

lower level here at Liberty Church on **Wednesday, December 8th, 6-8pm!** Please see Beth Griffin for invitations.

Evening of Worship & Prayer

As we enter the Christmas holidays, we want Jesus to meet us and allow us to experience a Christmas that truly focuses on Him. What better way to do that than to gather to pray! Therefore, on **Friday, December 10th 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!

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)
- **December 2nd—Youth Group** at 6:30pm at Liberty Church
- **December 3rd—Friday Morning Prayer** at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **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**
- **December 10th—Evening of Worship & Prayer** at 7pm at Liberty Church
- **New Outreach Cohorts**—Once a month for one hour either in-person after our worship service or via Zoom!

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



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Welcome to **HOPE**

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Raymond McHenry shares this story about Alexander Solzhenitsyn:

“There's a great story about Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian writer who spent years in a Siberian prison. At one point he had become completely discouraged and decided to give up and die. His plan was to stop working out in the field, to lean on his shovel, and wait for the guards to come and beat him to death. However, when he stopped, another prisoner reached over with his shovel and quickly drew a cross at his feet, then erased it before a guard could see it.

“Solzhenitsyn later said that his entire being was energized by that little reminder of the hope and courage we have in Christ. He found the strength to continue because a fellow believer cared enough to remind him of our hope.”

As Christ-followers we follow One who has gone before us, endured the most difficult journey that any man has ever faced, and yet crossed the finish line with endurance. He promises us the power to do the same. But how? Let's find out!

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!

Wayne Okamoto, pastor

Worship Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Message:

Running Your Race With Endurance
Persevering Faith (Part 3)

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!

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 next Saturday!

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 **next Saturday, December 4th**!

Join us for Moody Bible Institute's Candlelight Carols!

Following our worship service **next Saturday, December 4th**, we will participate in a special online viewing of this year's production, titled- "Unwrapped: The Gifts of Christmas." The performance **begins at 7pm**. Hope will provide pizzas and drinks. If you plan to attend, please on your welcome card and consider bringing a light snack or dessert to share. This will be a great family event! Feel free to invite family and friends. We'll meet downstairs, where there is plenty of seating, along with a refrigerator and electrical outlets if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Raine. We hope you can join us!

Mom's Oasis

The women's ministry at Hope is relaunching this great outreach event! Come gather and chat! Enjoy a meal and a craft! Bring other moms (any age). Join us in the

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.*