattern of turning away from sin and towards a life of righteousness (1 John 3:4-10).

## ASK YOURSELF THESE FINAL QUESTIONS:

**Am I further along in my walk with God than I was a year ago?**

**Do I find myself troubled by sinful things that previously didn't bother me?**

As we see this type of sensitivity occurring in your life, your assurance that you truly are saved grows. It is the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in you. Understand that a life spent following Jesus isn't about one moment... it's about a condition of the heart.

## A NEW NATURE

If you have been born of God you have been given a new nature. And that comes with new desires. So you do not "keep on sinning," as John writes, because you have new desires. This is how God changes us: by giving us a new heart. You no longer love the things that offend God [immorality] like you used to. You do not avoid them because of threats from God, but because these things start to make you sick. Your life in Jesus is not revealed by never sinning again, but by what you do when you do sin. Salvation means a new direction for your life on earth and for eternity.

**If you have been able to answer 'yes' to all of the self-examination questions, circle this date on the calendar! Point to it whenever you have doubts in the future about whether you are eternally saved.**





# BIBLE VERSES

## ANSWERED PRAYER

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:24

## REST IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

## ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I John 5:11-12

## FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

## ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

## STRENGTH & STAMINA

Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk & not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

## THE WORD OF GOD

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

## CHRIST LIVES IN ME

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

## VICTORY OVER ANXIETY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

## OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 14:21

## VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. I Corinthians 10:13

## SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

## GOD'S LOVE REVEALED

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

## MAN IS SINFUL

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

## WE MUST RECEIVE CHRIST

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

## SIN HAS A PENALTY

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

## CALL ON THE LORD TO BE SAVED

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

## CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

## PRAYER AS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments & every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, & we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

## COMFORT IN SORROW

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18

## GOD OF HOPE

## JOY & PEACE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

## ANSWERED PRAYER

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:24

## GOD'S KINDNESS & LOVE

But when the kindness & love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Titus 3:4-6



# RESOURCES



New Hope provides full access to a large **streaming library** of Bible studies for men, women, youth, marriage, and family, leadership, children's shows, history, missions & outreach, and so much more.

**RightNow Media** is an excellent online resource for small groups, personal or family devotions, and animated shows for children like VeggieTales & Adventures in Odyssey.

