

NEW HOPE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

“Six young people on their own and struggling to survive in the real world, find the companionship, comfort and support they get from each other to be the perfect antidote to the pressures of life...” What you just read is a summary of the highly popular television series “Friends!” that ended a few years ago. Although I never watched the show, I am certain that its episodes covered the wide spectrum of human relational needs. It could almost read like a Scripture verse. (Of course it isn’t), however, God says, “It is not good for man to be alone,” and His reference shouldn’t be limited to the marriage relationship. Jesus said in His great prayer of John 17, “Let them be ONE as you and I, Father are ONE! The Trinity in eternal community created man in their image so we could experience the same oneness in our relationships. Yet many times when we think of friendship, we think of children or teenagers. So much of our time in these years is spent with friends, but as we get older we have a tendency to slip into isolation. I will never forget the first time I heard Andy Stanley say, “The Christian life is personal, but it is not private!” We were created for relationship with God and others for our entire life...Love, Serve, Honor, Accept, Forgive...ONE ANOTHER (just to name a few) ALL GLORY TO HIM! This is one of my prayers through our Small Groups. We need to experience genuine friendship that can impact our and other’s lives for Christ. According to Proverbs 18, it begins with us, *“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”*

Join a Group - Make a Friend - Experience Community

With Great Expectations,

Lance

How To Use The G.R.A.C.E. Group Catalog

1. Look for a group that interests you or use the Index By Days section in the back to determine the groups that meet at times when you are available.
2. Call the Small Group Leader to notify the group leader of your interest and to find out more information about the group.
3. Still need some help? Contact us at 412-384-5599 or nhopeag@yahoo.com for more assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions.....

What is a small group?

An opportunity for people to connect regularly as they journey through life together. Spiritual, emotional, and relational growth takes place as everyone shares in the everyday experiences of life.

Who leads the groups?

A trained leader facilitates and encourages group conversation.

What is the commitment to a group?

When you select a group, you will be asked to make a commitment to attend your group's meetings and to contribute in your group's discussion and activities. No term limit is required, but we believe that spiritual, emotional, and relational growth with a group takes time.

Can I change groups if I want to?

Absolutely. Approach your group leader and they can make a recommendation or you can wait until the next semester.

“Growing Relationships And Connecting Everyone”

“To connect individuals in groups for the purpose of growing healthy relationships with God and others. As we care for one another and share the love of Christ we fulfill God’s command to make disciples of all people.”

- New Hope’s Vision Statement

Characteristics of “G.R.A.C.E.” Groups:

1. They meet regularly (at least bi-weekly).
2. They have three or more people attending, including the leader.
3. They develop and identify an assistant leader.
4. Each group (care/connect) demonstrates one or more of the five purposes:

**GRACE * GROWTH * GIVING *
GOING * GLORIFY**

5. Unless specified, they welcome new people who are outside of the church.
6. They encourage group members to invite people who are outside of the church.
7. They complete their topic by the start of the next sign-up rally.

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ARTS & CRAFTS

King's Kids Crocheters

Anna Crosby (412-751-8808)

Would you like to help make people feel loved and warm? Then join us every Wednesday and 'spin a yarn.' If you can knit or crochet, we need you! We're making afghans for orphans, babies, and kids who have cancer. Help us share Christ's love to those who might not know any other love.

Childcare: Yes

Nursing Mother's Room

Wednesday @ 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Requirements: Supplies

BIBLE

Starting Point

Lance O'Brien (724-633-1032, 412-384-5599)

Starting Point is a small group conversational environment where you can explore faith and build relationships. During the week you will listen to audio sermons and walk through the Q & A in the conversation guide. On Wednesdays we will come together to discuss your questions and discover what the Bible has to say on these important issues. This Small Group is specifically designed for:

- Seekers - Those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible & Christianity.
- Starters - Those who are new to a relationship with Christ.
- Returners - Those who have some church experience but have been away for a while.

I am very excited about this opportunity and believe it will help anyone who participates to understand and follow God more clearly. Hope to see you there so we can grow together.

