

Dear Hope Community Church Family,
Recently I received an e-mail asking a good question. This past weekend I shared my response to that question during services: "One of the most harmful things a Body of Believers can do is not to do anything... to keep everything the same. You



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see, this is why so many churches are dying and ineffective. The thing is, those in places of leadership do not want to make the changes because others will misunderstand or question or send you e-mails... so, nothing ever gets done and the Body grows gray, comfortable, complacent, and dies."

Who or what do you fear?

Fear controls. Whatever you fear has complete power over you. Whether it's a phobia ("A phobia is an intense, unrealistic fear, which can interfere with the ability to socialize, work, or go about everyday life, which is brought on by an object, event or situation.") or being afraid of something harmful. Please know, whatever it is, you have

placed yourself at its mercy.

In Proverbs 9:10 we are told, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." When the Bible speaks of "fearing" God, it is not talking about fear as in being afraid. It is speaking of a "reverential awe" for his might and majesty. When the LORD is the greatest person we recognize, then we have chosen rightly. For when we fear Him, who is all powerful and greater than anything or any other, combined with the fact He is the One and Only, who is love and full of mercy and grace, then, we are in the best hands possible.

Who or what do you fear?

Jesus said in Luke 12:4-7, "I tell you,

my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

In Awe,

Pastor Steve



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays - 5pm

Sundays - 9:00 and 10:45am

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WE'RE TAKING HOPE TO THE WORLD

It seems most people who GO on God Ops wonder, "Who benefited more? The missionary we're serving? Or, me?" If that seems like an odd thought, then talk to one of the Haiti GO-Team members. While the team was blessed to serve missionary Jan Thompson in many ways, it's pretty obvious each of their lives has been greatly impacted.

After learning that many Haitians don't attend church because they are

not allowed to if they are not dressed nicely, some of the Haiti GO-Team members began looking into ways to supply "Sunday best" clothing to the people in the Bor Kanal slum of Gonaives. Others have been working behind the scenes on earthquake relief efforts. Others are now involved in a mentoring group. The youngest GOer is working to involve her entire school in serving God in Haiti. "

That God Op has seriously altered

my focus in life," said Angie Friesen. "I realized how out of whack my priorities were. It's refueled my passion to do something to help families here connect with orphans.

"I really fought God about going on this God Op. Now I'm so thankful that I went. It's the catalyst I needed to finally get me started doing what God has wanted me to do all along."

Check out the list of upcoming God Ops at welcome2hope.com.

"The Mighty One, God, The LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

Psalm 50:1



UPCOMING EVENTS...

What We Believe

Sunday, February 7th at 10:45 a.m. in A-1. This class discusses the basic beliefs of Hope. Contact Pastor Tom, 858-9100.

Women's 2010 Retreat March 5-6.

Airport Hilton. Register by Feb. 14. Contact, Liesa Hopper, 293-7286.

Volunteers Needed

Several opportunities to serve at the facility at Hope. Contact Larry, larry@hopecc.net or 316-858-9100.

Love I.N.C. Volunteers Needed

Help process assistance request from the public. One day a week for two hours. Contact Howard Tice, 838-0836 or 393-9065.

Attendance: 1.31.2010 Total: **870** (-6% for overlap)

Saturday: **64** Sunday: 9:00: **493** / 10:45 **368**

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$24,269	\$2,182
Wkly Budget	\$20,255	-
YTD Actual	\$71,886	\$7,192
YTD Budget	\$101,273	-

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