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# Meet Our Team

# NH MINISTRY LEADERS



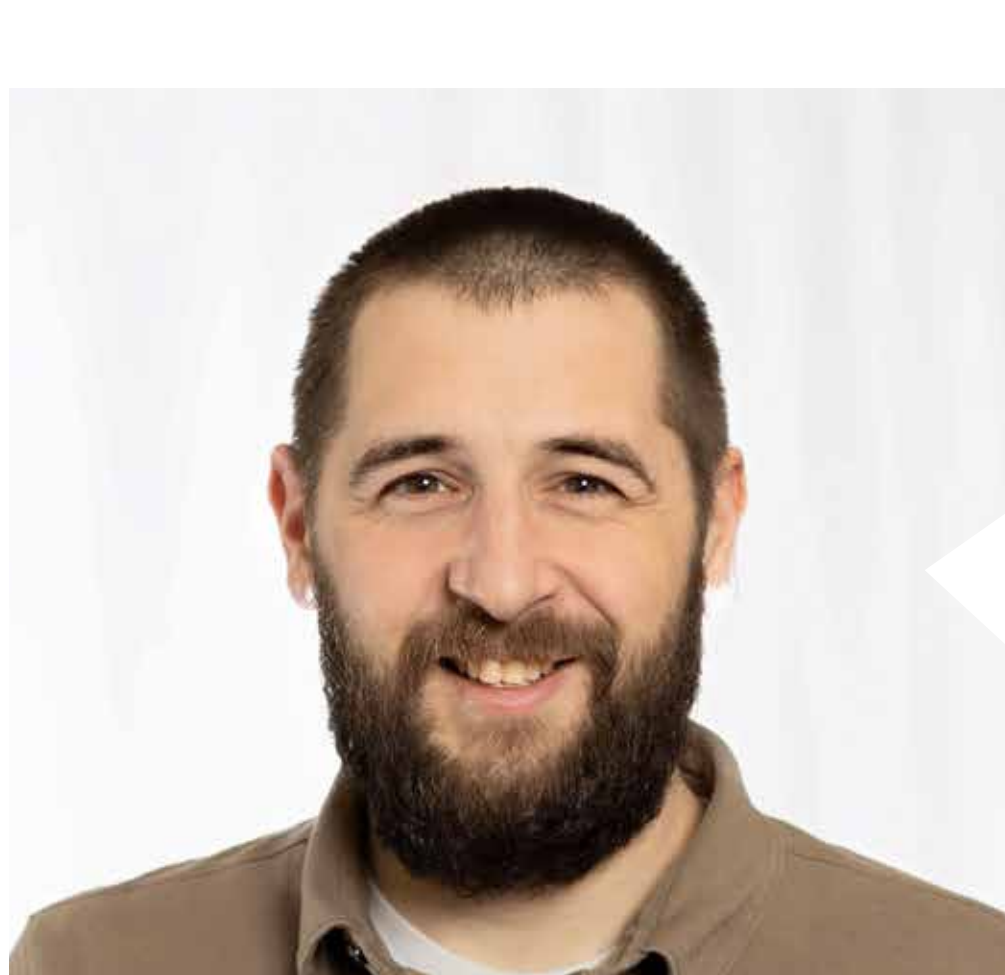
