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# SPRING GUIDE HOPE 2019



## KEY DATES AT A GLANCE



### MARCH

- 1-3** Men's Retreat at Camp Shamineau
- 3** Child Dedication Class, 12:00 PM
- 6** Membership Class, 6:30 PM
- 8** Moonlight Madness (Grade 2 & 3), 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- 9&10** Student Service Project, Family Place Meals
- 10** Adult Gathering & Mission Update, 10:30 AM
- 11** Leadership Gathering, 6:30 PM
- 13** No Wednesday PM KidMin (Spring Break)
- 13** PM Flash (Grades 6-8), 6:30 PM
- 17** Child Dedication Sunday
- 23** Communion Class, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- 29-30** Flash Lock-In (Grades 6-8)

### APRIL

- 5-7** Retreat46 at Camp Shamineau
- 7** Visitor & Newcomer Open House, 11:45 AM
- 8** Leadership Gathering Celebration, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 14** Palm Sunday
- 14** Starting Point Class, 10:30 AM
- 17** No Wednesday PM Kid, Student, and Adult Groups
- 19** Good Friday Services, 5:30 & 7:00 PM
- 21** Easter Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
- 21** No Kid, Student, and Adult Groups
- 21** No PM Flood (Grades 9-12)
- 28-5/4** Houston Mission Trip
- 28** Congregational Meeting, 6:00 PM

### MAY

- 5** KidMin Leaders Meeting, 12:00 PM
- 5** Flood (Grades 9-12) Video Extravaganza #1, 6:30 PM
- 15** Last PM Kid Groups (Pre-K - Grade 5)
- 19** Last Sunday of Kid, Student, and Adult Groups
- 19** Child Dedication Class, 12:00 PM
- 19** Flood (Grades 9-12) Video Extravaganza #2
- 22** Last PM Flash (Grades 6-8), 6:30 PM
- 26** Summer Worship Begins, One Service at 10:00 AM
- 27** Memorial Day, Office Closed

### **Hope's Online Calendar**

For a complete list of future happenings at Hope Church, please visit the website calendar at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).

Website: click on the Calendar tab located on the home page.

Mobile: under Menu Selction, choose Calendar.

# WELCOME

to spring at Hope Church!

No matter who 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!

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

**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 13 for more information on ABF.*

For more information, please visit our website at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) or join Realm\*.

### **\*What is Realm? Hope 24/7**

Realm 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 Realm? 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  
March, April, and May!**

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES



### **ENDURING FAITH - A study of Hebrews**

Faith is not just a one time decision that we make, but something that we live out everyday of our lives. Keeping the faith is not always an easy thing to do, it can be incredibly challenging as we encounter the struggles and pressures of life. Hebrews is written to a congregation that is facing incredible pressure to abandon Jesus. As we study Hebrews together, expect to be inspired and encouraged to endure in faith no matter what life throws at you.

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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 Realm or at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) (attached to the sermon audio).

# CONNECT

## 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).

## VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, 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, 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, April 28 at 6:00 PM**

Our annual Hope Church business meeting and family gathering is open to visitors, regular attenders, and members. We will hear ministry updates from the Elders and staff. Please sign up for childcare by Thursday, April 25.

## SUMMER WORSHIP

**One Service at 10:00 AM / Sundays, May 26 - September 8, 2019**

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 9.

## BAPTISM

**Sunday, June 2 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](mailto:Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com).

## ANNUAL PIG ROAST FUND RAISER

**Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 AM**

Bring the whole family to eat pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixings, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, and dessert! Donations accepted 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 & 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



**SUNDAY 10:30 AM**

Groups for kids through Sunday, May 19 (No Groups

**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, April 21)

**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**

Groups for kids through May 15 (No Groups on March 13 and April 17)

**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.

### CHILD DEDICATION CLASS / Sunday, March 3 or May 19

Child Dedication is a chance for parents to dedicate their children to God. The book [Spiritual Parenting](#) is encouraged prior to this class and is provided FREE of charge. (Dedications are Sundays, March 17 & June 16)

### PARENT/CHILD COMMUNION CLASS / Saturday, March 23, 10 AM - 12 PM

This class is designed for grades 1-4 and their parents. Kids may attend more than once. Register on Realm or at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).

