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to FALL 2017 at Hope Church!

It is our desire that you have the information you need to **GATHER** on Sunday morning, **DEEPEN** your relationship with God, belong in a **GROUP**, **INVEST** in the Hope family, and **MULTIPLY** disciples.

No matter whom you are, what your age, your favorite high school football team, or flannel shirt size, there is a place for you to connect and serve this fall!

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 & 10:30 AM - Beginning Sunday, September 17

THANKSGIVING PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, November 19, One Service at 10:00 AM

Let's give thanks...together! There are no morning groups for kids, students, or adults (nursery is provided for birth - 2 years old).

For more information, please check our website at HopeChurchOakdale.com or The City*.

*What's The City? Hope 24/7

The City is an online communication tool designed to lead Hope into deeper community, build connections, and be more effective in Christ's mission. It's a 24/7 ministry tool that helps everyone in our church stay engaged in daily life. How do I join The City? Please stop by the Connect Center or email Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

FALL SERMON SERIES Sundays, September 17 - December 3

I Corinthians - *Beautiful Mess*



As the people of God we continually strive to reflect the beauty of Jesus in our lives and in our churches. Yet we acknowledge that we fall short of this perfection. We are a people in process, a people relying on God to make us a little more like him each day. In our present state each of our lives is a beautiful mess. In this series we will see what it looks like to pursue God in the midst of our messy lives and communities and glimpse the beauty of God at work within each.

SERMON PODCAST

Do you want to listen to a current or past sermon? Use your desktop, tablet, or mobile device to access our weekly sermon podcast and sermon archive at HopeChurchOakdale.com or search 'Hope Church - Oakdale MN' on your podcast app.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Each week, we provide discussion questions to use as you reflect on the week's message. Many of our adult groups (Community Groups) use them as a basis for discussion. Discussion questions are available on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com (attached to the sermon audio).

VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE

Sundays, September 24, October 29, & November 26 at 11:45 AM

If you're visiting or new to Hope, please join us for some light refreshments following the 10:30 AM service. Our staff and their families would love to meet you. This is an informal time to get acquainted and ask questions.

STARTING POINT CLASS

Sundays, October 1, November 5, & December 3 at 10:00 AM

Starting Point is a one-session class for newcomers or regular attenders that are ready to get connected and take the next step. We want you to be a part of the exciting things happening in our community! Discover the beliefs and mission of Hope and learn how to get plugged into a group.

DINNER GATHERING

Friday, October 6 at 6:00 PM

Adults, you are invited to attend a Dinner Gathering on Friday, October 6 at host homes. This is a chance to meet someone new and get to know others better. If you desire to host or attend, please register by Sunday, September 24 on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com. Please don't miss this fun opportunity to build community and be with others from the Hope family!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 15 at 6:00 PM

Our annual Hope Church business meeting and family gathering is open to visitors, regular attenders, and members. We will vote on the 2018 budget and hear ministry updates from Elders and staff. Please sign up for childcare on The City by Thursday, October 12.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM

If you are not a member at Hope and consider Hope your church home, we encourage you to consider membership. Membership is an outward expression of your commitment to the church body and mission at Hope. Attend this class to learn more about Hope's ministries, mission and vision, and what membership entails. Please register at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

BAPTISM

Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 or 10:30 AM

Baptism is a profession of faith that a believer makes. It demonstrates that the one being baptized understands Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Interested in being baptized? Please contact one of the following:

Adults contact Clay Edens at Clay.Edens@HopeChurchOakdale.com

or Dave Downey at David.Downey@HopeChurchOakdale.com

Kids (Elementary) contact Katie Bliss at Katie.Bliss@HopeChurchOakdale.com

Students (Grades 6-12) Zach Boardman at Zachary.Boardman@HopeChurchOakdale.com

HOPE CHURCH DISCIPLEMAKING PATHWAY

At Hope we work to provide resources and environments where you can thrive on your mission of making disciples. Here is a clear and simple PATHWAY to help you move towards full maturity as a disciple of Jesus Christ at Hope Church. These are things we encourage everyone at Hope to engage in as they make disciples of themselves and others.



GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The family of Hope Church gathers together each Sunday to celebrate and make a big deal out of the God of the universe.



DEEPEN: CULTIVATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Engaging with God on your own and with your family through practices such as reading the Bible and praying is crucial to a faith that flourishes.



GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP

Groups provide a place where we can find encouragement toward righteousness, protection from sin, support in hard times, and propulsion on mission.



