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NEWSLETTER
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THE ONLY IDENTITY THAT MATTERS

by: Pastor Jason

We've been talking a lot about our identity around here. It's a natural part of life, and we have multiple identities. No, I'm not talking about multiple personality disorder (ironically now called "dissociative identity disorder"), though life certainly may feel that way at times.

Take me, for example. To Susan, I'm a husband. To Jordan, Kristin, and Lauren, I'm Dad. To Bentley, I'm Papa. To my parents, I'm their son. To my sister, I'm her brother. To the people of Hope Church, I'm the pastor. To our staff, I'm the "boss." To our wonderful Tennessee Ministry Network, I'm General Presbyter. To many people in my life, I'm a friend.

You're no different with many different relationships and connections, because this is a wonderful part of the life God has given to each of us. However, there is an extreme danger in finding my "identity" in any of these titles.

How we function at any given time depends upon with whom we're interacting. The relationship determines our function in that moment, but it should never determine our identity.

Within the church in recent years, there's been a heavy emphasis by some on knowing "who I am." I've seen social media posts that say something like this: "I'm a victor. I'm more than a conqueror. I'm the head and not the tail. I'm above and not beneath." These are all true statements. In fact, they're based on Scripture.

But here's the problem. When I focus on "me," it's far too easy to forget that I'm only those things because of the work of Jesus. I'm only those things because of the work of the Holy Spirit in my life. That's why I'm learning to focus less on who I am and increasingly more on who He is. It's less important who I am and far more important whose I am.

The Apostle Paul was aboard a ship caught in a violent storm. Everyone thought they would be shipwrecked and lose their lives, but Paul was visited by an angel of the Lord. After the encounter, he said this to the sailors: "There stood by me an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve" (Acts 27:23, ESV).

In that moment of great need, it didn't matter that Paul was a great Apostle, church planter, highly educated in the best schools, Jew by birth, or Roman by citizenship. What mattered was WHOSE he was.

Church, let's continue to find our identity not in who we are or the multiple titles we carry, but in WHOSE we are. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "We belong to Jesus" (1 Corinthians 3:23). When the storms of life begin to blow, that's the only identity that matters.

CONNECT

Welcome Home!

If you're interested in becoming a member of Hope Church or if you just want to learn more about our history and vision, then check out our "DNA" class at hopechurchalgood.com/ourdna. If you have any questions or you're ready to become a member, please contact the church office.

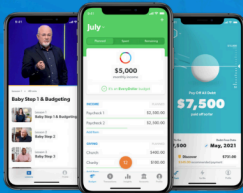
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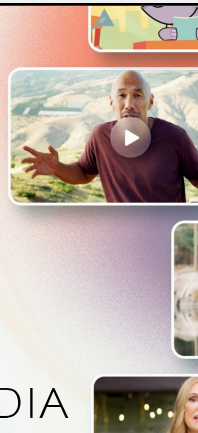


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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

1-31

AG U.S. Missions: Pray for America 2026
www.hopechurchalgood.com/pray-for-america

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Church Office Closed

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America Prays 250
9 AM | Prayer Center

7

VBS Volunteer Meeting
6 PM | Multi-Purpose Room

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Healing Rooms
6-8 PM | Prayer Center

12-15

VBS 2026 - Kingdom Quest
4 years - Entering 5th grade | www.hopechurchalgood.com/vbs

12-15

Summer Encounter 2026 - Thank God I'm Free
Entering 6th-9th grade | www.hopechurchalgood.com/vbs

23

Senior Adults: Back to School Prayer Tour
9:30 AM | Kid's Entrance parking lot by the buses

29

Family Worship & Prayer Night
Meal: 5-6 PM | Multi-Purpose Room; Worship & Prayer: 6:30 PM | Main Auditorium

AUGUST

2

Back to School Prayer
10 AM | Main Auditorium

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

2

Hope Blended: Special Guest Jennifer Johnson
6 PM | Trinity Place - Upper Level

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Men of Hope: First Tuesday
6:30 PM | 931 Building

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Hope Kids: Nerf & Nachos (3rd-5th Grade)
6:30 PM | The Loft

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Hope Kids & The Grove: Volunteer Training Day
8:30 AM - 12 PM | Multi-Purpose Room

11

Senior Adults: Luncheon with Special Guest: Randy Drake
11:30 AM | Multi-Purpose Room

14

Healing Rooms
6-8 PM | Prayer Center

16

Hope Blended: The Smart Stepfamily Series
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 6 PM | Trinity Place - Upper Level

19

931 Students: End of Summer Party
6:30 PM | 931 Building

30

Family Sunday with Child Dedication & Water Baptism
10 AM | Main Auditorium

SEPTEMBER

1

Women of Hope & Men of Hope: First Tuesday
6:30 PM | Women: Multi-Purpose Room; Men: 931 Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

2

New Support Group: DivorceCare

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM | The Family Room (Church Offices)

4

Hope Kids: Light It Up! Glow Night (K-2nd Grade)

6:30 PM | The Loft

7

Church Office Closed

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Healing Rooms

6-8 PM | Prayer Center

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Senior Adults: An Evening at Pastor Jeannie's Home

5:30 PM

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Fall Family Day

10 AM | Prayer Walk

23

See You at the Altar

8:30 AM | Prayer Center

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Family Worship & Prayer Night

Meal: 5-6 PM | Multi-Purpose Room; Worship & Prayer: 6:30 PM | Main Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE

November 20

Thanks Y'all: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

6 PM | Multi-Purpose Room

Natalie Layne Concert

7:30 PM | Sanctuary



UPCOMING KINGDOM BUILDERS HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 12th - David & Amy Pomohaci

David and Amy are transitioning from serving with Chi Alpha at Tennessee Tech to Harvard University. Their vision is to see students encounter Jesus, grow through discipleship, and become leaders who impact their campus and future workplaces with the truth of Christ. They pray God will use this ministry to help Harvard reflect its Christ-centered heritage.

Sunday, August 9th - Smoky Mountain Dream Center

The Smoky Mountain Dream Center is a Christ-centered ministry serving women and children in Appalachia affected by poverty, abuse, and incarceration. Through re-entry support, transitional housing, and discipleship, they help individuals find freedom and rebuild their lives. Their vision is to see every woman and child flourish and pursue God's purpose for their lives.

Sunday, September 13th - Mel & Jillian

Mel and Jillian serve with Global Initiative, equipping and mobilizing believers to share the gospel with Muslim people around the world. After years of ministry in Bangladesh, including outreach to victims of human trafficking and discipleship, they now focus on training pastors, missionaries, and church leaders to effectively reach Muslim communities with the hope of Jesus.





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