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SUMMER 2008
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Greetings from Pastor Bill

Bill Berg,
Lead Pastor

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Dear New Hopers,

As we enjoy the greatest season of Minnesota, summer, let's remember not to make it an idol. Typically in summer, attendance at church heads north and time with God in His Word and prayer head south. I want to challenge you to come out of the summer stronger in your relationship with God than when you went in. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we are cautioned to, "Not forsake meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but meet so as to spur one another on to love and good deeds." Have the most incredibly large summer you can, but just keep Jesus as part of your itinerary! See you on the roads, lakes and trails.

Alpha Testimonials

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In May 2008, New Hope held its latest round of Alpha, which helps answer and understand the core elements of the Christian faith. Through the program there were a number of stories of how God powerfully moved. A few of these examples are included here. God is on the move in this community!

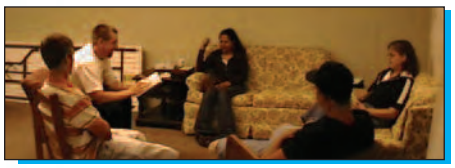
Joyce Smieja- It's been an uplifting experience, it's allowing the Lord to lead and guide me. I would encourage anyone to do the Alpha Program & Retreat.

Veronica Stake – Alpha weekend was a wonderful event for me, because I was overloaded with human life. I got confirmation that my spiritual journey is right on and I'm right where I'm supposed to be. Thanks to all who put together this event. I feel that the job choice I made was the right one "helping others find their way to the Lord."

Brenda Mistelske –

I learned at the Alpha retreat how powerful forgiveness is. And what a weight it can take off of you. It was something I had blocked out but God put it on my heart. I have learned so much. Thanks Bob, Robin & Shawn and especially God.

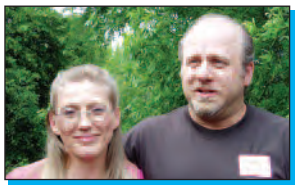
Justin Gagnon – My life has changed for the better and I am trying to continue to grow each and every day.



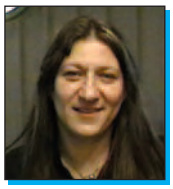
Glenn Madison – The most profound revelation I had was that I can never lose my salvation. I'm always a child of God. Once I accepted Jesus as my savior, my life has been changed forever.

John Gacek – It has helped me to talk and share my life and how to be more of a friend to people and myself and God! And keep walking to and with the Lord and people and spread his word!

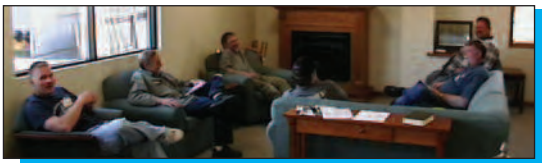
Wendy Barrett – I experienced healing last weekend. This is what happened: I was able to release the anger and fear I was carrying about my ex-husband to be. I was healed from the stronghold my husband has on me now. I felt a lot of fellowship and support from everyone at the retreat. Thank you to all who attended and made this retreat unforgettable for me. This is my second time but I felt more comfortable opening up to people. I still have a long way to go but God willing I will grow more and more each year.



Jeff & Sondra Ruis – Jeff and I have been coming to Alpha 5 times and every time we have received healing. We love the people we meet and Bob and Becky are awesome. We love Robin and all the other leaders too! God Bless



Marcie Brunhuber – I have always had strong faith but never truly let God into my life. I have struggled with my health alone. I had forgotten to let God in. Alpha has shown me how much a little prayer and opening myself up for God can help me. The first night at the retreat I had an opportunity to Bible study with two young men I had never studied with before. After that night my life has changed. I feel truly open to hear God's words now. The retreat has given me new life. I am no longer weighed down by trivial daily things. God's light and gifts shine strong in me today and forever.



