

# Hope Happenings

*Connecting the congregation in ministry.*

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church  
451 Ackman Road  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**September 2011**

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**Resumes  
September 21**

For thousands of years, God's people have spent their earthly lives trying to follow Him.

This year, Adventure Club will be "Traveling Through God's Time" to meet some of those individuals - Bible characters who demonstrated godly traits. Adventurers will see Abraham's faith in action...watch Moses' dependability...observe Jesus' humility...learn about Deborah's servant leadership, Ruth's loyalty, David's compassion. New and familiar stories will take on greater significance as children learn that Bible characters were just like them.

On this exhilarating 28-lesson adventure, clubbers will have a chance to apply learned characteristics to their own lives - in very practical ways. They will struggle with questions such as: How can I show self-sacrifice? Is integrity important in the fifth-grade? What is wisdom and how do I get it? It's an adventure you won't want to miss!

Adventure Club is a mid-week Bible program for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet every Wednesday, September 21, 2011 through April 25, 2012 at Hope 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For registration go to [www.hope-covenant.org](http://www.hope-covenant.org) look for Adventure Club under Latest Updates and click on the link to online registration. Club starts Wednesday, September 21. Register now - pay later! Contact Lynn Winn for information.



**MOPS  
Fall Kickoff**

MOPS exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschooler to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Christ Jesus. The theme for this MOPS year is **Momsense**. 2 Timothy 1:7 encourages us to use our gifts by being bold, loving and sensible. This year we will continue to embrace our mothering instincts and develop our own parenting style while navigating through the myriad of daily mom decisions.

We will kick off the year with an open house this Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 - 11:00. Stop by and bring friends. Come see what MOPS is all about. Registration forms will be accepted through September. Contact MOPS Co-coordinators, Carrie McCune or Kristine Witt if you need additional information.

We are always in need of MOPPET volunteers. If you can spare a few hours on alternate Thursday mornings and would like to spend some time with the kids, please let us know.

## ***Children's Ministry: What YOU do MATTERS!***

Jesus smiles when he sees your ministry...

You pass on faith and hope to a future adult...

You help children find their voice...

You change the world—one child at a time...

As you encourage a child's faith...you encourage your own...

You get to watch children become friends and followers of Jesus...

Jesus is the author and finisher of your faith...and your ministry...

Kids' fingerprints leave a mark on your heart...

Children are counting on YOU...

If not you, THEN WHO?

God has called you.

*Hope Covenant Church is a place where the faith of children is nurtured. If you are called to serve in the children's ministries, contact Amy Caspari, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

## Women Ministries - -

### Bible Study Opportunities

Monday Mornings This popular study will resume on September 12 at 9:15 a.m. Your input is needed as the decision is being made regarding what to study. Bring your ideas! Talk with Faith Gerber or Karaline Madigan.

An Evening Study Plans are being formed for a study of the Book of Daniel using the Beth Moore resources. What day works for you? Please let us know of your interest. Contact Kristy Ufheil.

### ***Fall Fellowship Retreat:***

September 23-25, 2011

Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, Lake Geneva, WI

### **Let's Be There!**

Featuring Toni Schwabe, lifelong member of the Covenant. Toni has held different roles in Women Ministries, is a wife, mother, and grandma. She is currently studying for her MDiv at N P Seminary.

**There are 20 women from Hope signed up!**

### Pastoral Search

The Search Committee is continuing their work to identify candidates for Hope's Lead Pastor. Thanks to everyone who completed a survey. We have been reviewing the results and comments. The information gathered so far has been invaluable.

Congregational input is critical for this process and the committee is now looking for additional input and feedback through our **Town Hall Meetings** and **church leadership meetings**. With this information, we hope to finalize the Pastor Profile which identifies the qualities our congregation is looking for in our next pastor. At that point we'll be ready to move onto the Church Profile which will help identify who we are as a church and what we would like to become in the years ahead.

Please be patient, there is much more work to be done.

→ **Town Hall Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m.**

### ***Crystal Lake Food Pantry***

People desiring to serve at the Food Pantry, please contact Herb Snider.

**Sign-ups** are now being taken for families to host the Sunday morning coffee and cookie time.

## *Student Ministries*

### For Junior and Senior High Youth

Junior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Senior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

- September 11 at 10:45 a.m. We start with Sunday School Kick-off for all ages in Sanctuary.
- Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. First Junior High meeting.
- Sunday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. Parents/CHIC information meeting.
- Sunday, September 18, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. First Senior High meeting.
- Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. First Confirmation meeting.

### **THANK YOU...**

On behalf of the Greenwood family, the Care Team thanks you for your generosity in providing meals, mowing the lawn, doing housework, arranging play dates, being relief visitors, sending notes of love and encouragement, and lifting them up in prayer. To see where the needs are and get updates on Lisa's progress, go to [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org)

### **Church Potluck**

On Sunday September 4th we will be having an all church potluck during the Sunday School hour, 10:45-11:45am. Invite your friends and family, and then sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know what side dish or dessert you will be bringing. The Fellowship team will be grilling chicken and sausage ka-bobs and serving lemonade and water. Bring your lawn chairs!

### **Serve - - Opportunities this fall**

- September 7 - Our day to serve at the food pantry.
- September 10 we are reaching into our community. We will be visiting our neighbors and connecting with them while collecting food for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. In March we went with 4 people and in June with 27 people. Our September goal is 50 people!
- September 25 - Crop Walk where we raise money to help feed hungry people here and elsewhere.
- October 7 - We serve at the food pantry.
- October 15 - AIDS Care Kit packing day. This project helps AIDS patients.
- November 4 - Our day to serve at the food pantry.
- November 5 - Neighborhood Walk/Coat Drive. November and December - Salvation Army bell ringing; helping the urban poor.
- December 10 - Feed My Starving Children packing.

