



GATHER



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WINTER GUIDE  
2018-2019

## KEY DATES AT A GLANCE



### DECEMBER

- 1** Women of Hope Event, 6:00 PM
- 8** Christmas Roadtrip, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 16** Flood (Grades 9-12) Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- 23** Services at 9:00 & 10:30 AM, Nursery and Kids' Church only  
No groups for kids, students, and adults
- 24** Christmas Eve, Office Closed
- 24** Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 PM
- 25** Christmas Day, Office Closed
- 26** No Wednesday PM Groups
- 30** One Service, 10:00 AM, No AM Groups or PM Flood
- 31** New Year's Eve, Office Closed

### JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day, Office Closed
- 2** No Wednesday PM Groups
- 6** 9:00 & 10:30 AM Services, AM Groups Resume
- 6** Flood (Grades 9-12) Resumes, 6:30 PM
- 9** Wednesday PM Programming Resumes, 6:30 PM
- 9** Flash (Grades 6-8) Resumes, 6:30 PM
- 13** Visitor & Newcomer Open House, 11:45 AM
- 14** Leadership Gathering, 6:30 PM
- 15** Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00 - 7:00 PM
- 18-20** Flash Winter Wipeout (Grades 6-8)
- 20** Starting Point Class, 10:30 AM
- 25-27** Flood Winter Wipeout (Grades 9-12)
- 27** Congregational Meeting, 6:00 PM
- 27** No PM Flood (Grades 9-12)

### FEBRUARY

- 3** Student Ministries Big Game Party, 5:00 PM
- 8** Pre-K Party, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 17** Baptism Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
- 20** No Flash (Grades 6-8), Youth Sunday Prep
- 24** Youth Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
- 24** No PM Flood (Grades 9-12)
- 22** Moonlight Madness (K-Grade 1), 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 22** Dinner Gathering, 6:00 PM

# WELCOME

to winter at Hope Church!

## ***Bringing Glory to God by Making Disciples***

No matter who you are, what your age, your favorite winter sport, or soup recipe, there is a place for you to connect and serve this winter!

**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**

Groups for kids and students at 10:30 AM

#### **12:30 PM - African Bible Fellowship**

*See page 14 for more information on ABF.*

For more information, please visit our website at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://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 [Raean.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raean.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

**We look forward to connecting with you in  
December, January, and February!**

## CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES



HOPE is one of the prominent themes of the Christmas story. Jesus came into the world to give us HOPE, a confident expectation of a better future. Often times we restrict our thinking of the HOPE Jesus brings to the afterlife alone. This Christmas, we will see how the HOPE that Jesus brings can be applied to our past, present, and future. It is a HOPE that spans our entire lives.

**Hope for the Past** / Sunday, December 9  
**Hope for the Present** / Sunday, December 16  
**Hope for the Future** / Sunday, December 23

**Hope on Christmas Eve** / Monday, December 24 / 4:00 PM

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### SERMON PODCAST

Do you want to listen or watch a current or past sermon? Use your desktop, tablet, or mobile device to access our weekly sermon audio and sermon archive at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://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, pg. 12) use them as a basis for discussion. Discussion questions are available on The City or at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) (attached to the sermon audio).

# CONNECT

## **VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE**

**Sundays, January 13 and April 7 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 in the church office lobby. Our staff would love to meet you. This is an informal time to get acquainted and ask questions.

## **STARTING POINT CLASS**

**Sundays, January 20 and April 14 at 10:30 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 at Hope.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 27 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 new leadership and hear ministry updates from the Elders and staff. Please sign up for childcare by Thursday, January 24.

## **BAPTISM**

**Sunday, February 17 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 Raeann Linn at [Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

## **DINNER GATHERINGS**

**Friday, February 22 at 6:00 PM**

Adults, you are invited to attend a Dinner Gathering at a host home. This is a chance to meet someone new and get to know others better. To host or attend, register by Tuesday, February 12 at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) or on The City. Please don't miss this fun opportunity to build community and be with others from the Hope family!

