

The Hope Reporter

Using God's Gifts for God's Glory

What do you know about the book of Malachi? That it's the last book in the Old Testament? Anything after that? Probably not. And you're not alone. Few Christians have ever studied Malachi.

So why spend an entire month on such a little-known book of the Bible? Simple. The book of Malachi announces the Gospel of God's covenant election and coming Messiah to empower believers to manage God's gifts for God's glory.

How often does apathy get in the way of our walk with Jesus? Apathy? It's a compound of two Greek words that literally means, "No passion." We all know the feeling—the days when our get up and go got up and went. Then what? We don't manage God's gifts—especially his gifts of money and investments—for his glory and the spread of his Gospel.

His Gospel!

That's what the prophet Malachi announces to awake us out of spiritual slumber so that, with renewed zeal, we open wide our eyes to the goodness of our God. And there's only one way to live after a fresh encounter with the Gospel of God's forgiveness and renewing Spirit in Christ Jesus. For his glory!

Here are the sermon themes as we make our way through Malachi:

Week one: Looking in the right places makes faithful stewards

Week two: God gets our attention so we bring him righteous offerings

Week three: God calms our financial fears

Week four: Christ's return empowers joyful stewardship

All of this, and so much more, are coming your way. I invite you to participate in this year's stewardship emphasis joyfully and enthusiastically!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor James



"We Praise O God" – A Service for Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 26th @ 7pm

Join us **Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm** here at Hope for a special service for Thanksgiving. The service will use passages from Scripture in which the people of God praised the Lord, as we do this, and every Thanksgiving. Through word, song, and celebrating the

Lord's Supper, we'll be reminded that we have much to praise God for, and we have many good examples of what it means to be a people of praise!

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Advent Begins Sunday, November 30th! “Our Dear Christ Enters In”

In any given year approximately 131 million Americans travel home to visit family and friends. For many, going home means get-togethers, extra food and cookies, and gift exchanges. Unfortunately, many times in the hustle and bustle of home life, the spiritual blessings of Advent and Christmas get buried in all the trappings of the season. What if our goal this year was to simply let our dear Christ enter into our homes and into our lives? How does his entry into the world speak into and even change our approach to this season? In this special series for Advent and Christmas, we look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts his home.



November 30th Week 1: Family Tree: Jesus enters in into a unique family tree that demonstrates to us how blessed we are to be a part of the family tree of God because of him.

December 7th Week 2: Home Hurts: In this broken world, our homes are not immune from hurt. But Jesus enters in to comfort and heal us when we encounter pain and suffering.

December 21st Week 3: Baby Names: We contemplate the name Jesus, which was given to him at his birth. It is a reminder to us of his reason for entering in to our world: He came to save us.

Veteran's Day Tribute

Veterans Sunday will be observed on November 9, and you are asked to wear your patriotic colors. A special PowerPoint will be presented on that day recognizing Hope members and friends who have served in the Armed Forces. If you are new to Hope and have not submitted your service information to Dave Roberts (dlrobertsfl@gmail.com or 804-512-1496), please do so by Nov. 2.



Weekly Bible Studies

- **Sunday Adult Bible Study** - Between services in the sanctuary, Hal Stutsman is presenting "A Brief History of the Christian Church". The Bible study focuses on the events following Christ's resurrection all the way through to the present.
- **Children's Sunday School Classes** meet between services. Preschool-Kindergarten meet in the Fellowship Hall; 1st and up meet in Pastor's office.
- **Wednesday Women's & Men's Bible Studies**—Wednesday Women's & Men's Bible Studies meet each Wednesday at 10 am. The men are working through the CPH book *Myth or Faith? Cleaning up Common Misconceptions about Christianity*. The women are working through a book called *Strong and Courageous: Studying God's Promises in Joshua* by Donna Snow. All are welcome!
- **Wednesday in the Word Dinner and Bible Study**—We begin our Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30pm. This fall, we are watching Season 5 of *The Chosen* and participating in discussion afterwards. Along with our study, our Wednesday evening meals begin at 5:45 pm. If you would like to bring a food item for the meal, you may sign up in the Narthex each week. Questions? Please see Leslie (321-507-0587) or Jackie (515-556-6359) with questions.