Childcare: Yes, if necessary

The Living Room

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Requirements: Journal and audio CD - \$15

INDEX OF ADULT GROUPS BY DAY

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Worship Team	Shane Holcomb	951-692-5571	19
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Men's Breakfast	Mike Jarvinen	412-884-3794	12
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BIBLE

Walking With God In The Desert

Tom Snyir (412-956-2941)

Are you going through a difficult period of life, the loss of a loved one, unemployment, a crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on Him that we find Him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision.

Childcare: yes

Sanctuary

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

Nursery

Teams on a rotation basis

Lil Lambs - Available for infants, birth to 18 months

The Zoo - Toddler nursery is located in our Kingdom Builders area and is for children ages 18 months - 2 years of age

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

The Nursing Mother's Room - For nursing mothers of infants only.

The sermon is available in this room.

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Kingdom Builders

Teams on a rotation basis

Check-in begins at 10:15 a.m.

Toddlers 18 months - ages 2 years meet in the Zoo

Pre-school ages 3 & 4 will meet in the Park

K - 2nd graders will begin in the Theater and rotate classrooms

3rd - 6th graders DO NOT CHECK-IN. They will remain in service for worship. Classes are held during the sermon in The Living Room

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

PICK UP IS IMMEDIATELY following the service using the entrance in the Cafe.

YOUTH

God's Girls (7th - 12th grade girls)

Debi Ogrosky (412-672-0720)

A time for girls to get to know Jesus at a deeper level. Also it's a time to learn about each other with fun, food, and fellowship.

Church/Debi Ogrosky's home

1st & 3rd Monday @ 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Requirements: 7th through 12th grade girls only

The E.d.G.e

Shane Holcomb (951-692-5571)

E.d.G.e. Youth Ministry is a high energy, power packed night of encountering God through worship, the Word, fellowship, and activities. We will focus on the issues that teens face on a real level.

Come expecting incredible things to happen.

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Requirements: 7th grade through 19 years old

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Married Life

Jason and Misty Franks (412-754-0709)

A time to enjoy your spouse while developing relationships with other couples in the same walk of life. Fun group dates/activities planned each month for fellowship. Perfect for both those starting off in marriage without kids (yet!) and for those married with younger kids at home.

Childcare: no

Various locations in area

3rd Saturday

CHILDREN

Kingdom Builders Wednesday Night

Heather Bach (412-403-3159)

There will be classes and nursery for all children from birth to 12 years of age

We will be doing an adapted version of the Rangers and Missionettes programs. The classes will include:

Infant Nursery/Lil Lambs

Birth to 24 months

Lil Critters/Boys & Girls

2 & 3 year olds

Rainbows/Boys & Girls

4 year olds

Rangers/Boys

K - 6th grade

Precious Gems - Girls

K - 3rd grade

Faithgirlz - Girls

4th - 6th grade

Wednesdays at 7 pm

FELLOWSHIP

Dinner for Eight

Pastor Lance & Jen (724-633-1032, 412-384-5599)

With so many new and existing families, this is an opportunity for us to fellowship with many people throughout the Small Group semester. A new location and group of people each month meet for a night of fun and relationship building. Sign up monthly. First come ~ First serve.

Childcare: no

Weekends

Local Restaurants - Home - Activity

Young at Heart

Dolly Schneider (412-384-6361)

Young at Hearts is a group of men and women ages 45 and up that is a circle of love who meet in the Sanctuary once a month.

Childcare: no

Sanctuary

2nd Friday of each month

Requirements: Ages 45 and up

WORSHIP

New Hope Worship

Shane Holcomb (951-692-5571)

New Hope Worship Ministry is comprised of the sound and media department, which includes the musicians and singers. Together we journey with the congregation to open our hearts and lives to the Lord. Anyone interested in joining the team can contact the church office.