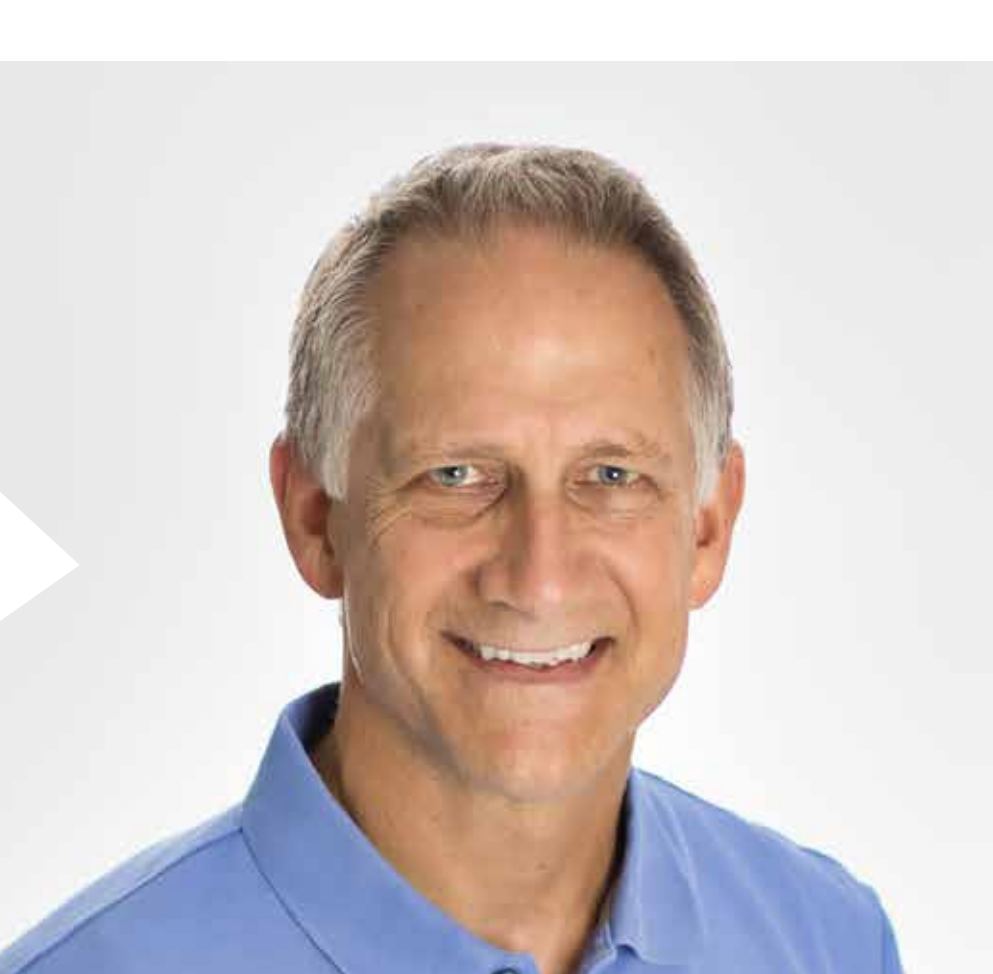
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