INVEST: INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

At Hope we encourage everyone to invest in both the church family and their communities.



MULTIPLY: MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES

Everyone who has found hope in Jesus has the joy and responsibility of sharing that hope with others. As we live in the world and with our neighbors, we introduce others to Jesus and the new life he offers.

We believe that if you strive to incorporate these in your life it will help you flourish in your relationship with Jesus and in the core mission of Hope Church; bringing glory to God by making disciples...that make disciples!

See pages 8-11 for the KidMin and Student Disciplemaking Pathways.

KIDS

Contact: KidMin Pastor, Katie Bliss at Katie.Bliss@HopeChurchOakdale.com



GATHER: MODEL GATHERING WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY

Parents, attend Sunday Morning Worship with your kids.

WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM - Beginning, September 17



GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP

Kids learn about Jesus best when they GROUP together. Large groups provide a place for kids to hear the truth about Jesus through Scripture and Small Groups are a safe place for kids to practice faith and learn a proper view of identity, worship, community, and mission.

Sunday 10:30 AM

Groups for Kids Begin Sunday, September 17 (No Groups on Sunday, November 19)

Nursery: Birth - 2 Years Old (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

We offer a caring and safe place for little ones and a Bible lesson for 2-year-olds.

Preschool: 3 Years Old - Kindergarten

Children hear Bible lessons that affect their daily lives and are encouraged to explore, discover, and respond to God's Word.

Elementary: Grades 1 - 5

Kids are challenged to put into daily practice what they learn from the Bible. Our small group leaders help kids grow into disciples who are making disciples.

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Groups for Kids Begin Wednesday, September 20 (No Groups Wednesday, November 22)

3 Years Old - Grade 5

On Wednesday nights we want to partner with parents to help kids discover and embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ. How? By showing kids that the Bible is the source of wisdom and truth, and they can trust God no matter what!

KID BUILDERS - Mondays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A Day Program for Preschool children ages 18 months - 5 years old
Kid Builders partner with parents by 'helping construct' each child's physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development in a loving and secure environment.
Contact: Joyce.Clark@HopeChurchOakdale.com.



HOME: PARTNER WITH PARENTS

The primary strategy of KidMin at Hope is to partner with parents, the primary influencers of kid's faith. We do this by coming alongside parents and encouraging them to have spiritual conversations with their kids.

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

Sunday, October 15 at 12:00 PM

Child Dedication is a chance for parents to dedicate their children to God and for the church to partner with them. We will discuss why we dedicate children and what KidMin is about. The class is required for parents dedicating children for the first time. Children are welcome at this class. Reading the book [Spiritual Parenting](#) is encouraged prior to this class and is provided FREE of charge. *The next Child Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, November 5.*



PARTY: CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS

Kids love to play and they learn and grow through partying together. PARTY events provide a place for kids to practice speaking life with gospel fluency with friends inside and outside the church. Parties are a place to grow deeper in relationships with each other, parents, leaders, and God.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Moonlight Madness is a PARTY event where kids get a chance to have fun and bring friends to hear about Jesus. We play games, do crafts, eat dinner, and have a Bible Story. Moonlight Madness is a place to grow deeper in relationships with each other and God. We can't wait to PARTY together this fall! Please register on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

Kindergarten - Grade 2: Friday, October 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades 3-5: Friday, October 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a chance for the entire church body to partner with KidMin to make an impact in the lives of children in desperate situations around the world. Have fun preparing gift-filled shoe boxes for kids to experience the love of Jesus. Our collection date is **Wednesday, November 15**. For instructions on how to fill your shoe box, visit SamaritansPurse.org.

STUDENTS

Contact: Student Ministries Pastor, Zachary Boardman at Zachary.Boardman@HopeChurchOakdale.com



GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM - Beginning, September 17



GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP

Belonging in a **GROUP** is a core part of the Disciplemaking Pathway for students. Our preference is that students connect in the evening groups, but we also offer Sunday morning groups for those who are unable to attend the evening groups or for students who desire to do both.

PM GROUPS

Flood: Groups for Grades 9-12

Sundays from 6:30 - 9:00 PM - Begins Sunday, September 10

Flash: Groups for Grades 6-8

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:15 PM - Begins Wednesday, September 13

AM GROUPS

Flash & Flood: Grades 6-12

Sundays at 10:30 AM - Begins Sunday, September 17



INVEST: IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Students have been gifted by God to **INVEST** in the church and the broader ministry of Jesus. Investing helps them grow in their own faith as a disciple. There are many opportunities within the broader church as well as within Student Ministries.

