

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
- Mel’s women’s group—Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm
- 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)
- **November 26th**—**Friday Morning Prayer** at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **December 2nd**—**Youth Group** at 6:30pm at Liberty Church
- **December 4th**—**Saturday Morning Men’s Breakfast** at 8am at Liberty Church
- **December 4th**—**New message series begins: Come Let Us Adore Him- a look at Christmas outside the gospels**
- **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

November 20, 2021

Thanking God

There is a repeated exhortation in the Old Testament: “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” Here are a few observations about this repeated command:

Note that the command is not just to give thanks, but to give thanks “to the Lord.” Today, our culture would like to reduce the purpose of this Thanksgiving holiday to an opportunity to be thankful. In English grammar, that verb is called “intransitive”—a verb which has no object. But we are commanded not just to be thankful, but rather to thank God.

The reason we give thanks is two-fold: First, we give thanks because God is infinitely good. It’s a reminder that everything that we experience in life must first pass through His sovereign hands of goodness. Secondly, His steadfast love endures forever. His love for us is not fickle. Rather it is eternally and unconditionally consistent and committed. Romans 8 tells us that nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

So let’s give thanks to the LORD this evening, for He is good; and His love endures forever!

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

Sharing time #1

Sharing time #2

Note: We'll also have the opportunity to hear from Greg Laurie via video

Final song

Our Children's Ministries:

Normally, our children & youth are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. Usually they meet downstairs in separate classrooms (nursery/preschool/kindergarten; elementary; and middle school & high school youth). However, because this is a special Thanksgiving service, they will all remain in the worship service.

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!

Helpful guidelines regarding the pandemic

Masks: In light of Governor Pritzker's current statewide mask mandate, we highly encourage you to wear a mask. If you need a mask, please pick one up on our welcome table in the lobby.

Not feeling well?: If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home. In addition, if you attend our worship service and later test positive for COVID-19, please contact Wayne or an elder ASAP.

Our Mission Statement

To honor God by helping people become Christ-followers who grow, connect, devote, & serve. For more info about Hope, check out our website at www.go2hope.org.

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.

Upcoming Events

New Christmas Series Begins December 4th!

When we think of the Christmas story, our minds tend to think about Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men. This Bethlehem story is conveyed by Matthew and Luke in their gospels. But the Christmas story is also alluded to by other New Testament writers as they reflect on the incredible wonder of the incarnation of Christ Jesus our Savior. So join us as we anticipate Christmas in our new message series

"Come Let Us Adore Him: a look at Christmas outside the gospels"! Begins December 4th!

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

Offering Info

You can give to the Lord & to Hope

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.*