

Dear Fellow Hopesters,
Jesus said, "a man's life does not consist of the things he possesses." As a owner of a lot of junk, I have found this to be true. The things that really matter are eternal. It seems the more I hang on to things, I find myself disappointed. The recent eco-



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conomic slump has shown me that I can't bank on anything but God. Our junk is like cotton candy . . . it tastes good for a while and then grows old.

I want to encourage you to fix your eyes and thoughts upon Jesus. He alone is your bread and supply.

Recently, I was in the hospital awaiting surgery. As my sweet wife Kelley kissed me goodbye we both knew I could die that afternoon. Before I was wheeled into the surgical ward I had a few moments with God. I began to

confess any known sin. *I had been a Christian for many years, yet I wanted to somehow make "sure" I was ready to meet God.* As I was wheeled into surgery the anesthesiologist said, "Are you ready?" I knew he was about to put me out. I told him, "Yes, I am ready if you should kill me I'll be in heaven." He asked me "Really? Have you been a good guy?" **Suddenly I realized the unyielding truth about myself . . . my efforts to go to heaven are futile.** I told the Doc, *"No sir, I am banking upon the behavior of Jesus instead of mine."*

What are you "banking" on? Have you replaced true faith in the Eternal God for security in temporary junk? Can I challenge you today? Put your stock in the Risen Jesus. He alone holds the keys to eternal dividends. It is an honor to serve Jesus amongst each of you at Hope! My life is full because of you. Our friends and kids are our greatest treasures!

Love,
Mark Springs
Director of Men's Ministry

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays - 5pm
Sundays - 8, 9:30, 11am

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STORIES OF FAITH, HOPE and LOVE

Have you noticed some friendly folks wearing "service station" style shirts? They're members of the new YOU Crew. In case you haven't heard, this team's mission is to make Hope's first-time guests feel welcome. "First impressions are important. We only get one chance to do it right," said Pastor Tom Howland. "If a guest actually makes it into the Big Room without anyone welcoming them, chances

are they won't speak to anyone all morning. We want to make certain every guest feels welcomed. We don't smother them, just make sure their questions are answered and they feel at home."

Sunday, a YOU Crew member noticed an unfamiliar face looking at guest materials. A conversation was struck up, questions were answered, and introductions made. "I'm sure that

guest felt welcomed," Tom said.

One topic discussed in the Crews' training was how sharing and learning names is such a personal thing. "Our name is a very precious thing, so we should try to give it to people often and learn theirs as well," Tom added. If you have a passion for making people feel welcome, contact Pastor Tom about being part of the YOU Crew. It's a great way to make Jesus smile.

Send your stories to katherine@hopecc.net

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:25-26



UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Sat. Oct. 18th - HOPE WORK DAY. 8 am - Noon. Lunch provided. Come help prepare the ground for winter. Help needed!

Sun. Oct 12th - Family Picnic. Bring a lunch. Invite your neighbors. BBQ grills available. Family games and FUN. Help needed!

Sat. Oct. 18th - Family movie Night. Enjoy popcorn & show with friends. Childcare is provided. Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.



Sept. 6-7: \$0 No matching
Sept. 13-14: \$7,496 over + \$7,496 matching
Sept. 20-21: \$15,034 over + \$15,034 matching
Sept. 27-28: \$9,826 over + \$9,826 matching
Total budget deficit as of 10/3/08: - \$38,752

Attendance 10.5.08 Total: 952 (-8% for overlap)
Saturday: 37
Sunday: 8:00 :100 • 9:30 :614 • 11:00 :283

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$ 10,162	\$2,012
Wkly Budget	\$ 19,825	-
YTD Actual	\$754,263	\$320,215
YTD Budget	\$793,015	

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