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#### A LETTER FROM PASTOR TIM

Dear New Hoper,

When the pandemic hit our shores in early 2020, I met online with a group of pastors from around the country. Everyone was trying to estimate when we'd see a complete recovery in attendance in our churches. Some were saying 3 months. Others said 6 months. One was even suggesting we celebrate Easter 2020 in June because, "Surely, everything will be back to normal by June!" For the record, I was the only one who said it will be at least a year. Little did I know, I was over a year off with my prediction.

As I write this note, we're still awaiting the return of many to our in-person services. (We're at about 72% of pre-pandemic in-person attendance.)

However, giving has actually increased during this time period.

I cannot explain that other than to say: "God is still working in our people!" And because of your faithfulness in giving, we have been able to become even stronger in our mission of "Knowing Christ & Making Him Known."

Soon, the pandemic will be history. And we're still here. Praise God! And praise God that, because of your faithful giving, we've actually been able to advance and "take ground" during this time period. And now we're ready for the next season that God has for us post-pandemic.

Read on and be encouraged.

May God continue to bless us as we serve Him together in this church family.

Much love,

Pastor Tim Liston

## REVENUE

	Amount	% of Total
288 Campus	\$9,116,387	59.3%
Alvin Campus	\$1,588,018	10.3%
Friendswood Campus	\$3,013,033	19.6%
Webster Campus	\$892,159	5.8%
Scholarships	\$123,462	0.8%
Disaster Relief	\$183,706	1.2%
Missions Donations	\$136,397	0.9%
Other	\$320,451	2.1%
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$15,373,611	100%

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$2,283,236	14.9%
Operations	\$2,209,709	14.4%
Ministry & Missions	\$5,224,899	34.0%
Disaster Relief	\$195,758	1.3%
Long Term Debt		0.0%
Capital Projects	\$694,480	4.5%
Reserves/Future Growth	\$4,765,529	31.0%
Total	\$15,373,611	100%

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- Pastoral Care total volunteers: 300
- Prayer Partners: 153
- Daily Bread: 123
- Support Group Facilitators: 11
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreters: 2
- Personal Prayer Partners: 62
- Grocery Helpers: 18

Hospital Ministry volunteers on standby during pandemic

#### **BAPTISMS**

- 255 Total Baptisms in 2021
- 73 Baptisms happened at our new monthly Baptism Celebration
- 182 other baptisms (weekly)

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 135 Counseling referrals made to professional Christian counselors
- 134 Referrals to local social service organizations
- 81 New Hope families utilized in-house counseling

#### **FAMILIES HELPED IN 2021**

- Bless A Child: 1,090 children
- 337 New Hope children in 126 New Hope families
- 753 children from 6 local organizations/schools

Daily Bread met the needs of 50 families

Benevolence provided 132 needs met

Support Groups served 57 families through Grief-Share and DivorceCare

#### **PRAYER**

- 4,868 Prayer Requests in 2021
- Health Issues: 41%
- Relationships/Mental Health: 13%
- Finances/Job: 9%
- Death/Grief: 7%
- Salvation, rededication, or spiritual growth: 4%
- General, other (unspecified): 26%



On average, every prayer request shared on our Prayer Wall in 2021 was prayed for 17 times by a Prayevr Partner or fellow New Hoper and 4,868 prayers were shared on the Prayer Wall throughout the year.





2021 was a tough year for our LifeGroup ministry, but even in a Pandemic our LifeGroups were going strong and growing in community. Our group leaders made the best of the challenges, and continued to do life together.

We had groups feeding and clothing people in homeless missions, and groups reaching people for Jesus. Groups could be caught mentoring students in the area or cooking a meal for foreign exchange students- all to let people know who Christ is and to make him known!

Some of our ladies LifeGroups volunteered at the Crisis Pregnancy Center and delivered diapers, food and other necessities for their clients.

One Men's group served at the Crisis Pregnancy Center. They said, "I can't think of a better way to spend a Saturday morning. I'm blessed to serve with these men and call them brothers."

While wearing their Prayer Warrior Shirts, another LifeGroup served "Loads of Love" at a local laundry mat in Alvin. They had \$300.00 in quarters and we are going to pay for everyone's laundry until they run out of quarters, pray with them and give them New Hope Invite cards.

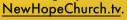
One LifeGroup adopted a group home for foster kids. 10 teenage girls received Easter Baskets loaded with makeup, jewelry, a journal, nail stuff and candy. Plus they delivered a meal including ham and a basket filled with books and adult coloring books.

And there were also, several LifeGroups who led their Ones to get baptized, and go public with their faith in Jesus!

LifeGroups at New Hope Church may be the smaller side of what we do, but they have a huge heart and a big impact. Their heart is to grow both, in Christ, and in Community because it's the heart of the Gospel. It's they keep meeting together and serving. As Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-36

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

We are very grateful for them. We have so many different types of LifeGroups for the different seasons of your life. I'd encourage you to check them out because life's better together. For more info go to our LifeGroups page at







ATTENDANCE: 659 Average Students (Record % of Total Church Attendance)

LIFEGROUPS: 322 Average Students (Record Number)

FOUNDATIONS: 61 Students (Record Number)

STUDENT TAKEOVER: 375 Students

CAMP: 531 Students (Record Number)

**"ONE" CENTERED EVENTS** 

Summer Kickoff: 432 Students in attendance

Christmas Party: 694 Students in attendance with 63 first timers



#### **NEW HOPE KIDS**

- 548 people volunteered throughout the year.
- 116 families participate in Baby Dedicated across all campuses.
- 33 students baptized in 2021.
- 1,357 First-Time kiddos visit our campuses throughout the year.
- We held our 2nd annual event Fall Delight where 152 volunteers served and 1,133 people attended.

Our Family Fun Week Celebration had 620 attendees.

New Hope Kids Camp had 109 campers & 59 leaders.









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