May 2025 Calendar

Sunday, May 11 Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day No Youth Group

Tuesday, May 13

12:00pm Senior Saints Luncheon

Wednesday, May 14

10:00am Women's Sermon Study 10:30am Church Chat in Fireside 6:00pm VBS Workday 6:30pm Church Chat in Worship Center

Thursday, May 15

8:30am Men's Small Group6:00pm Divorce Care Group6:30pm Women's Sermon Study

Friday, May 16

5:30pm 6th Grade Promotion Dinner

Pastors & Elders at Hope

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

Mickey Klink

Senior Pastor

Greg Lynas

Pastor of Worship & Implementation

Casey Ehlers

Pastor of Discipleship & Hospitality

Jonathan Mills

Pastor of Student Ministries

Mark Tichgelaar

Elder Chairman

Ed Kipp, Olle Larson, Dennis Marrano, Marshall Newhouse, Neal Neyer, Bryan Ott Lay Elders

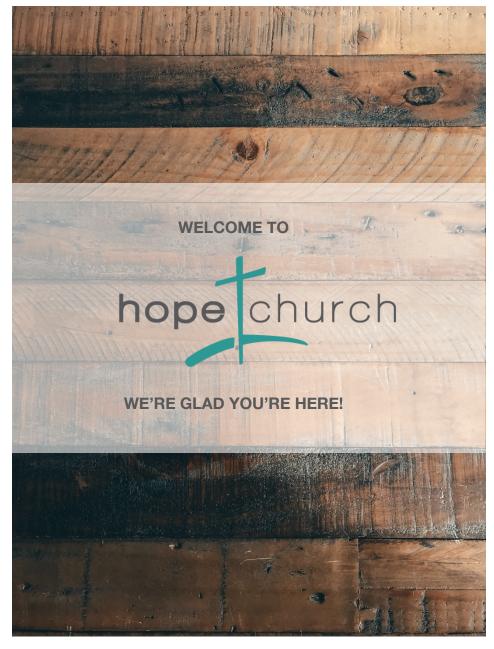
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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



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

May 11, 2025

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

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

Growth Hour 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

- The Bible in American History by Bryan Ott in the Worship Center
- A Theology of Happiness by Jordan Taylor in Fellowship Hall
- Middle School Class in Loft
- High School Class in Fireside Room
- 4th and 5th Grade in Classroom 10
- Elementary School in Drake Hall
- Preschool in Rooms 1 3

Download our app Church Center and have access to:

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

Welcome Cart:

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

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

Ways to Give:









In the collection box as you exit

On our website hopechurchroscoe.com

Church Center Scan the QR code or go to the "Giving Report" page on our app for more info on YTD giving.





Our Community Memorial Day Picnic is approaching! Join us on Monday, May 26, 11am-1pm at Leland Park. Grab some door hangers in the lobby to pass out in your neighborhood. There will be music, games, and free food at this event for all ages. We're still looking for a few volunteers. Sign-up online to help serve or reach out to thomas@hefc.net.

We will have two Church Chats on Wednesday, May 14: one in the Fireside room at 10:30am, and one in the Worship Center at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the ministry reports and business meeting packets.

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Congregational Business** Meeting on Sunday, May 18, at 9:30am during the Growth Hour time slot. Contact the church office if you are interested in membership or learning more about Hope Church.

Child Registration is open for VBS July 14–18! Join our volunteer team on this True North adventure.

VBS Workdays will be every Wednesday in May from 6-8pm in **Drake Hall.** We will have projects for every age, and children under the age of 12 must have parental supervision.

Willow Women's Center New Infant Clothing Drive: We are running a collection for the Willow Women's Center from Mother's Day to Father's Day! They are currently in need of new infant clothing this year so that is what we will be collecting. We will have a display in the lobby through Sunday, June 15, where you can drop off any donations.



Waiting on God's Promises

37th in the "Psalms" Series Psalm 37 May 11th, 2025 Pastor Jonathan Mills

| 1. | The wicked prosper now. | |
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2. The righteous suffer now.

3. A new day is coming.

Response: How will you live, in the here and now, while you wait on God's promises?

Sunday Text Questions

Psalm 37 May 11th, 2025 Pastor Jonathan Mills

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

| 1) | Have you ever been tempted to envy the evil? What drew you towards that envy? |
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| 2) | What does David mean in Psalm 37:4 when he says, "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart?" |
| 3) | Why can the righteous rest in the midst of the persecutions of the wicked, according to Psalm 37? |
| 4) | In Psalm 37, God makes promises related to land around eight times (vs. 3, 9, 11, 18-19, 22, 27, 29, and 34). What do these promises mean for us today? |
| 5) | What other promises does God make throughout Psalm 37? |
| 6) | Where do you see Christ in Psalm 37? |
| 7) | How shall we then live as Christians? |

For further study this week, here are some passages related to the message of this week's text: Proverbs 3, Matthew 5:1-16, Psalm 73, Luke 16:19-31, Ephesians 4:17-32.



