

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

Spiritual Mentoring

Would you like to meet with someone to go through some

foundational truths that will help you grow in your relationship with Christ? For more info the box on your welcome card or contact Wayne Okamoto (wayne@go2hope.org).

Wayne's Blog

If you would like to receive Wayne's weekly blog & some Hope updates via e-mail, please the box on your welcome card or contact Wayne

Offering Summary for 2021			
	Needed	Given	+ / (-)
Dec	\$13,910	\$13,165	(\$745)
YTD	\$168,270	\$157,038	(\$11,232)

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)
- **February 11th**—Evening or Worship & Prayer at 7pm (no Friday morning prayer)
- **February 18th**—Friday Morning Prayer at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **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

February 5, 2022

Aiming at Heaven

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

C. S. Lewis
Mere Christianity

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

Reminders & Announcements

Celebrating Communion

(Please note the instructions on the right)

Message:

Living out our eternal status in a transient world

Living Confidently as a Child of God
(part 3)

Pastor Wayne Okamoto

(pre-K through 5th grade are dismissed prior to the message*)

Final song

*Our Children's Ministries:

Our children are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. They will be meeting downstairs (nursery/preschool/kindergarten and elementary).

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

On Friday, February 11th 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!

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@g02hope.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!

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.*