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**Wednesday, March 6 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. If you would like more information about membership at Hope Church, please contact Raeann Linn at [Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raeann.Linn@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 & 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.**



## MODEL GATHERING WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY

Parents, attend Sunday morning worship with your kids at 9:00 AM

Nursery care provided at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Groups for kids are at 10:30 AM



## 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

No Groups Sunday, December 23 (Nursery/Kids' Church only) and Sunday, December 30, One Service at 10:00 AM (Nursery only)

#### **Nursery: Birth - 2-Year-Olds** (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

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

#### **Preschool: 3-Year-Olds - 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 daily practice what they learn from the Bible and help kids grow into disciples who make disciples.

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM** No groups on December 26 & January 2

#### **3-Year-Olds - Grade 5**

We help kids discover and embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ by showing them that the Bible is the source of wisdom and truth, and they can trust God no matter what!

### **KID BUILDERS - Mondays and/or Tuesdays from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Kid Builders is a day program for ages 18 months - 5-year-olds. Kid Builders partners with parents by 'helping construct' each child's physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development. Questions? Please contact [Joyce.Clark@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Joyce.Clark@HopeChurchOakdale.com).



## PARTNER WITH PARENTS

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

## CHRISTMAS ROADTRIP

**Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Hey, parents and grandparents! Join us as we take a trip through the Christmas story. At this FREE event for kids Pre-K through Grade 5, families are invited to experience the Christmas story through self-guided, hands-on, interactive stations.

## PARENT/GRANDPARENT CONNECTION ON THE CITY

We want to partner with you. Please join the Parents of Hope (KidMin) group on The City. Here you will find weekly take home papers and useful tips for discipling your kids at home. On the navigation menu on The City click Groups, click Search for Groups, group name, click search, then click Ask to Join.



## 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.

## PRESCHOOL PARTY

**Friday, February 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

This party is for kids ages 3-5 (who have not started Kindergarten) and their parents! You'll love this fun and wacky night for you and your friends. The cost is \$10 for kids; friends and parents are free! Register on The City or at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).

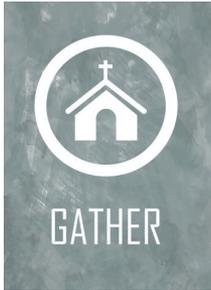
## MOONLIGHT MADNESS

**Kindergarten - Grade 1:** Friday, February 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Grades - 3:** Friday, March 8 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Moonlight Madness is a PARTY event where kids 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

## STUDENTS



### ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:00 AM  
STUDENT GROUPS: 10:30 AM

**Youth Sunday, February 24 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM**



### 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:** Grades 9-12

Sundays from 6:30 - 9:00 PM - No PM Flood December 23 & 30  
**Flood Christmas Party, Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 PM**

**Flash:** Groups for Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:15 PM - No Flash December 26 & January 2

### AM GROUPS

**Flash & Flood:** Grades 6-12

Sundays at 10:30 AM - No AM Groups December 23 & 30



### INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY & 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 **#hopewhyinvest** flyer available at the Connect Center, watch the bulletin, or check 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.

#### WINTER WIPEOUT AT CAMP SHAMINEAU

**Flash (Grades 6-8), Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019**

**Flood (Grades 9-12), Friday, January 25 - Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Hosted by Camp Shamineau, these retreats offer 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, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. Please register at [HopeChurchOakadle.com](http://HopeChurchOakadle.com). Scholarship are available.

#### CAMPING TRIPS

**Flood (Grades 9-12), Thursday, August 1 - Sunday, August 4, 2019**

**Flash (Grades 6-8), Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18, 2019**

Mark your calendar! These trips are for our students and friends to build Christian "family" relationship within the group. There are one-on-one students 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.

#### BIG GAME PARTY

**Sunday, February 3**

Flood and Flash students and parents are invited to watch the big game and share some amazing food. Invite your friends! Watch The City for more details and potluck assignments.

#### STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT: FAMILY PLACE MEALS

**Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10**

Serve meals at a local family homeless shelter called The Family Place in St. Paul. Come share God's love for others by serving other and eating with the families.

## ADULTS



### **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.

## **LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

LCs are for adults to gather to grow in their faith through study and discussion. Come cultivate your relationship with God and learn together.

