

August 2024 Calendar

Sunday, August 4

6:00pm Youth Group

Tuesday, August 6

8:00am White Cross

6:30pm Knitting Group

Wednesday, August 7

10:30am Word and Prayer

6:30pm Women's Prayer Night

Thursday, August 8

8:30am Men's Small Group

Friday, August 9

7:00pm Men's Rec Night

Saturday, August 10

12:30pm A.W.L.S.

Pastors & Elders at Hope

Visit our staff page on our website for a full list and contact info.

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Senior Pastor

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Pastor of Worship & Implementation

Casey Ehlers

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



"Building a community that loves Christ to reach a community that needs Christ."

August 4, 2024

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

- Nursery & preschool care are provided during services for children ages 5 and under
- You can download or watch today's sermon on hefc.net or on our YouTube channel Hope Church Roscoe

Growth Hour 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

- Worship Center: *Thinking Biblically about Christmas* by Mickey Klink
- Fellowship Hall: *Christian Hospitality and Islam* by Bryan Ott
- High School Class in Fireside Room
- Middle School Class upstairs in The Loft
- Students going into 4th and 5th Grade join Elementary
- Elementary School in Drake Hall
- Preschool in Preschool Wing

Download our app Church Center and have access to:

- Upcoming events
- Prayer requests
- Ministry information
- Library catalog
- Church directory
- Previous sermons

Hospitality Center:

Visit the cart in the lobby to pick up the following:

- Kids' activity bags
- Assisted listening devices
- Regular and Large Print Daily Bread booklets
- Printed song lyrics
- Connect Cards



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On our website
www.hefc.net



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Church Center

Ways to Give:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KHUSA Backpack Party: If you've registered to bring school supplies for our mentees involved with the KHUSA program, please be sure to return these items to the office by Monday afternoon, August 5.

Wednesday Morning Word & Prayer will be starting back up on Wednesday, August 7 at 10:30am. Please join us if you are able!

AWANA Clubs Volunteers Needed: Have you been considering helping with AWANA? Or maybe you are planning to but haven't registered yet? Please register now on the app or at the kiosks in the lobby.

Midweek Connection Night Volunteers: Join our Wednesday Night Meal team this year! If you are interested in being a part of this, register on the app or at the kiosk in the lobby. You can also contact Thomas [thomas@hefc.net]. We would love to have you be a part of this fruitful ministry. Midweek Connection nights and meals start September 4.



It May Be the Lord
53rd in the “Samuel” Series
2 Samuel 16
August 4, 2024
Pastor Mickey Klink

Introduction: In this text, God teaches us the value of receiving and responding to criticism from others.

Proverbs 15:31-32:

³¹ *Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise.*

³² *Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.*

The encounter has much to teach us about receiving and responding to criticism. Three things in particular:

(1) Criticism will not always be constructive, for sometimes its intentions are destructive (vv. 5-6).

(2) Criticism, even of the destructive sort, can contain kernels of truth (vv. 7-8).

(3) David teaches us how to receive and respond to criticisms of any sort (vv. 9-14).

Pastoral Reflections:

- The biggest danger of receiving criticism is not to our reputations but to our hearts.
- Whenever criticism comes—constructive or destructive—look to see if there is a kernel of truth in even the most exaggerated and unfair broadsides.
- Listen to criticisms as a tool God can and does use to minister to you.
- Even if your critic is wrong in most (or dare we say all) of what they say, do not let your heart move to judgment. Deal gently with your critic in your own mind.

Response

Christians, do not flee from life-giving correction but humbly pursue wisdom and understanding.

Sunday Text Questions

2 Samuel 16

August 4, 2024

Pastor Mickey Klink

Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) Have you ever been criticized unfairly, and how did you respond?
- 2) How is the criticism of David by Shimei in vv. 5-8 both unfair and biased but also reflecting a kernel of truth?
- 3) What is the reason David gives in vv. 9-12 to not retaliate against Shimei or to not reject entirely his hate-filled criticism but to receive it?
- 4) If you are being honest, how well are you at receiving criticisms – both constructive and destructive?
- 5) What advice would you give to another Christian (or yourself) about looking for a kernel of truth in any criticism you receive?
- 6) How can you prepare yourself to receive criticisms with open arms and not to let your heart move to judgment of the critic?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Ephesians 4:29 (Mon); Galatians 6:1 (Tues); Proverbs 15:1 (Wed); Proverbs 27:17 (Thurs); Proverbs 9:8 (Fri).

