

August 2024 Calendar

Sunday, August 25

12:30pm Building Remodel Open House
6:00pm Youth Group

Tuesday, August 27

8:00am White Cross

Wednesday, August 28

10:00am Women's Sermon Study
10:30am Word and Prayer
6:30pm AWANA Leader Meeting

Thursday, August 29

8:30am Men's Small Group
6:30pm Women's Sermon Study

Pastors & Elders at Hope

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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 25, 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
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Ways to Give:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWANA Clubs and Family Meal Vounteers can register now on the app or at the kiosks in the lobby.

Building Remodel Open House Dates: Sun, Aug 25 from 12:30-2:30pm. We invite you to join us at our open house sessions to explore and discuss the proposed building remodel. Your input is essential as we decide whether to move forward with the project. Feel free to drop by to share your thoughts, offer suggestions, and express any concerns. We will have plans and photos available for review.



**The Bondage of Bitterness
or the Freedom of the Gospel**

55th in the “Samuel” Series

2 Samuel 18:1-33

August 25, 2024

Pastor Brad Schreiner

Introduction: This text concludes Absalom’s rebellion by showing the damaging effects of pride and bitterness.

1) Unresolved anger leads to bitterness that negatively affects others. (vs. 1-18)

2) Unresolved bitterness leads to sorrow, leaving you emotionally empty. (vs. 19-33)

Ephesians 4:26-32 - *Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³¹ **Let all bitterness** and wrath and anger and clamor and slander **be put away from you**, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.***

Response: Hebrews 12:14-15 - *Strive for peace with everyone and for holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it, many become defiled.*

Sunday Text Questions

2 Samuel 18:1-33

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

- 1) Returning to Chapter 13, we see Absalom's anger turning to bitterness over time to the point where he is now going to war with his father. Identify some consequences of this in Chapter 18.
- 2) Think of a time when you had difficulty forgiving someone, or someone had difficulty forgiving you. What happened to the relationship? If the relationship is still bruised or broken, how can an attitude of forgiveness help you in this?
- 3) Read Ephesians 4:26-32. How can this be applied to all our relationships? How well have you done?
- 4) CS Lewis said, "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive." Discuss the implications of this statement.
- 5) Read vs. 18:33. What are things that David has lost? How can we take the example of the pride and bitterness of Absalom and the inaction and bitterness of David as an example to run to the cross in any relational conflicts we may have? Explain.

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Deuteronomy 21:23, Galatians 3:13, Matthew 6:9-15, Ephesians 4:26-32, Romans 5:8, Luke 17:3-4, Hebrews 12:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19



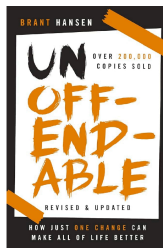
The Women of Hope's Fifth Annual Backyard Bonfires
Theme: *Unoffendable*

We are excited about this outdoor event and thankful for all the gracious ladies who have come together to make a space for the women of Hope to feel welcome.

When: Friday, September 20

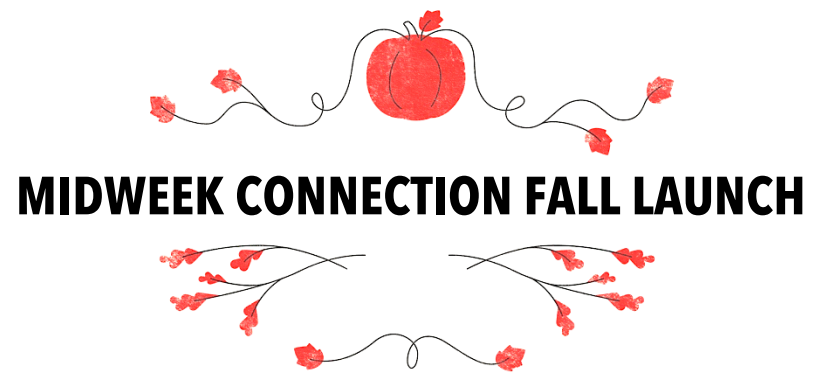
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Various homes to choose from (8 women per home)



Optional Book for Purchase: Not required for the event, but this book will be available in the office for anyone interested in purchasing one for \$10 while supplies last.

