

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 “lone ranger” 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—2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings
- 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

### 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)
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>**—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

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## Seeking Biblical Understanding to Change Our Lives

As we mentioned before, in 1 John the apostle John has certain themes to which he repeatedly returns throughout his letter. At first glance it may seem very redundant. So why did the Spirit of God have John write in the way he did?

On the one hand, we may never know. And perhaps it is dangerous to speculate. However, rather than question John’s writing style, maybe it is better to think about the benefits.

I personally think that one benefit is that it makes us think not just about what John is saying, but how we are to apply these Biblical principles. For instance, John repeatedly tells us that those who are truly Christ-followers will love others. For many of us, we may find it is easier to study all the different ways that John commands us to love, than to actually love! So perhaps, John repeats himself because he wants us to not just know Biblical truth, but apply it to our lives. So let’s do that this evening!

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

# Grow. Devote. Connect. Serve.

## Worship Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

**Message: Applying Legs to Your Ears**

*Living Confidently as a Child of God*  
(part 8)

Pastor Wayne Okamoto

(pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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](http://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

### Wendy Reed Needs Your Help!

Wendy's siblings have requested our help. They are able to stay with her in the mornings and on the weekends. However, they would like to request if we can help during the week in the afternoons, at least until Wendy hopefully regains her balance and has better mobility. As of now, Wendy needs help getting out of a chair. If you are available to stay with Wendy during any weekday afternoon (beginning this Monday), would you please

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contact Wayne (wayne@go2hope.org / 224-381-6750)? This is a great way we can minister to Wendy and show our love to her!

## Masks Optional

In light of the lifting of the statewide mandate, we are making masks optional. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means feel free to wear one!

## 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**.

## 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.*