Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



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NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Galatians Message Series

Sundays, February 6–April 3. Galatians reminds us of the truth, power and relevance of the gospel. It illustrates how all believers can live in the grace, freedom and heavenly identity it provides. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/messages.

Parent/Child Dedication Class

Sunday, January 30, 5pm, Zoom. Required for parents to participate in dedication. Learn about dedication from a biblical perspective. Dedication Sunday: February 13. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/families.

Young Adults Night of Worship

Friday, February 4, 7–8:30pm, Ministry Center and livestream via Instagram. A place to be yourself, be in the presence of God and connect with others who want to do the same. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/youngadults.

GriefShare Care Group

Tuesdays, February 1–April 26, 7–8:30pm, Student Center. If you've lost a loved one, you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Access valuable resources and receive support. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/caregroups.

One Blood Book Study

Sundays, February 6–27, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. *One Blood* by John Perkins is an opportunity for us to walk the path to oneness. Join the discussion! Cost: \$10/book (available at the lobby table). Visit newhopechurchmn.org.

IF:Gathering Women's Conference

March 4 & 5, Ministry Center. A two-day simulcast event where women all over the world gather together, get equipped and discover the next step in their calling—to go and make disciples. For all women (middle school on up). Register by February 24 at newhopechurchmn.org/women.

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HOLINESS Hebrews 13:4

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1. In today's world, marriage has come to mean many things to people. What is your understanding of marriage and why? How might that stand apart from or square with today's common attitudes?

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- 2. Read Hebrews 13:1–6. One of the controlling themes of these verses is robust love for other people. How could this robust love influence marital and sexual well-being (see Ephesians 5:21–33, Colossians 3:12–19 and 1 John 4:7–12)?
- 3. A covenant marriage between a man and a woman with sexual fulfillment exclusive to this design (thus, "one flesh") is one of the first human endeavors we see in the Bible (see Genesis 2:21–25). However, this is not merely an ancient idea. Matthew 19:3–9 finds Jesus weighing in on this too. After reading those verses, explain what Jesus is saying and why His words still matter today? How do His words shape our marital and sexual ethic as human beings?
- 4. Hebrews 13:4 tells us that the marriage bed is to be pure or undefiled. With Proverbs 4:23 as a starting point, how might one keep the marriage bed pure and holy (symbolic language for sex and marriage)? Be as practical and realistic as possible.
- 5. Read Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13–16 and 1 Corinthians 11:11–12. What wisdom do these verses offer in light of today's broader conversations about gender and gender-identity?

ACTION

- 6. As a follower of Jesus, how do you counsel others on marital and sexual well-being? What Bible passage would you use to encourage them toward God's best for them?
- 7. Despite a desire for marital and/or sexual wholeness, many of us are marked instead by shame, fear and regret. Carefully read through Romans 8:1, 1 John 1:9 and Joel 2:25. How do these promises from God's Word help you with such burdens? What do you need to confess or lament today? Be sure to claim the promise of Romans 10:13 which says, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

If you find yourself wanting help regarding marital or sexual wholeness, do not hesitate to reach out to one of the ministry leaders at New Hope Church. We are here to help you experience God's best. Reach out today at **newhopechurchmn.org/care**.