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## 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

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—2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings
- Mel's women's group—Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm
- Griffin's home group—Meets Thursdays 7pm
- Young families' home group—Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 6:15pm
- Saturday Morning Men's group—Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at 8am

Offering Summary			
	Needed	Given	+ / (-)
Sep	\$13,910	\$12,058	(\$1,852)
YTD	\$126,270	\$121,645	(\$4,625)

## Calendar (see [www.go2hope.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>**—**Evening of Worship & Prayer** at 7pm at Liberty Church (No Friday morning prayer)
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>**—**Youth Group** at 6:30pm at Liberty Church
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>**—**Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast** at 8am at Liberty Church
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>**—**Special Thanksgiving Service & Dinner Feast** at 5pm at Liberty Church
- **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 6, 2021

## Living by Faith

*“During these nighttime awakenings, at this stage in my life, I am tempted to hear the call of various fears: the fear that something might happen to [my wife] or one of the children; fear that something might happen to me, preventing me from being there for my family...; fear of evil people who oppose the gospel; fear of something going wrong at work; fear of mid-life; and so on and so forth. There is much of which to be afraid in this dark and morbid world. One session of the evening news provides ample evidence that the world has much harm to offer us as people. These fears call me to shrink back from life and, at times, from the Lifegiver. As people of faith we must not answer this call.*

*“Although the world is dark, the presence of God rumbles in the background, blowing evidence of his presence and blessings into every corner. It is a comforting presence, a warming against the cold night of meaninglessness, hostile selfishness, and fear that otherwise would consume us. How cold the world would be if not for the unseen God. How comforted those who know the path of faith, who have submitted themselves to the beautiful work of God in their groping lives. There really is no other way to live.”*

Dr. George Guthrie

## 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 worshiping 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: Defying Discouragement**  
*Persevering Faith (part 1)*  
Pastor Wayne Okamoto

(pre-K through senior high are dismissed prior to the message\*)

Final song

### \*Our Children's Ministries:

Our children & youth are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. They will be meeting downstairs in separate classrooms (nursery/preschool/ kindergarten; elementary; and middle school & high school youth).

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

### Evening of Worship & Prayer

We want to be a church of fully-devoted followers of Christ who have a passion for God! One way of experiencing that passion is gathering together to pray. Therefore, **this Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will be meeting here at Liberty**, in the lower level (enter on the south side of the building) for our monthly Evening of Worship & Prayer. Afterwards we'll spend a little time reconnecting and 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!

### Special Thanksgiving Service & Dinner Feast!

We are having a special

Thanksgiving Service **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** with a Thanksgiving feast to follow. (Please see the insert.) Also, we need people to help Mel Now coordinate the meal. If you are open to helping, please  on your welcome card or contact Mel (mellarienow@gmail.com).

## 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

## 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.*