JoJo Spencer, *Youth Director*

Grades 6-12 (H2O: Hope 2 Offer and RAGE: Reaching A Generation for Eternity)

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I'm the Youth Director for New Hope Community Church. The 2006-2007 year was my first year as the Jr. High Director. In the summer of 2007 I was hired to oversee both Jr. & Sr. High. This being my first year as the overall Youth Director, I'm amazed on how great of a volunteer team I had to work with. I'm amazed that the Youth Ministry team consisted of 16 people. They weren't only willing to show up, but this team consists of adults passionate about seeing the life of a teenager become transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. There were a few areas that the adults had the opportunity to watch this happen: We have Sunday School for grades 6th-12th. For 7th grade, we have ROOTS, a confirmation-style course designed to allow kids to make their faith their own. Wednesday night youth groups focus on teaching youth how to have the heart of Jesus in a community. This is done through teaching, small groups, worship, mentoring and one-on-ones. We also have a discipleship program to create disciple-makers out of disciples. If any questions call 763-552-7979 or e-mail jojo@newhopecambridge.org.

Caitlyn Smith,

Interim Worship Director

Hey New Hope Community Church! It's been such a blessing worshipping with you these past few months! Thank you so much for being so wonderful and welcoming, I have been very blessed by you! I see God moving in powerful ways up here in Cambridge, MN and am glad to be a part of this community for this season of life. I'm excited that we are now moving to longer service times because it will allow us to spend a little more time worshipping at the feet of Jesus on Sunday mornings. How exciting! The worship team, as a whole, has been walking together through a season of learning and growing. We continue to be challenged with opportunities to be flexible and moldable, too! We are currently looking for a few more instrumentalists to add to the team, so if you know of anyone that has a passion for music and worship… send them our way! Thanks New Hope for being such a blessing, and I'm excited to see what God has in store for us, as we press on together… building the Kingdom of God.

Steve Fredlund, *Executive Pastor*

Strategic Plan & Other Such Things

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I love fishing because I never know what is going to happen. One day I snagged a huge snapping turtle. One day my motor quit, the anchor wouldn't hold, and the wind blew me across the lake into an awaiting swamp. One day I snagged a northern on its belly. One day ducks swam after our bobbers. One day I catch nothing (OK, many days). One day I caught five different types of fish in the same spot using the same bait in 30 minutes. One day my anchor fell off the rope and fell to the bottom of the lake. One day my daughter caught a 4 pound largemouth 6 inches from shore. One day an eagle swooped in and grabbed a dead sucker minnow we had thrown out. One day a heron flew right above us.

None of these things could have been planned on, but they happened because we put ourselves in a situation where something could happen. I think about God this way. We don't know what is going to happen, but living our lives pursuing Him (i.e. fishing) puts ourselves in situations where we can see Him move. One day God provided a job when the money was needed. One day God healed our son. One day deeply needed encouragement was received. One day the idea for the ministry of New Hope was given and received. One day the idea for new church in Pine City was revealed. One day a marriage was reconciled. One day a child was reconciled to their parents. One day someone far from God brokenly came to Him. One day some guys served a ministry devoted to caring for the homeless. One day some women had a vision for packing a ton of shoeboxes for kids in poverty throughout the world. One day people came forward for prayer. One day a captive was set free from his sin.

God is an amazing God and works through His people. I'm so blessed to be part of the family known as New Hope Community Church. If there is anything I can do to help you in your journey or if you want to talk ministry, give me a shout. Let's see what God will do as we step out and put ourselves in position for Him to move and do His thing.

Warren Walburg, *Treasurer*

Land & Finance Update

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Looking back over the last 11 months of our fiscal year, I continually see God's hand working in our church. He has provided for all of our needs and more. Even though we did not meet our expected budget income amount, we will probably balance our income and expenses for the year.

Some extra highlights for the year include the $9000 missions offering at Christmas, the $5,600 for the Polar Plunge, almost $15,000 for our Community Care Fund and most recently a $3,600 gift to Evergreen Church to help with their building account, all over and above our budget.

As we look forward to our new fiscal year, please thank God for his constant provisions for us and pray that we will be good stewards of His blessings.

