



SPRING GUIDE

HOPECHURCHOAKDALE



WELCOME

to SPRING 2018 at Hope Church!

No matter whom you are, what your age, your favorite baseball team, or rain boot size, there is a place for you to connect and serve this spring!

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 & 10:30 AM

Summer Services: 10:00 AM - Beginning Sunday, May 27

12:30 PM - African Bible Fellowship

See page 14 for more information on ABF.

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.

We look forward to connecting with you in April & May!

APRIL SERMON SERIES

I Corinthians 15 & 16



Jesus is alive! He defeated death and rose victorious from the grave. This isn't just a part of our Christian creed, it was a real event in history. It has real implications for the way we view our pasts, live in the present, and look forward to the future. Because he lives, we can have new life as well.

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 audio 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).

CONNECT

WOMEN OF HOPE COFFEE AND CONNECT

Sunday, April 8 at 11:45 AM

Join us to connect with other women, enjoy free specialty coffee, treats, and a chance to talk. If you are teaching or working in the nursery, be sure to stop by beforehand. Otherwise, drop off your kids and then come join us! Stay for a minute or an hour. Hope to see you there!

VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 8 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 would love to meet you. This is an informal time to get acquainted and ask questions.

STARTING POINT CLASS

Sunday, April 15 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. Discover the beliefs and mission of Hope and learn how to get plugged into a group. We want you to be a part of the exciting things happening in our community!

MEMBERSHIP

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. If you would like more information about membership at Hope Church, please contact Raeann Linn at Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Sundays, May 27 - September 9, One Service at 10:00 AM

Beginning Memorial Day weekend we launch our summer worship schedule with one service at 10:00 AM. Childcare for infants through 2 years old is provided during the service. Kids' Church for kids 3 Years Old through Kindergarten begins, Sunday, June 10.

BAPTISM

Sunday, June 3 at 10:00 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 Raeann Linn at Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, June 3 at 11:30 AM

This is sure to be the best Pig Roast yet! Bring the whole family to eat pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixins, coleslaw, chips, and dessert (hot dogs are also served). We are accepting donations to benefit Brittany's Hope Foundation's work supporting orphans in Ben Tre, Vietnam.

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 (Summer: 10:00 AM)



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 through Sunday, May 20

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.

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Groups for Kids through Wednesday May 16

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 and/or Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Offered Year Round)

Kid Builders is a day program for ages 18 months - 5 years old. KB partners with parents by 'helping construct' each child's physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development. Questions? Please 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, May 20 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 at Hope. Children are welcome at this class. Reading the book Spiritual Parenting is encouraged prior to this class and provided FREE of charge. *The next Child Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, June 17.*

**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.

KIDMIN WORSHIP TEAM

Wednesdays, May 23 - June 13 and July 11 (VBS rehearsal) at 6:15 PM

We are looking for kids who love to lead worship for Kid's Sunday, June 17 and during VBS (Monday, July 16 - Thursday, July 19). Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:15 PM.

VBS SUMMER 2018 - AMPED!

Monday, July 16 - Thursday, July 19, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

VBS 2018 is going to be ELECTRIFYINGLY fun! In the midst of fun, food, games, and worship, kids will learn that God wants us to be OVERLOADED with CONFIDENCE because we can believe that what He says is TRUE! We'll become EMPOWERED

to see ourselves as changemakers, too. *Let's get AMPED!* (Preschool - Grade 5 - completed) \$20 per child. Free lunch Thursday - for the whole family! Register at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

**INVEST IN KIDMIN**

We are looking for people who desire to invest in kids to make an impact in an EASY way. Consider investing in kids by volunteering in Kids' Church or VBS this summer. Help our kids know they are loved. Interested in serving? Please contact Katie.Bliss@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

KIDS' CHURCH

Sundays June 10 - August 26

Kids 3 years old - Kindergarten (completed) are dismissed prior to the message each Sunday in the summer. (No Kids' Church July 1). **Group Leaders** lead the Bible story and EASY prep includes reading the script and Bible passage. Group Assistants help kids as they participate in various hands-on stations. Interested in serving? Please contact Katie.Bliss@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

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 (Summer: 10:00 AM)



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

Flash: Grades 6-8

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:15 PM (Last Wednesday is May 23)

Flood: Groups for Grades 9-12

Sundays 6:30 - 9:00 PM (Last Sunday is May 20)

AM GROUPS

Flash & Flood: Grades 6-12

Sundays 10:30 AM (Last Sunday is May 20)

SUMMER GROUPS

Here are the dates and times for summer Flash and Flood. Mark your calendar! Groups are a chance for students to take advantage of summer break to build stronger relationships and have fun!

Flood (Grades 9-12 completed) Tuesdays from 6:30 - 9:00 PM (June 19-August 21)

Flash (Grades 6-8 completed) Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM (June 20-August 22)



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.

