



# New Hope Christian Church

Disciples Making Disciples

I grew up in Ontario, Canada and was blessed to be raised in a Christian home. I attended various churches growing up but spent most of my early years in the Baptist church. I became a believer at age 9 and was baptized at the age of 14.

When my parents divorced, my mother moved to Indiana, and I joined her to attend college at IUPUI for graphic design. After graduation I started working at an advertising agency in Indianapolis. In 2005, after several moves, some ups and downs, and a job change, a friend and co-worker invited me to attend a Sunday night service at New Hope. I fell in love with this church that felt more like family, where I saw people who had a real relationship with God. It was here that my faith and my own relationship with the Lord really began to grow. As I look back, it's humbling to see all the different ways God pursued me and all the people He placed in my life to help reach me.

New Hope is also where I met my beautiful wife, Amie. I work as an illustrator and graphic designer for my freelance company, Sling Shot Design & Illustration. Amie is a civil engineer who works for NRCS, helping farmers with agriculture and conservation structures. We now have 2 boys - Aiden, age 11, and Nathan, age 9. As God continues to lead me and my family, I am so thankful to be a part of a church that is deeply committed to teaching the Bible and helping each of us grow as disciples.

We have now been at New Hope for over 15 years. Over our time here, I have served as a Youth Sunday School Teacher, a Deacon, a Youth Sponsor, a Discipleship Group Leader, a VBS Teacher and Volunteer, as well as helping lead and coach in our Upward Soccer program.

I enjoy spending time with my family, playing and watching sports (particularly baseball and football), traveling, sketching, hiking, photography, and marveling at God's amazing creation.

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