

Offering Info

You can give to the Lord & to Hope four different ways: 1) during our in-person worship service, drop your offering in the offering box in the back; 2) request pre-stamped envelopes from Brian Clements (Brian@go2hope.org / 224-381-3651); 3) mail your offering to our financial PO Box (PO Box 937, Lake Villa, IL 60046); or 4) request from Brian info about electronic giving. Thank you so much for your continued support of Hope!

Small Groups

Life was never meant to be a “lone ranger” journey. God has made us all with a relational need to be known and to know others. We believe that the best way to go

deeper in these relationships is through our small groups. Most all of our small groups continue to meet via Zoom and/or in-person meetings. For more info, ☑ on your welcome card or contact Wayne at wayne@go2hope.org. Current small groups:

- Clements’ home group—Meets 7pm on Mondays
- Stewarts’ group on heaven—2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings
- Griffin’s home group—Meets Thursdays 7pm
- Young families’ home group—Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:15pm
- Saturday Morning Men’s group—Meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month at 8am

Calendar (see www.go2hope.org for more)

- **Every Sunday Morning**—8:30am **Prayer & ministry time**; 9:15am **Connection time**; 9:30am Video replay of the Saturday evening worship service (Zoom mtg. ID#: 287 775 281 Passcode: 019752)
- **March 11th**—**Evening of Worship & Prayer** at 7pm at Liberty (no Friday morning prayer)
- **March 18th**—**Friday Morning Prayer** at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **New Outreach Cohorts**—Once a month for one hour either in-person after our worship service or via Zoom!



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Welcome to HOPE

March 5, 2022

The World

This evening we will be talking about the apostle John’s insight that the world is under the dominion of Satan and is hostile to God. But what are the repercussions of this spiritual insight?

First, it means that the world cannot give you what you really need and what you really want. We have already seen how God commands us to be separate from the world: “Do not love the world or the things in the world...” (1 John 2:15-17)

If you are seeking for ultimate joy from this world, you will be sorely disappointed! The world cannot give you ultimate satisfaction and fulfillment—that can only be found in Jesus Christ and His will for your life. Remember John 6:35: “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’”

But a second repercussion is that we will experience difficulties in this world. So how do we deal with those trials in life? Let’s talk more....

Wayne Okamoto, pastor

Are you new?

We’re so glad you took the time to visit us this evening! Perhaps you’re just beginning to explore spiritual things. On the other hand, maybe you have known God for many years. Either way, we invite you to join us as we travel together in life’s spiritual journey to get to know the God of the universe!

What to expect

As we worship God, you may see people express their love for God in different ways. Some people are more expressive and like to clap their hands or even raise their arms. Others feel more comfortable worshipping quietly. But please don’t feel compelled to do anything! Feel free to participate in worship or just sit back, relax, and observe.

No strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don’t put anything in the offering box except your orange welcome card. This service is our gift to you!

Worship

Grow. Devote. Connect. Serve.

Worship Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Celebrating Communion
(Please note the instructions on the right)

Message: Greater is He who is in you
Living Confidently as a Child of God
(part 7)
Pastor Wayne Okamoto

(pre-K through 5th grade are dismissed prior to the message*)

Final song

*Our Children's Ministries:

Our children are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. They will be meeting downstairs (nursery/preschool/kindergarten and elementary).

Welcome Cards

We'd like to encourage everyone to fill out a welcome card. If you're visiting with us this evening, please fill out a card & place it in the offering box in the back. Then pick up a free bag from our resource table!

Communion

We will be participating in sharing communion together. Communion is open to everyone who has placed his/her sincere faith in Jesus Christ. Please be sure to get an individually wrapped wafer and cup at the welcome table in the lobby. Wayne will give you instructions. (TIPS: When it is time for communion, pull back the top clear cellophane part way to expose the wafer. Then later you can pull back the foil to access the juice. Try not to pull off the cellophane or foil all the way in order to keep them attached to the plastic cup. This will make disposing of everything much easier.)

Next Steps

Would you like to take a next step in your spiritual journey? Consider joining a small group! It's a great place to connect with others and grow in your relationship with God. Another option is to meet someone

one-on-one for what we call "discipleship" or "spiritual mentoring." It's like having a spiritual trainer to help you grow and develop spiritually. For more info, just check the box on your orange welcome card.

reconnecting and break our fast by having dessert. We would like to invite everyone to attend and, if you're so inclined, to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please join us!

Upcoming Events

Masks Optional

In light of the lifting of the statewide mandate, we are making masks optional. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means feel free to wear one!

Evening of Worship & Prayer

As you know, our congregation made the exciting decision to rent the storefront unit in Grayslake! However, there is much to be done before we can hold worship services there. Therefore, we are encouraging everyone to join us **this Friday, March 11th at 7pm here at Liberty**, in the lower level (enter on the south side of the building) for our monthly Evening of Worship & Prayer. We also encourage you to fast and pray during that day. Afterwards we'll spend a little time

Reminders

Sunday Morning Prayer & Ministry Time

Join us for a time of sharing, prayer, & ministering to one another via Zoom! **Sunday morning 8:30-9:15am**, just prior to our Sunday Zoom connection time: Meeting ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Sunday Zooming!

We host a 15-minute open, unstructured Zoom time for everyone at Hope to connect with one another **each Sunday at 9:15am**. We encourage all of you to join us! In addition, for those who missed our Saturday worship service, we will replay a recording of the service beginning at 9:30am on the same Zoom channel. Zoom mtg. ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Our Mission

To help people become Christ followers who grow, devote, connect, and serve.

*We are so glad you joined us today!
Let us know if we can do anything to serve you.*