

Dear Hope Community Church Family,
Our home church is currently studying through Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing God's Will*. What a great study! Blackaby introduces seven concepts of God's will, but it's only the first of the



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seven I want to explore briefly with you. This first concept is that God is always at work around you. Let me emphasize the ALWAYS.

This has been settling in on me over the last few weeks. Even though the rest of the seven concepts in the study build on one another, this first one is worthy of note as it applies to each of our daily lives. If I believe this concept, then it means, literally, I can't go anywhere, be with anyone, experience life's daily routine or stub my toe without God being there.

O.K., so I know God has told us that He'd never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), but do I really believe that He is at work around me all the time? If that is so, then I should be

looking to see how that working is taking place in order to join in on what God is doing (one of Blackaby's later of the seven concepts).

Here's how this has impacted me: I'm more mindful than ever that each person I meet during the day, whether scheduled or not, may be someone to whom God has been speaking and needs some human encouragement to take a step closer to Him. It means everything that comes across my path each day (even stubbing my toe?!) has a God-element in it I should be watching for. It means that life really can be viewed as an adventure for God as I look for Him to show me things that can be said or done for eternity's sake. Does the delivery driver need an "Attaboy!/Attagirl!?"

Does that maintenance person in the hospital hallway need a sincere "Thank you!" for their good work in keeping the place spotless?

Well, you can see where this is going. One of the ways we can know and do God's will is to keep our eyes open to see where, how, and with whom God is busily at work. Give it a try, as the children learned at Vacation Bible School last week, go on a daily God hunt—and be amazed at what God shows you to do!

Learning to watch,

Tom

Pastor Tom



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturdays - 5pm

Sundays - 8, 9:30, 11am

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If it has been a long time since you were baptized, think back. Do you remember how special you felt after getting dunked? Do you remember how significant that day was in your life? Did it seem like you were just starting out on a great big, brand new and exciting adventure?

If it has been a long time since you were baptized, think back. And consider how those same feelings are affecting this year's roster of Hopenester Baptizees. There were young "wet-

behind-the-ears" children with their proud parents assisting in the dunking. There were teenagers committing their lives to Christ. There was a special-needs youth who splashed his way into everyone's hearts. There was "Bootleg" the Mohawk-sporting biker who rides with BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse. And there were some folks with grueling stories of addiction, but have now come to know Jesus as the one to turn toward in their time of need.

So, even if it has been a long time since you were baptized, never forget the significance of this simple act of faith. Never forget what it meant in your life. And never forget that it's really what Hope is all about. Baptism Sunday is a GREAT day!

Two young Hopenester girls summed things up well after the last person was baptized. One turned to the other, smiled, and joyfully said, "I love our church."

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God."

1 John 4:15



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Women's Bible Study - June 10-July 23
Anointed Transformed Redeemed - A Study of David. Childcare provided.
 For info: Clara Ashton, 733-6518.

Women's Wednesday Night Book Club
 June 24 - July 29, 6:30 p.m. in A-7. Discussion of Jennifer Rothschild's *Self Talk, Soul Talk*. For info: Jennifer Baysinger, 733-1971.

For information about weekly activities visit our website at www.welcome2hope.com

"Summer Blast" -Wednesday Nights, 6:30 p.m., June 24 - July 22. Kids going into 1st - 5th grade. Register in the main lobby.
 For info: Pastor Pam Howland, 858-9100.

Join the Multimedia Team/PowerPoint
 Skills needed: MS Word, MS PowerPoint, Internet and run a DVD player. We will train.
 For info: Kathy Bridges, 393-8425.

Attendance 6.14.09 Total: (-8% for overlap)
 Saturday:
 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 -

	GENERAL GIVING	EXPEDITION HOPE
Wkly Giving	\$	\$
Wkly Budget	\$19,322	-
YTD Actual	\$	\$
YTD Budget	\$	-