November 2025

Happy Birthday to...

Diane Gillard 15
Linda Brown 15
John Mitnik 18
Austin Powell 20

Madison Serrate 21
Gary Rezeau 23
Del Lonnquist 29

Happy Anniversary to...

Chis & Llonda Bins-Lohman	10	24 Years
Kenn & Laura Baker	10	42 Years
John & Megan Koenig	22	10 Years
Carl & Bunnie Koelsch	25	55 Years



Women's & Men's Bible Breakfast

Our Women's and Men's Bible Breakfast groups will meet next on November 15 at 9 a.m. at Grills, 6075 North US 1, Melbourne, FL. This is a chance for a light devotion together and some good fellowship. All are invited! There will be signup sheets in the Narthex.

Women may contact Cathy Chase at 321-505-1223 with questions. Men may contact Dave Roberts at 804-512-1496. Hope you can make it!

Mah Jongg with Kathy Mathisen



Our Mah Jongg group meets Tuesdays, 1-3 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. If interested, please let Kathy Mathisen know at 321-345-4770.



Crochet Crew

Crochet Crew will be meeting on November 6 & 20 at 10 am to crochet and enjoy fellowship. If you have any questions or want to learn, please call Rachel Stutsman at 701-471-4751 for more information.

Hope Walks



All are welcome to walk with us at Wickham Park on Saturday mornings at 7am. Assemble just inside the main Parkway entrance. We walk clockwise, so if you are late, start walking counter clockwise to find us. Provide your phone number to Cathy Chase (321-505-1223) to receive text updates.



Church Council Meeting, November 18

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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Introducing...Hope Travelers

We are starting a new group at Hope! To enhance the Fellowship aspect of our Mission, individuals who would like to take short trips together with friends here at Hope are planning to take approximately 1 trip per month. Our first trip was to Bok Tower and El Retiro home/museum in Lake Wales on November 1st. There is interest in going to Disney in December to see their Christmas decorations. Future trips will be planned as the group decides where they would like to go next. If you would like further information, you may speak with Leslie Heumann (321) 507-0587 or ljheumann@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us!

Trinity Lutheran School News



Dear Hope Friends, We are grateful for your continued support of Trinity Lutheran School! Because of your support, we were able to offer some great events in October and will have exciting things planned for November. On Friday, October 24 our 6th Grade Class sponsored a Breast Cancer Walk in support of our Principal, Mrs. Barnewall, who is a two-year survivor! The students had a great time dressing in pink and sporting pink ribbon stickers. We celebrated the Reformation with a learning walk on Friday, October 31. Students learned some German phrases, learned about how Martin and Katie gardened, listened to hymns written by Martin Luther, and made some yummy pretzels! Our second semester tutoring will begin in February. If you are interested, please email Theresa Barnewall, Principal, at tbarnewall@trinity-rockledge.org. Your partnership makes a real difference in the lives of our students! Sincerely, The Faculty, Staff, and Students of Trinity Lutheran School



Shoes and Socks for Sherwood!

Sherwood Shoes/Socks- The lovely Nurse Elka at Sherwood Elementary has reached out to our Outreach team seeking help with children's shoes and socks as we approach this holiday season. We have organized Thrivent Cards to purchase the shoes however we will need help collecting socks for these children as well. There will be a sign-up sheet for socks available November 2nd with a quick turnaround of November 16th as we would like to get these to the nurse before Thanksgiving break at school. Thank you for providing a much-needed resource for the children in our community.

Hope for the Homeless-Providence Connects



We will be purchasing small fleece blankets for Providence Connects for November. Hope members can donate hand warmers (found at most dollar trees). We are preparing and stocking up for their winter time needs.



Sweater Ministry

This is the time of year for the sweaters and hats from the sweater ministry to be shipped to the recipients in northern Minnesota. Before they are shipped, there will be a display of the lovely creations in the Narthex on November 30. Linda Miller asks that you have sweaters you have made to the church by November 23 for set up. If you are a knitter or crocheter and would be interested in being a part of this group, please see Linda Miller.