Women of Hope Prayer Connection Friday, May 23, from 6:30 to 8:15pm

May it be...

- A time to gather.
- A time to pray.
- A time to connect with God and each other.

In a fast-paced world with many distractions, we will practice the presence of God through prayer. At the same time, we will allow God to direct our hearts and minds to His calling to walk in love and peace. Humbly learning and growing together in developing a rhythm of prayer.

This event is for high school age and up. Please register for planning purposes if you are able. Contact debbie@hefc.net for questions.



Hope Church Family Camp

June 18 - 21

Please join us for our 5th annual Family Camp at Kettle Moraine State Forest! We have once again reserved the entire group camp loop so bring your family, your tents, and your sense of adventure! We hope for a summer of many more delightful shared experiences together and pray this helps us grow in familial love and joy.

Planned activities include nightly group meals, games, devotions, campfires, s'mores, and beach day at Ottawa Lake! Everyone is free to set their own pace whether that's hiking every trail in the area or sipping lemonade from your lawn chair. We are just thrilled to get time together.

Register today, more details are available on the event page online or on the app.

If camping isn't your thing, but you still want to participate, join us for beach day at Ottawa Lake on June 20 from 10:30am-5pm! Pack a picnic lunch and join us for swimming, games, water recreation, and more. We have an area reserved and will be having a dinner and devotional together at 5pm.



The Bible in American History

May 4 – June 29 (8 weeks, No GH 5/18) Location: Worship Center I Teachers: Bryan Ott

Summary: In this course, we will examine the various ways in which American Christians have used the Bible in their understanding of historical events and in their politics. We will examine various moments in American history, with particular attention paid to evangelical Christians' use of Biblical narrative to understand, explain or even defend their responses to those events. We will discuss both proper and improper hermeneutical [interpretation] approaches over time and consider what constitutes a healthy political theology.

Growth Goals:

- -To practice "truth-telling" regarding American history, looking at the past with an accurate and humble posture.
- -To better understand the story of Evangelicalism in America: the good, the bad, and the ugly.
- -To learn how to read the Bible rightly as the citizens of an earthly kingdom, but primarily as the people of God.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (5/4) "A City on a Hill": Notions of American Exceptionalism

Week 2 (5/11) Romans 13 and the American Revolution

BREAK (5/18) Congregational Businesss Meeting

Week 3 (5/25) "God is on our Side": The Bible and Civil War

Week 4 (6/1) The Social Gospel & Evangelical Dividing Lines

Week 5 (6/8) Where Do We Go from Here? (Class Feedback)

Week 6 (6/15) Entering into Biblical Narrative: The Civil Rights Movement

Week 7 (6/22) The Cold War and "End Times" Theology

Week 8 (6/29) Presidents and Prayer Breakfasts

Theology of Happiness

May 4 – June 29 (8 weeks, No GH 5/18) Location: Fellowship Hall I Teachers: Jordan Taylor

<u>Summary:</u> In this class, we will explore the often overlooked but deeply biblical theme of happiness, uncovering its central role in the life of faith. Far from being a shallow or worldly pursuit, true happiness is rooted in the character of God, revealed in the gospel of Christ, and cultivated through the work of the Holy Spirit. A theology of happiness, then, is neither sentimental nor escapist, but deeply anchored in the redemptive mission of God. From the joy of salvation to the struggles of mental health, from spiritual practices to eschatological hope, this course aims to shape not only how we think about happiness, but how we pursue it as followers of Christ.

Growth Goals:

- -To define happiness biblically and theologically (Genesis to Revelation), correcting common misconceptions in Christian thought.
- -To explore how salvation, sanctification, suffering, and hope all contribute to a distinctly Christian vision of happiness.
- -To cultivate practices and perspectives that foster joy in God, equipping us to live as happy, holy witnesses in the world.

Topical Overview:

Week 1 (5/4) What is Happiness?

Week 2 (5/11) A Biblical Theology of Happiness

BREAK (5/18) Congregational Businesss Meeting

Week 3 (5/25) Is God Happy?

Week 4 (6/1) Happiness and Grief/Mental Health

Week 5 (6/8) Happiness and Salvation

Week 6 (6/15) Happiness and Sanctification

Week 7 (6/22) Joy of the New Creation

Week 8 (6/29) What Does it Mean to be a Happy Christian?