

Dear Hope Community Church Family,
In many ways it's a really good thing to confess, so... I'm going to come clean! Here's the thing: I get lots of e-mails. Because I figure someday I might need to remember something really important or some trivia from one of the e-mails you sent me, I keep my e-mails for an extended



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period of time. After all, e-mail for me, is kind of like a digital file cabinet. Or perhaps like a whole lot of electronic post it notes.

Sure, I always delete the numerous junk e-mails, but I do hold onto most of the others. So, here's my confession: A week ago I noticed I had about 12,000 e-mails in my Inbox! Ok... even for me, that's a few too many, so I went back in my file to a year or so ago, and began to hit the "delete" key. Now I'm down to a manageable 4,897.

What's the point? Well... it sure felt good to hit that "delete" key! In fact, the more I deleted the better I felt. It's kind of like cleaning out your garage or that scary room in your basement filled

with all kinds of odds and ends. The more you clean and the more you throw out the more satisfaction you seem to gain.

It seems to me the same is also very true in our spiritual lives. In our spiritual lives it's also a good thing to come clean and admit we need to hit the "delete" key, and with God's help, clear out a lot of unneeded baggage. In fact in Hebrews 12:1 we are told, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Is there anything in your life which

needs to be deleted? Is there anything in your spiritual walk which needs to go away because it's tying you down and hindering you from being all that God desires for you to be? Is there anything messing up your walk with Jesus? Are you unsure what these things might be? If so, sincerely ask Jesus to reveal the excess baggage and any sin which needs to go.

OK... now I guess I need to start working on the e-mails in my Sent Items folder. As of right now they number 11,237. Oh boy! Here we go again!

Deleting.

Pastor Steve



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays - 5pm

Sundays - 9:00 and 10:45am

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WE'RE TAKING HOPE TO THE WORLD. . .

Hope's "next generation" is making their mark on the world. The children of early Hopes are venturing out and becoming ministry leaders across the globe. Another "Nex-Gen" Hoper will soon be joining those ranks.

Luke Wayland, a former Augusta HS student, completed his two Masters Degrees in Old Testament and Biblical Languages from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Mass in December. He is now celebrating his acceptance to Harvard

Divinity School's ThD Program. At Harvard, Wayland will be working toward a doctorate in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible studies.

"I've always felt led to go to seminary," Luke said. "And attending Harvard has been a dream of mine since I was a child."

Luke, who plans to become a writer after obtaining his ThD, said he has long had a fascination with the stories of the Old Testament and the Hebrew language. He hopes to someday

bring that fascination to life for others through his own writing. "This has all been pretty exciting for me. I believe God put me here at the perfect time in my life."

Luke's wife Lisa is also a "Nex-Gen" Hoper. She is the daughter of one of Hope's founding families, Dwight and Janice Carter. The couple currently resides in Boston (Go Red Sox!) where Lisa works as a freelance graphic designer.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

Isaiah 58:6



UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Love Wichita Saturday, April 24 2010

Join Hope as we serve the City of Wichita and its neighborhoods. Projects include: painting, construction, yard clean-up, etc. Register online, www.lovewichita.org under Hope Community Church. Deadline to register is April 5. Contact, Katherine, katherine@hopecc.net

What is Worship?

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., room A-4
Eric Hauck teaches the reasons and benefits of worship. Contact Eric, 858-9100.

Hope Hill God Op

Commitment Deadline: March 15
For info, see website or contact Jared Brown, 644-4581, jbrown01@sterling.edu

Attendance: 2.23.2010 Total: **859** (-6% for overlap)

Saturday: **50** Sunday: 9:00: **419** / 10:45 **445**

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$21,597	\$1,738
Wkly Budget	\$20,255	-
YTD Actual	\$126,008	\$10,738
YTD Budget	\$162,037	-

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