CAMPING TRIPS

Flood (Incoming 9th - graduated seniors), Thursday, August 9 - Sunday, August 12

Flash (Incoming 7th & 8th grade), Friday, August 17 - Sunday, August 19

Mark your calendar! 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.

VIDEO EXTRAVAGANZA #1 & #2

#1: Sunday, May 6 at 6:15 PM and #2: Saturday, May 19 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Help get your friends connected this summer by inviting them to join us for Video Extravaganza. At VE #1 teams will film funny sketches/commercials and VE #2 is an outdoor movie of each team's created videos. All Flood (Grades 9-12) students and friends are invited to come and enjoy both or either of these events. *Watch for more information.*

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, May 13 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Youth and parents, please save Sunday morning May 13 on your calendar. Student Ministries (Grades 6-12) will host and lead the morning service. Graduating Seniors will be honored that morning. All youth are encouraged to participate!

FLASH MISSION TRIP TO ROCK RIDGE

Flash (Grades 6-8) will be on a mission trip June 11-16 to Camp Shamineau's Rock Ridge site in Ely, MN. The students will work on projects to improve camp ministries, support and encourage the missionaries who work there, learn more about what it means to be a missionary and the call of God on everyone's life to live missionally. Please support the team through prayer and through involvement in the Oakdale Summerfest 5K/10K on Saturday, June 23. *Watch for more details!*

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 (Summer: 10:00 AM)



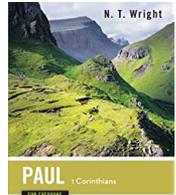
DEEPEN: CULTIVATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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I CORINTHIANS - PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

As we continue to dive into the I Corinthians sermon series this winter, 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 adults who gather to grow in their faith through study and discussion. Come to cultivate your relationship with God and learn together.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Sundays, April 8 - May 13 at 10:30 AM in Room 154

What is life all about? Who is Jesus, why did he come, and what does it mean to follow him? This 6-week class, based on the Christianity Explored video series, will seek to answer these questions and more. Whether you are a committed Christian who is “less-than-confident” in sharing the gospel, new to the Christian faith, or anywhere in between, this class will be of great benefit as we seek to grow in our love and admiration of Jesus. Led by Rick Gimple.

GOD OUTSIDE THE BOX

Sundays, April 15 - May 20 at 10:30 AM in Room 241

There are endless ways to connect with God. Hear how others from Hope are learning about God through professional interests, hobbies and experiences; and be reminded that God reveals himself everywhere! Led by Craig Miller



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). To get 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.

AFRICAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The African Bible Fellowship Gatherings are Sundays at 12:30 PM at Hope

ABF is a new ministry of Hope Church. The majority of ABF families are from South Sudan and Ethiopia. All are welcome to experience and worship God alongside our African brothers and sisters. These Hope family members long to be further equipped for mission and to make disciples at home and abroad. They also desire to build Christ-centered relationships with others in the Hope family. Please feel free to stop by any Sunday. *You may even decide to become a regular!*

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS

Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:35 PM and/or Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:05 PM

Women, join us for a fitness class called Integrity and Grace. This class is for all levels of fitness. Your first time is free! There are two class options this spring. Join us for both to get a jumpstart to summer! For more detailed information and pricing options, please contact Robyn Sandquist at RobynSan@me.com or Janine Ford at JanineFord50@gmail.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 at Hope on Saturday mornings.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturdays at 6:45 AM

You are welcome to join others from the Saturday Men's Group for breakfast at The Little Oven (Minnehaha and White Bear Ave.) at 6:45 AM prior to the Men's Group at Hope.



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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.



INVEST: INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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

Here is a list of ways adults and students can connect and serve kids, students, or adults at Hope:

- **KidMin:** Kids' Church or VBS; Leaders, Assistants, Story Tellers, Crafts, Games, etc.
- **Nursery:** Sundays 10:00 AM; Adults and Students
- **Students:** AM or PM Small Group Leaders, Student Ministries Worship Team
- **Adults:** Community Group Leader, Men/Women Ministry
- **Host Team:** Greeters & Ushers, Hospitality Team, and Connect Center
- **Worship Music Team:** (vocal & instrumental), Drama Team, Tech (sound, lights, & video), Brass, Soloists, Visual Arts (décor), Seasonal Choir

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.

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:

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.

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.

NLFS CAR SEAT DRIVE

Collection Dates: Sundays, April 22 & 29

Hope is collecting donations to provide car seats for new parents. Any donation is welcome (\$40 provides one car seat). To make a donation, please stop at the table in the Main Lobby. Handmade goods will also be available for purchase. All proceeds go to NLFS.

DAKDALE SCHOOLS

We support our local schools in many ways; from providing backpacks of food to hungry children on the weekends, to volunteering at local school events. **We are looking for volunteers to serve at Skyview Schools on Saturday, April 21 to support Project Family Connect** whose goal is to connect families with information and community resources that might help them become more stable which in turn allows children to be better prepared to focus on learning. **Go to The City for more information.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

To schedule an appointment 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 ccrooks@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.