Register online, on the app, or at the kiosks in the lobby. Registration closes on Thursday, September 19 at 2pm. By God's grace, let's keep doing LIFE TOGETHER whenever possible.



STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4!

Family Meal 5:30 - 6:15pm | Open to Everyone | \$3 Donation

Join our Wednesday Night Meal team this year! If you are interested in helping with shopping, prepping, cooking or serving the meal, contact Thomas [thomas@hefc.net].

EQUIPING CLASS | 5:30-6:15pm | For Student Volunteers

Jonathan will be teaching a class for any student helping serve at AWANA. This 4-week class is intended to help students grow and be better equipped to serve and lead.

AWANA Clubs 6:30 - 8pm | For Kids 3 y/o - 6th Grade

Cubbies (age 3 & 4) celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers and cultivate respect for God. Kids learn basic truths about, God, Jesus, and salvation. *Sparks* (K-2nd grade) ignites kids' curiosity and builds a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. Kids learn about exciting people from the Bible; Genesis to Revelation. *Truth & Training* (3rd-6th grade) guides kids to a deeper understanding of God's grace! Kids learn more about God, the Bible, Jesus, and the life application of Scripture.

Choir Team 6:30 - 8pm | Multi-Generational

Hope Choir is a multi-generational group of singers leading the body in worship. Come give us a test-drive by attending just the first rehearsal with no obligation! Registration is open on the app or on the kiosks in the lobby or contact Glenna [815-218-6828].



TECH-WISE

Class Length: 8 weeks (Sept 1 – Oct 20)

Location: Worship Center | Teacher: Casey Ehlers

Summary: It is hard to imagine where we as a culture would be with technology, even just 10, 20, or 30 years past. With the advent of the digital age, we possess more computer code in our pockets than existed on the rockets that travelled to the moon. This reality is both a gift and a curse, and an active task of the disciple of Christ is to pursue wisdom in all things technology. This 7-week Growth Hour will apply biblical wisdom to the topics of social media, parenting and screen time, doom-scrolling, etc.

Growth Goals:

To understand the catechizing power of smart phones and social media.

To revisit the concept of biblical wisdom as applied to technology.

To grow or develop healthy boundaries as users of technology.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (9/1): Technology. Gift or Curse? (Olle Larson Guest Teaching)

Week 2 (9/8): Casey & the Summer 2024 Tech Detox (Sabbatical Discussion)

Week 3 (9/15): The Medium IS the Message

Week 4 (9/22): What is Wisdom?

Week 5 (9/29): Authenticity → Freedom

Week 6 (10/6): Outrage and Shame → Peace

Week 7 (10/13): Meaningless Consumption → Stewardship

Week 8 (10/20): Tech-Wise Best Practices

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL: THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH FOUR VOICES

Class Length: 8 weeks (Sept 1 – Oct 20)

Location: Fellowship Hall | Teachers: Jordan Taylor & Olle Larson

Summary: In this class, we explore the profound depth and richness of the four Gospels, seeking to uncover their unique portrayal of Jesus Christ and His mission. Through theological reflection and careful study, we will journey together to understand the Gospels not just as historical texts, but as living narratives that shape our faith. From the storytelling craft of the evangelists to the theological insights embedded in their accounts, we aim to draw closer to the heart of the Gospel message. Join us as we engage with the interwoven themes, typologies, and divine echoes that reveal the glory of Christ and His redemptive work, equipping us to live out the Gospel in every facet of our lives.

Growth Goals:

To explore the unique theological contributions of each Gospel, enabling us to appreciate their distinct perspectives on Jesus' life, ministry, and mission.

To apply the truths revealed in the Gospels to our daily lives, fostering a deeper commitment to living out the Gospel message in every area of life.

To cultivate a greater appreciation for the interconnectedness of Scripture, seeing the Gospels as part of the grand narrative of God's redemptive plan.

To encourage Christ-centered reflection and transformative living, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (9/1): What is a Gospel?

Week 2 (9/8): Gospel is a Story

Week 3 (9/15): Gospel as Theology

Week 4 (9/22): Intertextual Echoes

Week 5 (9/29): Typology in Matthew

Week 6 (10/6): Typology in Mark

Week 7 (10/13): Typology in Luke

Week 8 (10/20): Typology in John