### **THE JOY OF DOING JUSTICE**

**Sundays, January 6 - January 27 at 10:30 AM**

God's people are to be marked by justice. Discover the responsibility and the joy of doing justice as you engage with the stories of others within our church. What did their faith journey towards discovering God's heart for justice look like? And practically, how are they pursuing justice in our community? Come and find out!

Please watch the bulletin for upcoming Learning Community offerings.



### **BELONG IN A GROUP**

Groups provide a place where we can develop meaningful relationship in order to experience 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. Groups of 8-12 adults meet regularly to build meaningful relationships and pursue what it means to be a disciple. We strive to accomplish this by providing support in hard times, encourage each other in righteousness, protect each other from sin, and propel each other on mission.

To get more information, or to join a Community Group, please stop at the Connect Center in the Main Lobby or contact Raeann Linn at [Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

## AFRICAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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

ABF is a 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!*

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### WOMEN OF HOPE EVENT

**Saturday, December 1 at 6:30 PM**

This annual women's dinner is where we get to serve you for just being incredible women! Hostesses will decorate each tables food will be catered, and conversation will be flowing.

### WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

**Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:35 PM**

**Thursdays, 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 class is free! For more detailed information, pricing, and to hear about our new "at home" options, contact Robyn Sandquist, [RobynSan@me.com](mailto:RobynSan@me.com) or Janine Ford, [JanineFord50@gmail.com](mailto: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. You are also welcome to join us for breakfast at The Little Oven (Minnehaha and White Bear Ave.) at 6:45 AM prior to group.

### OVERHAUL MEN'S RETREAT

**Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 3**

Save the date! Overhaul - "take apart, examine and repair if necessary". This men's weekend retreat at Camp Shamineau in Motley, MN is a great time to get away and do just that! Overhaul is designed to give you a chance to relax, refresh, and refuel! Watch for further details.

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### Women of Hope and Men of Hope Groups on The City

To stay connected to what's going on for men and women at Hope, please join the Women of Hope or Men of Hope groups on The City. On the navigation menu on The City click Groups, click Search for Groups, group name, click search, then click Ask to Join. Questions? please contact [Raean.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raean.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

## ADULTS



### MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES

We have the joy and responsibility of sharing Jesus with others. Opportunities for mission are all around us as we develop meaningful relationships with our neighbors and coworkers.

#### 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 IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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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, please visit [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) or click Giving on The City navigation menu. If you have any questions regarding giving, please contact Marlene Dolney at [Marlene.Dolney@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Marlene.Dolney@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

At Hope we are passionate about being a good neighbor. We partner with organizations, social workers, and ministries to care for the physical and spiritual needs in our community. We support schools, host blood drives, love our refugee neighbors, and work with social services to improve the quality of life for children in need.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:rfelt@comcast.net).

### **LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **NEW! HANG @ HOPE / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Hang @ Hope is an after-school program that provides a safe and healthy environment for study and play for Skyview Middle School students. Hang @ Hope is Wednesdays at Hope from 2:30 - 4:30 PM. We are looking for volunteers who can help weekly or once a month. To learn more, contact Penny Stiz at [plsitz@comcast.net](mailto:plsitz@comcast.net).

#### **BACKPACK PROJECT**

Some children in our community don't have ample food on the weekends. We partner with school social workers to provide bags of food to these children and their families each week. For more information, contact Penny Stiz at [plsitz@comcast.net](mailto:plsitz@comcast.net).

#### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, January 15 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM**

The Red Cross is the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. Be a part of this life-giving process, whether as a donor or a volunteer. To schedule an appointment register through The City, or online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

#### **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF**

We are proud to support CCEFS who provides help for those who need food in the Oakdale/Woodbury area. To volunteer, please visit [CCEFS.org](http://CCEFS.org)

#### **C.A.S.T.**

Hope is partnering with **Citizens Against Sex Trafficking**, a non-profit organization working within Washington County. C.A.S.T. is dedicated to empowering our community to end sexual exploitation. Save the Date! C.A.S.T. Awareness and education on **Friday, February 8 or Saturday, February 9**. More information at [castmn.org](http://castmn.org).

For more information on our local mission partners, please visit our website at [HopeChurchOakdale.com/local](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com/local) or contact Pastor of Community and Mission, Dave Downey, at [David.Downey@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:David.Downey@HopeChurchOakdale.com).