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Gifts from the Heart
Christmas Shop



November Ministry of the Month

The month of November is focused on The Gifts from the Heart Christmas Shop. GFTH Christmas Shop's mission is to provide a rewarding, affordable, dignity-affirming Christmas shopping experience. Parents of low-income families are able to purchase gifts for children at affordable prices, thereby given a "hand up" and not a "hand out." Eight local non-profits will be supported this year, including three which Hope regularly supports: Family Promise, New Life Mission, and Neighbor Up Brevard (DOCK). Our Ministry of the Month donation will support each of these with \$200 to use for Christmas Shop gifts. For more information check the website at www.giftsfromtheheartshop.org.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you all for continuing to support Operation Christmas Child. National box collection week is November 17-21st so we would like all online boxes ordered and physical boxes to be returned by Sunday November 9th to allow time for a Blessing and a drop off to the designated drop off church in Melbourne. You may pick from the following selections Boy 2-4 years old, Boy 5-9 years old, Boy 10-14 years old OR Girl 2-4 years old, Girl 5-9 years old or Girl 10-14 years old. Here is the link for the goal page for OCC. <https://build-a-shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/80872730-8c9e-46ce-b471-3c35343ca571>. You may also scan this QR code above to get to our goal page.



Baker's Blessings

This month's cookies will be due on Sunday, November 17th and will be going to Eau Gallie High School. We are asking for 2 ½ dozen cookies to be bagged two to a bag in Ziplock Baggies. Please take a bag of "Baker's Blessings" labels and put one on each bag of cookies. When you deliver your cookies, please put a check mark in the "Cookies Delivered" box. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sutter at (321) 537-2717. Thank you!

Guardian ad Litem Angel Tree



Later in November, an angel tree for the Friends of Children of Brevard Guardian ad Litem will be on display in the narthex. There will be gift requests listed from children who through no fault of their own have been separated from their parents. The tree will be up after we get the angel request cards, probably the week of Nov. 9, and more information will follow.



Hands on Hope-CITA Dinner

There will be a Hands on Hope activity on Thursday, Nov. 20. We will be serving dinner for about 50 clients and staff of CITA Rescue Mission, 2330 Johnny Ellison Drive, Melbourne. Dinner will be prepared by Beth Hazley through 2chicksandapots and Thrivent. If you can assist by being a server and/or greeter from 4:45 to 6 p.m., please indicate that on the sign up sheet in the narthex. You are also invited to the worship service following at 6:30 p.m. and may sign up for that as well. If you have questions, please contact Dave Roberts (dlobertsfl@gmail.com or 804-512-1496). Don't miss this opportunity to be Hope in our community!

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The Sharing Center Thanksgiving Baskets

Hope's Thanksgiving baskets will be going to The South Brevard Sharing Center. You can purchase the items off the shopping list for a basket or provide a cash donation to purchase gift cards for turkeys as well as baskets. A \$20 donation will buy a turkey and a \$32.00 donation will provide a basket. If you will be shopping for a "basket" grab an Aldi's shopping bag and use that as your basket. Please indicate below how you will be able to help. **Cash donations/Baskets are due at Hope by Sun., Nov. 9th.** If you have any questions, please speak to Nancy Sutter. Thank you for helping those less fortunate to enjoy a holiday meal!

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Striving to be people of HOPE in our Community.

Carrying the HOPE of Jesus to our community by growing together through worship, education, service and fellowship.



Worship

Worship is very important to us here at Hope. It's a time where we can gather together as followers of Jesus and come into contact with our God, who loves us and forgives us. When we come together in worship, we pray, praise and give thanks to God for His grace delivered to us through His Word and Sacraments.



Education

In order to be people of Hope in our community, we believe it is vital for each of us to grow in our understanding of the God who loves and and forgives us through Jesus. This is why Hope provides a variety of educational opportunities as you continue to explore the faith we share. Go to www.hopebrevard.org to get plugged in!



Service

Serving our community has been a part of Hope's mission since we were planted as a church in 2005. This legacy continues still today as the first 11% of our budget every year is dedicated to our outreach ministry. Through this ministry of service, Hope provides many opportunities for our members to reach into our community with the Hope of Jesus.



Fellowship

We all appreciate when we have a friend or two to walk alongside us as we experience the joys and sorrows that we encounter along life's way. Through our times of fellowship at Hope, we deepen the relationships we have with one another and learn how we might best bear one another's burdens.