Greta Nelson, *Children's Director*

KidVenture (children Age 0–Grade 5) and FamilyVenture

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Summer time often brings us the opportunity to think about vacations. Some of us will take extended road trips, and some of us will camp overnight in the back yard. With fuel prices this year, we may all stay a little closer to home. One thing that I have been doing lately is planning for the summer. I have learned that when I have a plan, or a map to follow I can take my focus off the plan and put that focus on the journey. I was thinking about that recently, how God has a plan for us in His Word, the Bible, and knowing that plan frees me up to focus on the journey. And focusing on the journey leads to impacting others around us. For instance, we know that Jesus loves us and His plan is for us to share that with others. Knowing this plan frees me up to be in relationship with others and love them as Jesus loves me. I am excited for our children to know God's plan, His map for their lives, so they can go and impact the lives of others on their journey. I hope you enjoy your journey this summer…impacting others just as God had planned.

Bob Roby, *Discipleship Pastor*

Transformation . . . Growth . . . Groups

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I was biking in a 25 mph wind one Saturday in May in preparation for a triathlon this summer. When I lost my tail wind, the dust started blowing over me from the plowed fields, and I had to lean the bike into the cross-wind to keep it straight. Turning into the wind, I fought the need to shift to the small chain ring - "I never use that gear on the flat," I thought, "I won't even be going 15 miles per hour!" But then I started feeling the strain on my quads and I knew that the remaining 20 miles would be pretty ugly if I didn't shift down and keep my cadence.

In a sense, we have turned out of the tail wind of "newness" at New Hope and are looking for new gears that will take us through the elements. (Grace, Growth, Generosity, and "Gears"?) Anyone can ride a "tail wind," but the long journey will require us each to own our spiritual and relational growth – in and out of the church family. So check the calendar in this and future issues for your next "gear." Let's grab on and take this ride!

Sunday Morning

at Cambridge-Isanti High School

Services

- Held in the Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- Services times are 9:00am and 10:45am

Children & Youth Programs

Newborn through pre-Kindergarten

Continues at all services going into the summer

- Happens in the west/left end of the high school
- Held during all services

Children: Kindergarten through Grade 5

Will not be meeting during the summer, but will resume on September 7th in the fall.

Youth: Grade 6-12

Sunday school is held at 9:50-10:45. Every week a different class will not have Sunday school, but will participate in serving around the church. Below are the classrooms and the Serve Sunday weeks for each class.

6th grade in room 101 – Serve Sunday week 4
7th grade in room 102 – Serve Sunday week 3
8th grade in room 103 – Serve Sunday week 2
9th-12th grade in room 104 – Serve Sunday week 1

Wednesday Nights at the Shed

- 6:30-8:00 Jr. High
- 7:30-9:00 Sr. High

Find the Shed

Go East on Hwy 95 and turn left on County Road 2. Go 1/2 mile and turn left on County Road 36. Go 1/4 mile and Forslin Farm/Shed/Red Barns are up long driveway on the left.

Location Details

PAC Performing Arts Center is located on the east (right) end of Cambridge-Isanti High School

Heritage Center Part of Grandview Christian Center complex; 332 River Hills Place, Cambridge

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We are being transformed into His image with ever increasing glory. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Summer Events

June 2008

22 **Hey, young adults!** Join us for Ultimate Frisbee Football from 2-4pm at the Cambridge Intermediate School. Call Carl & Jessica O'Neil (763-528-8725), Jacob & Susan Chesla (763-639-7500), or email c3@newhopecambridge.org

25 **Worship Team Auditions**! If you have a passion and gifting for worship and music, please pick up an audition packet at Guest Central or through the office, complete the application, and attend an audition on June 17th or 25th. More details are available in the packet.

27 **All youth** (Grades 6-12) BBQ at the Cambridge Park (next to the tennis court) from 11am-2pm.

28 **Men's Ministry Motocross Flagging** at Dalbo 9am to 4pm, bring chair. Provides funds for scholarships for men's retreat. Sign up sheet at Guest Central

30 **R.A.G.E. pool party and ribfest** @ JoJo's house. If you think you can cook ribs, then let's see what you got! Dads are welcome. 3-7pm.

July 2008

4 **Youth cookout** at the Fairgrounds. Meet there at 6pm.

6 **Youth Breakfast** served immediately after the 1st service for grades 6-12. ALL YOUTH are welcome to participate in Room 101.