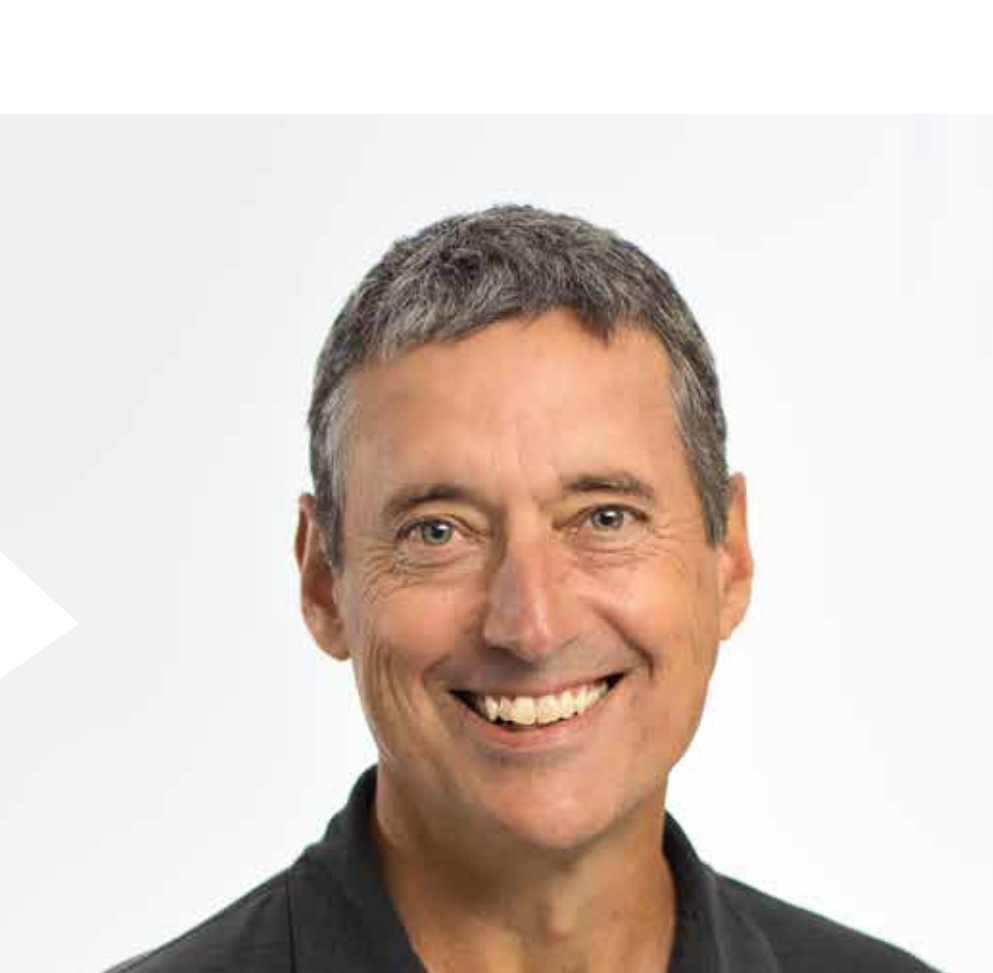
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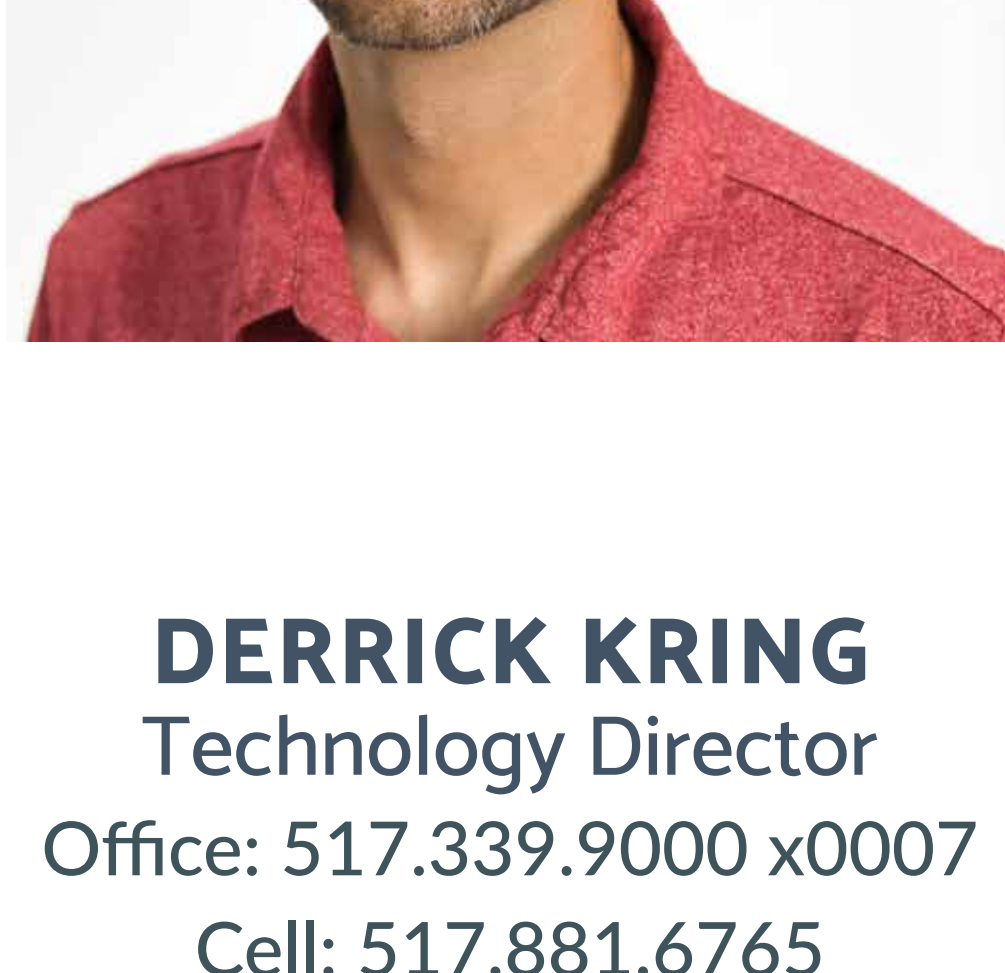


