

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 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!

### Tuesday Morning Women's Coffee Connection

Hope women meet every Tuesday at 9am. Now meeting at Daisy's Artish Cafe in Lake Villa (216 N. Milwaukee Ave.)! We get together to have coffee, smoothies, lattes, tea, a choice of some great breakfast pastries, and just have a great time! For more info please contact Dawn Roitblat (dawnroitblat@gmail.com).

### 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)
- **TONIGHT!**—**Pizza followed by the Moody Bible Institute's Candlelight Carols**
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>**—**Mom's Oasis**—**POSTPONED** (Rescheduling TBD)
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>**—**Evening of Worship & Prayer** at 7pm at Liberty Church (no Friday morning prayer)
- **December 16<sup>th</sup>**—**Youth Group** at 6:30pm at Liberty Church
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>**—**Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast** at 8am at Liberty Church
- **December 24<sup>th</sup>**—**Joint Christmas Eve Celebration with Liberty Church** (more details next week)



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Welcome to **HOPE**

December 4, 2021

### The Loss of Wonder

Do you remember when you found out the truth about Santa Claus? Norman Rockwell captured the moment in one of his classic Saturday Evening Post paintings. On that day, that little boy lost a certain wonder about Christmas.



Some of us look back on our first Christmas as true believers and remember how we were once filled with that new Christian wonder. However, as much as we would hate to admit it, as time has gone by, some of us have lost that wonder. So how do we get that back? How can Christmas once again fill our hearts with wonder and joy?

**Wayne Okamoto, pastor**

PS— Just in case any young children are present during the message, I won't mention this!

### 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 Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Celebrating Communion

(Please note the instructions on the right)

**Message: The Wondrous Incarnation**

*Come Let Us Adore Him: a look at Christmas outside the gospels (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

### Moody Bible Institute's Candlelight Carols TONIGHT!

Following our worship service TONIGHT, we will participate in a special online viewing of this year's production, entitled- "Unwrapped: The Gifts of Christmas"! Immediately following the worship service, Hope will provide pizza and drinks for dinner. The actual Moody performance begins at 7pm. If you would like to attend, but have not RSVP'd, it's not too late! Just text Jean Raine [right now](mailto:jean@moody.edu) at 847-322-4050 so she can adjust the pizza order if needed.

### Mom's Oasis POSTPONED!

Due to Beth Griffin testing positive for COVID, this event is postponed. We will give you details once the

Mom's Oasis team reschedules the event. Thanks for understanding!

### 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 10<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!

### Christmas Eve

Save the date! On Christmas Eve, we will be having a joint Christmas Eve celebration with Liberty Church. More details to come next week!

### Sunday Morning Prayer & Ministry Time

Join us for a time of sharing, prayer, & ministering to one another via

## 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.*