Mission Spotlight – August 2024

Dave & Sasha Bliss EFCA Reach Global



Dave serves as the Director of Missions Mobilization for the North Central District of the EFCA. He works in Minnesota and Wisconsin serving as a pastor to pastors and church leaders, coaching mission teams and congregations as they seek to fulfill the great commission, encouraging church planting locally, overseeing district sponsored short-term teams, and much more. Dave and Sasha served in Europe as missionaries from 2006-2024 in Poland, Bulgaria, and in Europe Division Leadership. In 2024, they responded to God's call to return to the US to mobilize workers for the harvest field.

Prayer Requests

Pray for all three girls (Sophie-19, Veronica-17, and Lexi-15) as they adjust to the move back across an ocean is difficult and must start over and make new friends.

Pray for the family as they decide on the best schooling option for their youngest daughter (Lexi).



We invite you to our Women of Hope Prayer Connection
Wednesday, August 7, from 6:30 to 8 pm

We invite you to join us in these sweet ways:

- check-in starting at 6:15pm
- coffee and light snacks provided
- preparing our posture and perspective for prayer
- being guided through the Word in prayer
- connecting with God & each other
- providing time for private prayer

In a fast-paced world with many distractions, we will practice the presence of God through prayer. At the same time, we will prepare our hearts and minds to be drawn closer to God in everyday life. Our goal is humbly learning and growing together in developing a rhythm of prayer & worship.

Sign up on the church app for planning purposes or call the office to register at 815-623-6545. This event is for high school age & up.



THINKING BIBLICALLY ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Class Length: 4 weeks (August 4—August 25)

Teacher: Mickey Klink

Location: Worship Center

Summary:

What does it really mean to keep “Christ” in Christmas? Christians today might be surprised that Christians of old had a very different perspective than most Christians today. Even more, many might be surprised to see how many of our ideas about Christmas have been driven by cultural and not just biblical categories. Before pulling out our holiday decorations and heading to our family celebrations, let’s spend some time thinking biblically about Christmas, even in August.

Growth Goals:

To learn about the history of Christmas and Christmas practices in the history of the church.

To examine the Christmas traditions and practices in modern America and the contemporary church.

To learn biblical principles and applications for the celebration of Christmas.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (8/4): Ghost of Christmas Past | Christmas & Christians in History

Week 2 (8/11): Ghost of Christmas Present | Christmas & Christians Today

Week 3 (8/18) Biblical Principles for the Holi-day of Christmas

Week 4 (8/25): Ghost of Christmas Future | Christmas & Faithful Presence



CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY AND ISLAM

Class Length: 4 weeks (August 4—August 25)

Teacher: Bryan Ott

Location: Fellowship Hall

Summary:

When we hear the words “Islam” or “Muslim” what are the thoughts that come to our minds? What do we actually know about the religion of Islam, and more importantly, how well do we know Muslim people? What does it mean to love our neighbors as we love ourselves? Moving beyond political rhetoric, this course is intended to be a dialogical and pastoral discussion of Islam in America and how we Christians are to live with our non-Christian neighbors in a diverse country.

Growth Goals:

To discuss how our perceptions of Islam may unhealthily affect how we think about Muslim people.

To better understand the distinctives of Muslim culture, faith and practice.

To understand how to avoid the rhetoric of the right and left in our society, in favor of adopting a posture of Christian hospitality.

To define and describe Christian pluralism and discuss how the application of this theology may inform how we relate to our Muslim neighbors.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (8/4): Perception vs. Reality: Muslims in America

Week 2 (8/11): What is Islam? What do Muslims Believe?

Week 3 (8/18): Christian Hospitality and Islam

Week 4 (8/25): Q&A—Where do we go from here?