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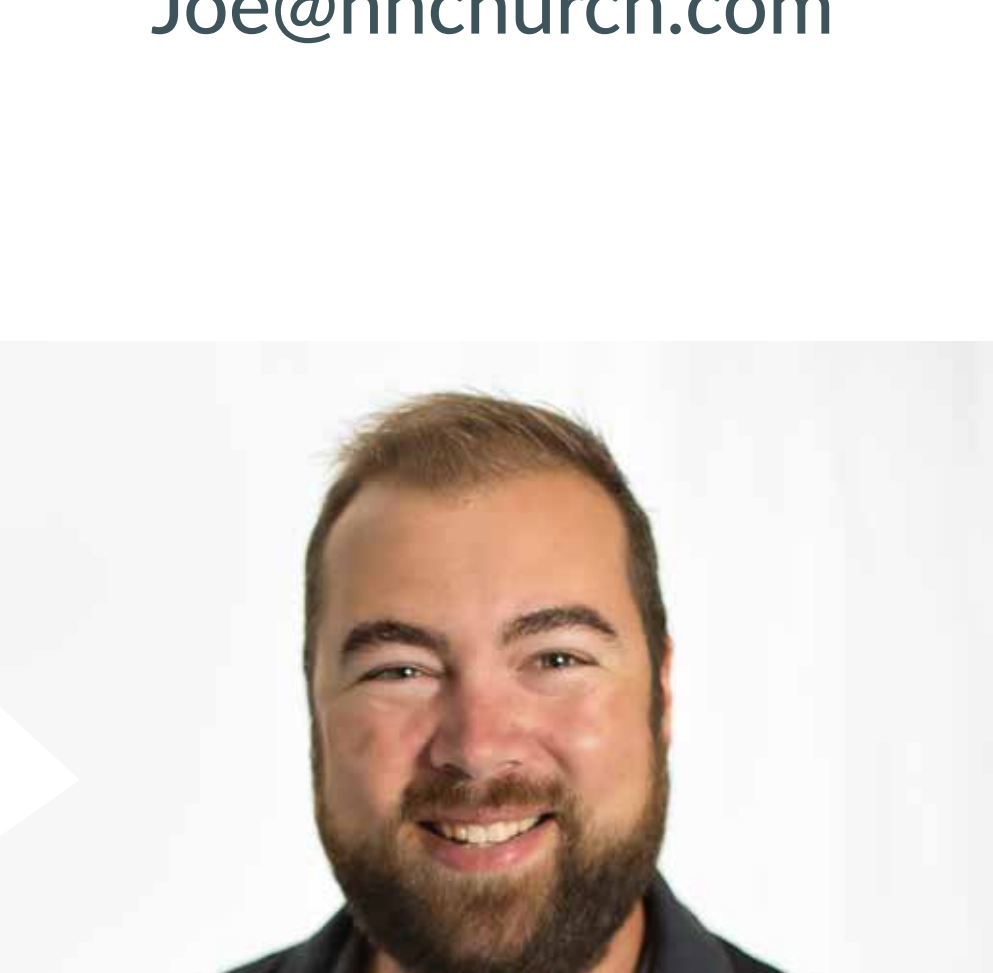
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# Meet Our Team ELDERS