For a complete list of ways to invest at Hope, please see the INVEST flyer available at the Connect Center or watch The City for up-to-date opportunities.



RETREAT: ATTEND RETREATS

There is something unique about retreating from our typical routine that allows us to focus on God and others in new ways. As part of bringing glory to God by making disciples, we desire to have everyone attend retreats. Lives are changed, relationships are strengthened, and glory is given to God.

Save the dates for the following student RETREATS:

WINTER WIPEOUT

Flash (Grades 6-8) Winter Wipeout Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 21, 2018

Flood (Grades 9-12) Winter Wipeout Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28, 2018

Hosted by Camp Shamineau, this retreat offers chapel times for worship and training, unique camp activities, and great bonding within the youth group. Students are challenged in how they live for God, build up in their relationships with others in the group, and strengthened their faith in Jesus Christ.

CAMPING TRIPS

Flood (Grades 9-12) Camping Trip, Thursday, August 9 - Sunday, August 12, 2018

Flash (Grades 6-8) Camping Trip, Friday, August 17 - Sunday, August 19, 2018

These trips are for our students and friends to build Christian “family” relationships within the group. There are one-on-one student devotion times and plenty of fun camping experiences!

MULTIPLY: MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES

Disciples are called to MAKE DISCIPLES as Jesus commanded. This can happen through building Gospel-centered relationships by bringing people to church events, and groups, or by connecting in our schools, work, activities, and home.



FAMILY PLACE MEALS

Saturday, October 21 & Sunday, October 22

Two weekends each year we serve meals at a local family homeless shelter called The Family Place. Come share God’s love for others by serving and eating with them.

FLOOD GAME NIGHT (GRADES 9-12)

Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 PM

Do you know someone who is hesitant to come to a group night? Invite them to this evening focused on connecting new people to our church through fun night games.

FLASH DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT (GRADES 6-8)

Wednesday, November 1 at 6:15 PM

Students are encouraged to create teams for a dodge ball tournament. Students try to fill half of their team with students who don’t have a church home or a youth group family of their own.

FLOOD LOCK-IN (GRADES 9-12)

Friday, November 10 at 9:00 PM - Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 AM

This overnight event is an opportunity to invite multiple friends to hear the Gospel in a clear and creative way filled with fun free time and unique team events.

ADULTS

Contact: Pastor of Community and Mission, Dave Downey, David.Downey@HopeChurchOakdale.com



GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM - Beginning September 17



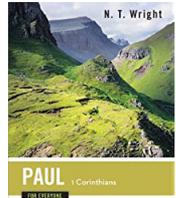
DEEPEN: CULTIVATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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I CORINTHIANS - PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

As we dive into the I Corinthians sermon series this fall, here are a couple devotional tools to help you dig deeper in your personal study:

- *Paul for Everyone: I Corinthians (The New Testament for Everyone)*
- *I Corinthians (N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides)*



LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learning Communities are groups of people who gather to study God's Word on Sunday mornings to apply and integrate it into their lives. Come to connect and learn together.

GALATIANS

Sundays, September 24 - October 29 at 10:30 AM

The foundational doctrine of Christianity is that salvation is by faith alone through Christ alone. Yet, we innately want to add a "to-do" list to improve our salvation or make it more secure. Is saving faith enough or should we look for enhancements to make our religion better? This six week course will delve into Paul's answer to this relevant question. Led by Rick Gimpel.

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

Sundays, September 24 - October 29 at 10:30 AM

What does missional living actually mean? It can be easy for many of us to fall into comfortable family, work, and church activity patterns and neglect God's call on our lives to engage the world around us. It starts by being a good neighbor. This series will focus on perspectives and practical steps towards building genuine relationships right outside your door. Led by Dave Downey.

HOSEA & THE MINOR PROPHETS**Sundays, November 5 - December 17 at 10:30 AM** (No Class November 19)

Who are these guys? Why do they matter in everyday American Life? Who is Hosea? We explore these questions in a 6-week study of Hosea - one of 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. Led by Barbara Bald.

