

New Hope Church, East Tawas, Michigan

Our Core Values

1. We Value People - *People matter to God:*

We believe people matter to God and therefore they matter to us. God demonstrated the high value He places on people when He gave His very best, His Son, to provide the gift of salvation. At New Hope, we believe it is our mandate to take the Good News to the world, find faith, grow through the teachings in Christ and equip ourselves as followers of Christ to make a difference in the world. (*John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Luke 15:10, 1 John 4:9-11, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 Cor. 10:33*)

2. We Value Application of Scripture - *Teaching is for Life-Change:*

We believe the Bible is God's Word to our world. Therefore, we must live and practice the life changing principles we discover. God gave us His Word in order to equip us and change us for His glory and our benefit. (*Psalm 1:1-6, James 1:22-25, Luke 6:46 (17-49), Psalm 119:11, Matt 4:4, Proverbs 30:5, James 1:22, 2 Tim 3:16*)

3. We Value Authentic Community - *Life change happens best in community groups:*

We believe real authenticity is best described as openness with others about our strengths and weaknesses. We will help people find their way from the large group (weekend services) into relationally-authentic community groups (small groups). (*1 Cor 1:9, 1 John 1:7, Matt 7:16, Phil 2:1-5, Acts 2:46-47*)

4. We Value Relevance - *Although our methods will change, our Message will not:*

We believe the Bible is the most exciting book ever written and we seek to share its truth in relevant life applications and environments. We will create appropriate life applications and environments for our Preschoolers, Grade school children, Middle and High school students as well as Adults. (*John 1:1, Heb 4:12, Heb 13:8, 1 Chron 12:32, 2 Tim 3:16-17, 1 Cor 9:22, Psalm 33:11, Prov 19:21, Eph 5:17, Romans 12:1-2*)

5. We Value Service - *Every member is a minister:*

We believe God has equipped every follower of Christ with gifts and passions to be used for His ministry. We will encourage everyone to use and develop their gifts and talents in service to our church, community and world. (*1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-13, 2 Thess 2:16-17, Eph 2:10, John 15:16, Gal 6:10*)