12 **Youth garbage pick-up** along the highway for Grandview; earn money to be used for youth camp/retreat scholarship. Meet at the office at 8am; should be done by noon.

12 **Men's Fishing**, at Jay Erickson's on West Rush Lake, 8am to 2pm, see details at Guest Central

13 Mark your Calendars! New Hope's annual **Motorcycle Sunday**!

13 Hey, **Young Adults**!! Join us for a BBQ @ Pioneer Park in Cambridge from 2-4pm. Call Carl & Jessica O'Neil (763-528-8725), Jacob & Susan Chesla (763-639-7500), or email c3@newhopecambridge.org

13 Women's Ministry "**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**." Starting today at Motorcycle Sunday we will begin a campaign to collect items from now through November, to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

16 **Kids afternoon with Pastor Bob** at the Park. K-5th graders invite a friend and meet at the Cambridge City Park for a great time with friends and Pastor Bob. Stop by Guest Central or call the office for more information

17 **R.A.G.E. photo scavenger hunt at the Mall of America**. Meet at the office at 10:30am; back around 6pm.

18 **A family evening at the lake**. Bring a snack and your water toys from 6:30-8:30pm out at Skogman Lake. Stop by Guest Central or call the office for more information

20-27 Volunteer to help with ministry to the homeless in the area; New Hope is hosting **New Pathways** at First Baptist Church from July 20th – 27th. Contact Guest Central.

21 **FLOOD & R.A.G.E. bash at Bunker Hills Water Park**. Meet at the office at 10:30. Back around 4:30pm.

26 **Baptism Class**. 9-11 at First Baptist Church in Cambridge. Call the office for details, 763.552.7979.

August 2008

2-9 **Missions Trip** from August 2-9 a team from New Hope will be ministering to the Native American Indians in the North West Angle with our missionary Kenny Danielson. We will be doing a VBS in two locations only reached by boat and will spend much of our time establishing new relationships that we can build on in future years. The team size will be 20 people.

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10 **All-church baptism and picnic**. Details available soon.

14 Women's Ministry is hosting a **Salad Supper and Shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center** from 4-9pm at Kim Mosman's home on Green Lake. Bring a salad to share and a gift to support this awesome ministry opportunity. Maps available at Guest Central

15 **A family evening bike ride**. We will start at the church office at 6:30 and finish back at the office for some Rootbeer Floats invite your neighbors too. Stop by Guest Central or call the office for more information.

20 **Kids afternoon with Pastor Steve** for some soccer. Bring a friend to the church office and join us in a game of soccer with Pastor Steve. Stop by Guest Central or call the office for more information

23 **Volunteer Leadership Training** - 9-12am; details coming

24 Hey, **Young Adults**! Swimming & BBQ @ The Bergs from 2-4pm. Call Carl & Jessica O'Neil (763-528-8725), Jacob & Susan Chesla (763-639-7500), or email c3@newhopecambridge.org

September 2008

TBD The **Grey Flamingos** (seniors) are beginning a Bible Study this fall called "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn. We'll get together before then to set the time and place and all the other particulars. Keep this in mind. This is a very good Study.

TBD New this fall, **Women's Coffee Club** ~ Ask how you can be involved

7 **Sunday School kick-off Sunday**!

8 **Annual Meeting** – all are invited as we celebrate what God has done and look forward with excitement. Members will be asked to vote on the new budget and the recommendation of new elders

14 **Ministry Fair** – details coming

Recurring Events

- 3rd Saturday of each month; **Men's Breakfast**, 7-8:30am, Creamery Café in Isanti; Paul Blom, 763.444.7974
- 3rd Sunday of each month we **collect food for local food shelves**; bring a can or two or ten!
- **All church prayer** gatherings at Peiwu and Juanita Daniels' house every Saturday morning from 7-8am.
- **Narrow Road Riders**, 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 11 am, Mystery Ride leaves The Shed at 11:30 am, weather permitting.

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Link to the Chamber of Commerce community events directly from the New Hope site: http://www.newhopecambridge.org/calendar.html

If you have any questions, comments, or events you wish to submit, please call the church office (763.552.7979) or email info@newhopecambridge.org.