

- 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

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).

Please join us at least once a month for one of our prayer times:

- Sunday Morning Prayer- Every Sunday via Zoom at 8:30am (Meeting ID: 287 775 281 Password: 019752)
- Friday morning prayer- Every Friday, 9:30-10:30am via Zoom (Meeting ID: 823 3258 1259 Password: 021144)
- Saturday Pre-service Prayer- Every Saturday at Liberty Church at 4:30pm
- Evening of Worship & Prayer 2nd Friday of the month at Liberty Church at 7pm

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)
- **January 28th**—Friday Morning Prayer at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **January 28th**—Young Family Home Group at 6:15pm at the Okamoto's
- **February 4th**—Young Family Home Group at 6:15pm at the Contreras'
- **February 11th**—Evening or Worship & Prayer at 7pm
- **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

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Longing for Certainty

Elizabeth Silver writes this: *"[In 2017] I wrote a book which explored how we cope not just with the unknown, but the uncertain elements of our health... [The book] followed... the first year of life of my then-infant daughter after she mysteriously had a stroke at six weeks, and it ended when she was a year old and fully recovered, detailing the terrifying time in between. The title 'The Tincture of Time: A Memoir of (Medical) Uncertainty' comes from the commonly-known phrase used by medical professionals the world over when the only answer for a prognosis is time. It's not the cliché that time will heal all wounds, because it may for some and may not for others, but rather the prescription of time as the only source of answers. It is a phrase I now rely on whenever something unexpected enters. The coronavirus is no exception."*

Is it true that time is "the only source of answers"? I would submit to you that God has a better answer to uncertainty. There are crucial truths which He knows bring certainty amidst the uncertain. What are those truths? Let's explore 1 John!

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 Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Message: Clearing Confusion about Sin

Living Confidently as a Child of God
(part 1)

Pastor Wayne Okamoto

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

Celebrating Communion

(Please note the instructions on the right)

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.

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 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 "loner" 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

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.*