Practice: Sunday @ 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Thursday @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN

Girls Gone Weird

Heather Bach (412-403-3159)

Debi Ogrosky (412-672-0720)

Normal people are stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted. Many of their relationships are strained and, in most cases, barely surviving. Even though we live in one of the most prosperous places on earth, normal is still living paycheck to paycheck and never getting ahead. In our over-sexed world lust, premarital sex, guilt, and shame are far more common than purity, virginity, and a healthy married sex life. When it comes to God, the majority believe in Him, but the teachings of scripture rarely make it into their everyday lives. Simply put, normal isn't working. Come and join us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship using the book Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working by Craig Groeschel.

Childcare: no

429 McKee Road, North Versailles

2nd & 4th Monday @ 8:00 p.m.

Requirement: Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working by Craig Groeschel

HOSPITALITY

Gateway Cafe'

John & Monica Carse (412-751-2152)

Café is a place for visitors and congregation to come and fellowship over coffee, juice, and donuts before and after service. It is also a place for first-time visitors to come after church and receive more information about New Hope. As a Café volunteer, it is a great opportunity to connect with new and current church members. A team of volunteers serve on a rotation - once every 8 weeks (excluding the month of December)

Sunday @ 9:50 - 10:20 a.m.

Reopens after second service until 12:30 p.m.

Greeter Ministry

Maryann Marks (412-384-4365)

Provides a friendly and warm atmosphere to everyone as they enter the building, distribute bulletins, escort newcomers to sanctuary, etc.

Greet one or two times a month. We need greeters for both services.

Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Usher Ministry

Help to create an atmosphere in which everyone can connect with God in worship. Assist in receiving the offering and serving communion.

Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

MEN

Guys Night Out

Dan Bach (412-403-3159)

Joel Hill (412-337-7625)

Time to kick back and relax! A monthly night out for men of all ages.

Childcare: No

Various locations

Monthly activities

Men's Breakfast

Mike Jarvinen (412-884-3794)

We will meet once a month for prayer time, Bible reading, and fellowship to build up our spiritual strength.

Various restaurants

Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m.

WOMEN

Generation Woman

Cathy Welty 412-384-9199)

To love God with all your mind is to know the truth, focus on only what is true, and live it. Join us as we embark on a new journey through the Scriptures.

Childcare: yes

Café

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Requirement: Loving God with All Your Mind by Elizabeth George

Girl Talk

mary dupler (724-929-6764, 412-384-5599)

For those of us who live in Pennsylvania, we know the term “high demand – short supply” If you don’t, wait until the first snow storm and go to Walmart! We never apply that to wisdom though. *James 1:5* “*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*”ESV This semester we will be exploring the Wisdom Books which are a source of deep truths that apply for every season. Ladies, take a couple hours out of your week to enjoy fellowship and fun with other ladies ~ all wrapped around the Word of God.

Childcare: no

108 Skyvue Drive, Elizabeth

Every other Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

RECREATION

Bedrock Rollers

Jim Martinelli (724-872-6748)

A time of fun and fellowship. A night to get out and enjoy a lot of great friends. We usually have 4 or 5 parties to celebrate holidays while we bowl. League begins in October.

Childcare: no

Brunswick 51 Lanes - Belle Vernon

Monday @ 7:00 p.m. (through March)

OUTREACH

Intersection Soup Kitchen

Travis Hall (412-605-2574)

Once a month a meal is prepared and served to the Soup Kitchen in McKeesport. Volunteers help to prepare, deliver, and serve meals to an average of 75-100 people each month.

Food preparation at church

Distribution at Intersection Soup Kitchen in McKeesport

Second Tuesday of each month @10:45 am

PRAYER

Pray-ers

Amy Hoffman (412-751-7152 work: 412-664-1969)

All women who are interested in prayer for our church, community of McKeesport and Elizabeth, the nation, leaders, Israel, Jerusalem, and the return of Jesus.

Childcare: no

Senior Care Plaza , 624 Lysle Blvd., McKeesport

First Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

RECOVERY

GriefShare

Darrell Hall (412-653-0816)

GriefShare is a ministry for those who have lost a loved one through death. “It is an emergency room for people critically wounded emotionally.” It will help you learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. This is a unique blending of Biblical instruction with practical guidance to help each person take steps forward toward healing.

Childcare: no

The Living Room

Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.