## Let's Celebrate Together

### September Birthdays

2 Linda Rosenberg	14 Tim McNaughton
3 Kyle Nicholas	19 Karlene Stitle
4 Nickolas Witt	21 Samantha Szum
11 Axel King	24 Amanda Johnson
11 Josh McNaughton	25 Madison Jackson
12 Debbie Brecheisen	25 Rachel Person
13 Dave Greenwood	28 Katherine Donigian
14 Sarah McNaughton	29 Trey Kellum

### September Anniversaries

1 Ed and Judy Frazier	1962
2 Kevin and Stephanie Kuligowski	2000
2 Dave and Rachel Person	1978
3 Gary and Dawn Smith	1983
9 Dave and Julie Szum	1988
22 Kevin and Ruth Marshall	1972
25 Patrick and Vida Westerberg	1982

Send a card, make a phone call or say it in person.  
Let them know you remembered their special day.

## Annual Christmas Program

Plans are underway for the annual Christmas Program. Still in the planning stages, I am investigating the level of interest in the congregation. Nothing is firm yet, but I do plan the rehearsals for Saturday mornings 9-10:30 starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like to do a musical incorporating anyone interested including adults this year. We will need someone to help with the children during rehearsals and someone for costumes depending on what is chosen. The planned presentation date will be probably at 5:30 PM on a Sunday evening. There will be an interest meeting right after the Sunday School Kickoff on Sunday, September 11. If you are interested in participating please contact Donna Oates.

## Fall Action Zone

Do your children pretend to be superheroes? Maybe they pretend to have powers that don't really exist. This fall in Action Zone we'll be learning about God's Superheroes from the Bible and our own church family. God does give us super powers when we follow Him each day. Come check out God's Superheroes and Super Powers in Action Zone starting September 4<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, talk to Kate Norten.

2 Corinthians 5:9 "We make it our goal to please Him."

## Fall Sunday School Kick-off

Sunday, September 11

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

The Kick-off is for everyone: Children, Youth and all adults. Join us in the Sanctuary to help us start our fall season. Sunday School is for all ages.

## Fall Sunday School: FaithWeaver

In Luke 10:41-42, Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things, but only *one thing* is needed." Can you identify with Martha? I can! The *FaithWeaver* lessons help learners focus on that *one thing*, a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. By providing meaningful activities, great discussion, and personal challenges, *FaithWeaver* takes learners past head knowledge of the Bible and into heart-change and life-change.

The name says it all: the goal of this Sunday School curriculum is to weave faith in Jesus Christ into all areas of our lives. This is a resource that God will use to change the lives of the children and families at Hope Covenant Church. Prayerfully consider how YOU and YOUR FAMILY can participate.

## Marriage on The Rock

Many of our marriages have moments that are "on the rocks." Starting on September 18<sup>th</sup> and continuing for 10 weeks we'll explore how to place our marriages on THE ROCK - Jesus Christ. We'll discuss the most important issue in a marriage, a covenant relationship, foundational laws of marriage: priority, pursuit, possession, and purity. We'll also discuss the basic needs of men and women, and the principles of financial success. Come join us during the Sunday School hour for great discussion!

## Sunday School for All

Children – *FaithWeaver* with lessons from the Old Testament. Children will start together in room A4 for music and then go to classes for Preschoolers; Kindergarten to Second Grade; and Third Grade to Fifth Grade.

Youth – Jr. High and Sr. High meet in the Youth Room

Adults – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour this fall – choice of two classes

*FaithWeaver* – we will be looking at the Old Testament passages that the children will be learning, Sunday by Sunday.

*Marriage on the Rock* - exploring how to place our marriages on THE ROCK – Jesus Christ.

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### At Hope Covenant Church

#### Saturday Evening

5:30 pm Worship

#### Sunday Morning

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School  
For all ages

## Sunday Worship in September

September 4 - Magnus Hilbo preaching  
September 12 - Pastor Matt King preaching  
September 19 - Pastor Matt King preaching  
September 25 - Guest preacher

### Saturday Evening - 5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

You are always invited to attend our Saturday Evening Worship.

### *Prayer Gathering* *Tuesday Evenings,* *7:00 to 8:00 p.m.*



You are invited to participate in our weekly prayer gathering. It will be through prayer that we advance God's kingdom through Hope Covenant Church. No special skill required. Just come with your heart ready to pray. Together we bring requests, praise, and gratitude to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come. "My house will be called a house of prayer. . . ."

Matthew 21:13

Quoted from Isaiah 56:7.

Please send newsletter contributions by  
September 25  
to <Dale.hopehap@sbcglobal.net> for the  
October 2011 issue of *Hope Happenings*.

## Our Church Library

The church library is there for your benefit. Make it a priority to visit the Library for reference material, books and CD / video / DVD recordings.

### *Hope's Vision Statement*

To serve the needs  
of our communities' contemporary families,  
focusing on the unchurched,  
to find hope in Christ for today and eternity.

## *Your Church Leaders*

Church Chair - Tim McNaughton

Church Vice Chair

also Board of Spiritual Life Chair - Al Winn

## *Pray for our military personnel*

Mehrvarz Yavaliollah in Iraq

Give us the name(s) of other service personnel.