HARD CONVERSATIONS: HOW DO WE DISAGREE WELL?**Sundays, November 5 - December 17 at 10:30 AM** (No Class November 19)

Christ followers must model what it looks like to disagree well. We tend to have a fight or flight response when it comes to conflict and divisive conversation. What does it look like to embody convicted civility? What mindsets and skills are essential in learning to disagree well? Led by Wayne Lundeen

**GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP**

Groups provide a place where we can find encouragement toward righteousness, protection from sin, support in hard times, and propulsion on mission.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are the primary way to connect with others at Hope and pursue a life of being and making disciples together – like Jesus and His disciples did. Groups of eight to twelve adults meet regularly to pursue what it means to be a disciple. We strive to accomplish this by providing comfort to each other in hard times, encourage each other in righteousness, protect each other from sin, and propel each other on mission (individually and as a group).

For more information, express an interest in, or to join a Community Group, please stop at the Connect Center in the Main Lobby or contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

MEN'S GROUP**Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:30 AM**

Come connect with other men to study God's Word, encourage each other, share coffee and treats, and pray. This group meets weekly every Saturday morning at Hope. **Questions?** Please contact Del Rahn at DelRahn@q.com.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

You are invited to join others prior to the Saturday Men's Group for breakfast at The Little Oven on White Bear Avenue at 6:45 AM.

ADULTS

WOMEN'S STUDY

Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 AM, Beginning September 13

Join us Wednesday mornings at Cheryl Miller's home in Lake Elmo. We'll study God's Word, fellowship, pray, learn about God's armor, discern God's voice, learn how to dig deeper into Scripture, and study the book of Jeremiah. Please contact Cheryl Miller at CherylMiller2010@live.com.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS

Women, join us this fall for a fitness class called Integrity and Grace. This class is for all levels of fitness. Please come check it out. Your first time is free! For more information or to register, please contact Robyn Sandquist at RobynSan@me.com or Janine Ford at JanineFord50@gmail.com.

- 3 Week Mini Session, Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26, 5:30–6:30 PM, Freewill Donation
- 10 Week Fall Session, Begins Tuesday, October 10 (Times TBD) \$30 (\$5 per week)

WOMEN OF HOPE GATHERING

Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM

Come to a one-night get together to connect with friends and meet new ones as we share the vision for women at Hope.

WOMEN OF HOPE EVENT

Saturday, November 18 at 6:30 PM

Save the date. This is an evening to connect with other women and have fun! More details to come.



MULTIPLY: MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES

Everyone who has found hope in Jesus has the joy and responsibility of sharing that hope with others. As we live in the world and with our neighbors, we introduce others to Jesus and the new life he offers.

What is a disciple?

A person who reorients his or her life around the Gospel and Jesus' mission. At Hope Church we encourage everyone from children to adults to live as a disciple:

- Living out our IDENTITY in Christ
- Responding in WORSHIP to who God is, what He has done, and what He is doing
- Investing in COMMUNITY with others, intentionally sharing our lives together
- Pursuing a life on MISSION to reflect God to the world around us

What is discipling?

Bringing people into right relationship with God, developing them to full maturity in Christ through intentional growth, that they might multiply the entire process in others.



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ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is provided for your convenience and as a way to facilitate your faithful stewardship of God's resources. To give online visit HopeChurchOakdale.com or click Giving on The City navigation menu. Questions? Contact Marlene Dolney at Marlene.Dolney@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

MISSION – LOCAL

At Hope we value investing in the local community, and partner with organizations, social workers, and ministries to provide opportunities to invest. Here is some of the local partners we support:

HOPE'S RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 12 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Schedule an appointment in the Lower North Lobby, call Dave and Sandy Pauly at 651.436.7278, register through The City, or online at RedCrossBlood.org.

SALT AND RAJO

SALT (Somali Adult Literacy Training) and Rajo are outreach ministries to our Somali neighbors. **SALT** volunteers tutor English and help them prepare for the citizenship exam. SALT contact: Cynthia Crooks at clcrooks@comcast.net. **Rajo** ministry is a team of women who meet at Hope the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings with Somali women for fellowship and sewing. Rajo contact: Jackie Felt at rfelt@comcast.net.

NEW LIFE FAMILY SERVICES

NLFS opens their doors to women and men who believe abortion is the "only" solution to an unplanned pregnancy. Through practical and spiritual counsel, they provide education and support with the hope each client will make a life-affirming decision for their child. NLFS is also a licensed adoption agency.

CARE IN ACTION

Care in Action is a non-profit organization focused on improving the quality of life for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Hope works with a Washington County social worker to meet these needs. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbie Atkins at BarbieAtkins@gmail.com.