### PARENT/GRANDPARENT CONNECTION ON REALM

Join the Parents of Hope (KidMin) group on Realm. On Realm, under Groups, click "Find a Group", search "Parents of Hope", click "Join Group" and "Send Request".



## 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.

### RETREAT46

#### Grades 4 & 5: Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7

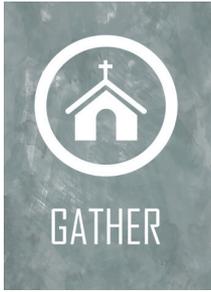
Hope's KidMin is SUPER excited to offer a retreat for 4th and 5th graders! Join us for Retreat46 at Camp Shamineau. The cost of \$100 covers meals, housing, and a ton of fun activities! Friends who are experiencing the Hope family for the first time are \$75. Please register on Realm or [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).

### VBS 2019: Monday, July 8 - Thursday, July 11, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

In the midst of fun, food, games, and worship, kids Preschool through Grade 5 (completed) will learn God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. \$20 per child. Free lunch Thursday for the whole family! Register at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).



## STUDENTS



### ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Worship Service: 9:00 AM**

Student Groups: 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 Sunday, April 21 or Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12)

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:15 PM (No PM Flash Wednesday, April 17)

### AM GROUPS

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

Sundays at 10:30 AM (No AM Groups Sunday, April 21)



### 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.

### CAMPING TRIPS

**Flood (Incoming 9th- Grads), Thursday, August 1 - Sunday, August 4**

**Flash (Incoming 7th & 8th grade), Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18**

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.

### 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 and eating with the families.

### FLASH (GRADES 6-8) LOCK-IN

**Friday, March 29 at 9:00 PM - Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 AM**

Invite your friends to a fun night of games, food, and prizes - where they will also hear the Gospel. \$15 per student. Please register on Realm or at [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com).

### FLOOD (GRADES 9-12) VIDEO EXTRAVAGANZA #1 & #2

**Sundays, May 5 and May 19**

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 a private screening 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.

## 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 and grow in their faith through study and discussion. Come cultivate your relationship with God and learn together.

### **“EXPLORING THE PARABLES OF JESUS”**

**Sundays, March 31, April 7 & April 14 at 10:30 AM**

Although the parables of Jesus seem simple, the messages they convey are deep, and central to the teachings of our Lord, Jesus. Join us as we explore a few of the parables to understand the teachings Jesus intended, and the applications for our lives today.

Led by Dave Sagisser.

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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### ADULT GATHERING & MISSION UPDATE

**Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 AM** (Room 154)

Join us for some coffee and light refreshments, fellowship, and hear a Hope Church missions update from Pastor Dave.

### LEADERSHIP GATHERING

**Monday, March 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Leaders of adult groups, Leadership Gatherings provide a space to be inspired toward the vision of groups and grow in leadership skills through practical teaching and discussion.

### LEADERSHIP GATHERING CELEBRATION

**Monday, April 8 at 6:00 PM**

Leaders of adult groups, please save the date and join us for our end of the year celebration and thank you dinner.

### WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES

**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 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.

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### WOMEN OF HOPE AND MEN OF HOPE GROUPS ON REALM

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 Realm. On the navigation menu, under Groups click "Find a Group", search group name, click "Join Group" and "Send Request". Questions? Please contact [Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com](mailto:Raeann.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 disciplemaking?**

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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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 new 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, please visit [HopeChurchOakdale.com](http://HopeChurchOakdale.com) or Realm. If you have any questions regarding giving, please contact [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).

### **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.

### **NFLS CAR SEAT DRIVE**

#### **Collection Dates: Sundays, March 24 & 31**

Hope collects donations to provide car seats for new parents. Any donation is welcome (\$40 provides one car seat). All proceeds go to NLFS.

### **LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **HANG @ HOPE**

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. To learn more, contact Penny Sitz 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 Sitz at [plsitz@comcast.net](mailto:plsitz@comcast.net).

### **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD EMERGENCY FOOD SHEL**

We are proud to support CCEFS who provides help for those who need food in our community. 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. More information at [castmn.org](http://castmn.org).