Hope for Used Computers

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These computers were donated from the local community, then individuals at Hope Church have replaced the hard drives with updated solid state drives, or securely wiped the existing drive, and installed Windows. These machines were headed to the trash heap, instead, we rescued them, and provided them a new life – and all of this for free (Eph 2:8-9). This is just the kind of work Jesus does for us. Now that these computers have a new life, they remain to make a difference, which sounds a lot like a Christian (Ephesians 2:10).

If you want to hear more about this hope, and you're not already attending a local church, we'd love for you to join us Sunday mornings in Starbuck @ 9:30am or Glenwood (in person and online) at 10:30am.

We recommend that you have a Microsoft Account and use that for logon, if you don't have one, good news, they are free and you can sign up here: https://signup.live.com

The computer was setup with a local account called "Owner" with no password. Once you have a Microsoft account, you can convert that local account into a Microsoft account following the directions: Switch from a local account to a Microsoft account

If you're using a Windows 10 device, you may have signed in without using your Microsoft account. When you follow the steps below, you'll be able to see which account you're currently using. To sync your settings and Microsoft Store purchases across all your devices, you'll need to sign in with your Microsoft account.

1. Select the **Start** button, then select **Settings** ⚙ > **Accounts** 𝖱 > **Your info** (in some versions, it may be under **Email & accounts** instead).

2. Select **Sign in with a Microsoft account instead**. You'll see this link only if you're using a local account. Note that if you see **Sign in with a local account instead**, you're already using your Microsoft account.

3. Follow the prompts to switch to your Microsoft account.

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Once you have a Microsoft Account, you can leverage OneDrive for 5GB of free storage, which is typically enough to keep all important documents backed up.

Other recommendations:

- To keep your apps updated: Home Updater: Overview and Download | Patch My PC
- Microsoft Office 365 Family, however there is a cost associated with that, and if you're looking for a solid free alternative, Libre Office is a good option: Home | LibreOffice - Free Office Suite - Based on OpenOffice - Compatible with Microsoft
- Computer Filtering - $16.99 monthly for unlimited devices and 10 users. Screen Accountability™ | Covenant Eyes

I would not recommend installing any additional Anti-Virus or Anti-Malware software, the security built into Windows is really good. You can make sure you're staying updated by checking for updates monthly in the settings area. This will happen automatically for you, but if you're every curious, you can always check it out manually. Update Windows (microsoft.com)

In Windows 10, you decide when and how to get the latest updates to keep your device running smoothly and securely. To manage your options and see available updates, select Check for Windows updates. Or select the **Start** ⊞ button, and then go to **Settings** ⚙ > **Update & Security** ↻ > **Windows Update** ↻.