**MARK KRING**

Through God's clear leading, Mark and his wife, Lorelee, launched New Hope in 2007. Mark serves as Senior Pastor and one of the Elders. Mark and Lorelee met in Bible College (Cornerstone University) and were married 3 years later. They are parents of 4 adult children. When not working on church responsibilities, you will often find them engaged in a variety of outdoor activities.



**GARY POST**

Gary has been a pastor at New Hope since 2010. Gary came to faith in Christ as a teen, and he's been married to Jeanne for over 49 years. Gary's background includes a career with the Michigan State Police, experience in the corporate world, and work as Executive Pastor at a large church. Gary and Jeanne have 3 adult children and 4 grandsons. They enjoy traveling and spending time with family at their cottage in northern Michigan.



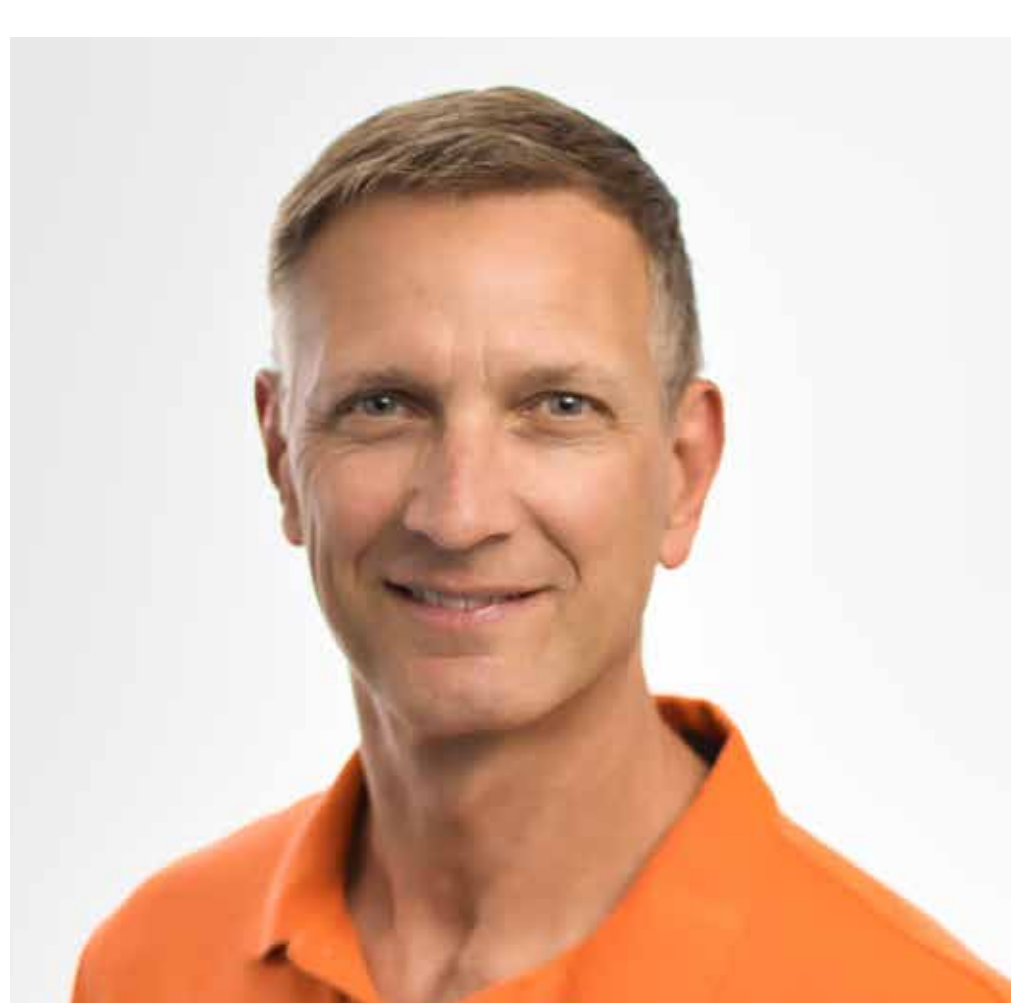
**MIKE BRISTOR**

Mike and his wife, Amy, have been active members of New Hope from its beginning in 2007. Mike works as a Project Manager for a large utility company. Amy works as a Senior Investment Accountant for a large insurance company. With all of the changes in this world we are thankful that God's word is true and never changing. He is my refuge and my fortress my God, In whom I trust, Psalm 91:2.



**DR JOE BUSTAMANTE**

Joe and his wife, Sue, joined New Hope in 2008. Joe has been an elder since 2012. Joe and Sue have been married since 1983 and have 2 adult, born again children, Joe IV and Isabel. Joe practiced Emergency Medicine for 26 years and now serves as Chief Medical Officer for Memorial Healthcare in Owosso. They enjoy spending time with their children and cheering on MSU.



**DR RANDY RIEMER**

Randy and his wife, Cheri, have been an active part of the New Hope community since its beginning in 2007. They've been married since 1994 and have one very special child, Cameron, or "CJ", born in 2004. They have been a part of the Haslett community since 1994. Randy is an optometrist and has been practicing in Portland since 1990. He was raised in a Christian family and became a born-again Christ follower as a child.





# Meet Our Team

## STRATEGIC COUNCIL

The Strategic Council at New Hope provides oversight of church finances. The team works in collaboration with the New Hope Elders and Staff making informed recommendations for the annual budget and providing general oversight for facility improvement projects.



**DAVE ARMSTRONG**

attended New Hope since 2014.

Dave and his wife, Debbie, have been married 33 years and have one daughter, Lindsey. She and her husband, Zach, reside in the metro Detroit area. Dave has been employed by GreenStone Farm Credit Services for over 38 years. He and Debbie have at-



**KYLE DENNY**

playing games of any kind.

Kyle has been on staff with New Hope since 2017. A CPA by trade, he serves as New Hope's Director of Finance, as well as Youth Pastor. He and his wife Chelsea have been married since 2013 and have two sons: Zeke and Finn. He enjoys running, reading, and



**KEITH GRANGER**

Services. In his free time, Keith enjoys spending time with his family.

Keith and his wife, Lisa, have played an active role at New Hope since it began in 2007. Keith and Lisa have been married for 30 years and have three children, Jessica, Lydia, and Preston. Keith is president and chief executive officer at his family business, Granger Waste



**GARY POST**

Executive Pastor at a large church. Gary and Jeanne have 3 adult children and 4 grandsons. They enjoy traveling and spending time with family at their cottage in northern Michigan.

Gary is an Elder and has been a pastor at New Hope since 2010. Gary came to faith in Christ as a teen, and he's been married to Jeanne for over 48 years. Gary's background includes a career with the Michigan State Police, experience in the corporate world, and work as Ex-



**JEANNE POST**

enjoy spending time with their three children and their four grandsons, spending time away together in northern Michigan and traveling together.

Jeanne worked in church finance for more than 20 years. She served as New Hope's Director of Finance since it began in 2007 until she retired in 2017. She came to faith in Christ during her teen years and has been married to Gary for over 48 years. She and Gary



**DR RANDY RIEMER**

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# ABOUT US

**You can learn a lot about a person by their story. To know about NH is to know our story.**

When we launched with just a handful of people in 2007, we embraced a specific mission to make the Bible clear, understandable and approachable, yet applicable to every aspect of life. We identified our core values with four simple words—learning, loving, worship and prayer. These values shaped our ‘biblical community’ at the start, and they continue to shape us today. As a result, God has grown a church family that is dedicated to loving each other well, worshipping Him more fully, praying with belief that He cares, and learning more about the One who has redeemed us at a great price.

People recognize the unmistakable hand of God’s work at NH. When individuals begin to understand His plan and purpose for their lives, the transformation that takes place is nearly indescribable. Knowing the God of the Universe, personally walking with Him through a relationship with Jesus, and experiencing all He has in store for you is an experience unlike any other.... That’s what New Hope is about. Jesus established the church so that we would grow together, serve each other well and discover all that He is doing in us and through us.



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