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This month

October 2 - Baby Shower for
Crystal Mazzuca @3pm

October 3 - Ladies Pray It Forward
@9am

October 15 - SALT talk @9am

October 22 - New Members
Class@9am

October 29 - Baby shower for
Stacy Null @10am

October 31 - Family Fun Night
(BLBC) @6pm

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REFLECTIONS

from Pastor Karl



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WORLDVIEW RESULTS

The results are in. As many of you know, this past spring I taught a twelve week series on Developing A Biblical Worldview. I asked the congregation to take a worldview survey both before and after the series with the goal of measuring the change in the attitudes and beliefs of the adults who attend Hope Community Church.

This was my thesis project for my doctoral work at Denver Seminary. This type of project would not only reveal whether or not adult listeners were experiencing change, it would reveal whether or not preaching was contributing toward change in attitudes and beliefs. In other words, does preaching really work? Do people change as a result of listening to a series of Sunday sermons?

It is clear that measurable change occurred in the attitude and beliefs of the adults members at Hope Community Church. This change occurred in two directions. There has been a trending toward a biblical worldview and away from a secular humanist worldview at the same time. This is both encouraging and surprising.

The results are encouraging in that the change was significant and

clearly toward a greater understanding of a Biblical worldview. The growth in this area at our church was across the board in terms of age, tenure at the church, and attendance in an ABF or small group. I had expected the younger crowd to change the most as well as those who are newer to our church. It seemed that less time in church or in a group meant less exposure to the Bible and more room to grow. This project revealed that people of any age and any length of experience in Christianity can grow in response to input from God's Word.

The surprise in this project is what we had in the church as indicated in the survey before the worldview series. As many as 30% of those who completed the survey were classified in the secular humanist category prior to the worldview series, with only 13% in the secular humanist category after the series.

When I first came here, the church had been without a pastor for four years. Those who stayed were mostly the core group. We needed to grow beyond the core group. We needed people who were new to Christianity - they'd been disillusioned with the church or simply were not yet saved. I think we have that now. I meet people every Sunday who have been invited by someone who was invited by someone else who was invited...and so it goes. We have people who don't agree with everything that is taught, but they come back hungry for more. This is normal and we need to expect more of the same.

Here are a couple of specific questions to give you an idea of where change occurred:

Individuals should be allowed to conduct life as they choose as long

as it does not interfere with the lives of others.

This question is important because it reveals a person's willingness to live under the authority of God as opposed to the postmodern concept of personal preference. For the purposes of this project, it was taught that we all live under the authority of God's Word.

In the preliminary survey, the results were evenly divided. Just as many people felt we should be free to do whatever we want as long as we don't hurt anyone as those who felt it would be wrong to live this way. In the concluding survey, the church was almost unanimous in its indication that we are not free to do whatever we want, even if no one is not hurt by our actions.

Here's another additional question from the survey:

Absolute truth exists in all areas of life and can be known.

This question is important for this project because it very clearly and concisely reveals the individual's belief and attitude about absolute truth. In the preliminary survey, about 60% of the church agreed with this statement, whereas in the concluding survey about 90% agreed.

During this twelve week series, there were two people who became Christians. There were many who re-evaluated what they believed about important issues and a good number of these changed their beliefs. Others were affirmed in their faith. In the final analysis, God made His Word powerful. God always makes His Word powerful.

- Pastor Karl

From The Music Desk

Once upon a time, (I've always wanted to start like that!) Karl and I were living in Vancouver, Washington while he attended Western Seminary. We were plugged into a church in the area and I was a part of a worship team on Sunday mornings. They ran their services very similarly to how we do things here at Hope. The pastor would give the message and the vocalists and band would come back on stage at the conclusion and sing a closing song with the congregation.

One particular Sunday morning, I was backstage waiting to take my place when I heard the Pastor begin his closing prayer. This was a bit of a problem because the worship leader was missing in action and I was the only vocalist present. There was no way to alert the pastor to keep on praying...in other words STALL so we could track down our fearless leader. It soon became evident that this was not going to happen, so the band and I all made our way onstage. This may not seem like such a big deal until you understand that I had NEVER lead worship in my life. I was a backup singer. I was relatively new to the church and, boy, was I nervous! So, imagine when the "Amen" was uttered and everyone opened their eyes to look up and see...just little old me. I explained, in some round about way that this morning, we were going to do things a little differently...and off we went,



*"Commit your ways unto the Lord. Trust in Him and He will do this."
- Psalm 37:5*

worshipping the Lord as this opportunity presented itself. And you know what? I survived and they survived. (You can probably imagine the look on our worship leader's face when he walked in afterwards, with his hot cup of Starbucks coffee, and realized we'd gone on without him!)

It wasn't much longer after this particular Sunday that I became a weekly worship leader and my call into this ministry began. It might look like an accident, but God doesn't deal in accidents. I never heard an audible voice telling me I'd

found my future career. I never saw a glow around the piano when I walked by. What I do know is I had been praying God would use my life for His Glory.

I hope you're living life this way. You never know where God might be leading you and all for His Glory!

~Julie



One Holy Night News

I've been asked to let everyone know that we will not be presenting ONE HOLY NIGHT this year. Due to our new building and the fact that getting it prepared for occupancy during November, December and January will require every bit of volunteer work we can muster, we have decided not to try and take on these two large tasks at one time. There will be opportunities to be involved in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday services for those of you who would like to participate. In the meantime, plan on helping any way you can when the call goes out for workers to help with our new sanctuary. Thanks!

Youth News

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Can you be a growing Christian and not read?

Hmmm.... I am sure it is possible. Maybe if you never learned to read or you live in a completely oral culture where reading is not of any value except to the cultural elites.

But what about you?

1. Do you know how to read?
2. Do you have books right in front of you?
3. Do you have a Bible in your language, in a translation built to be readable for people at your level of Christian maturity?

So can you get away with not reading and still be a growing Christian?

Read your Bible

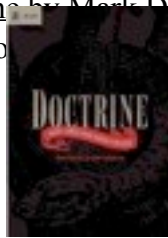
Read great books

Let God teach you his Word!

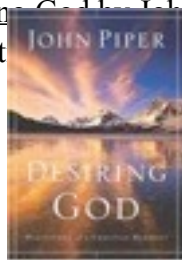
-Pastor Nate

Recommended Reading:

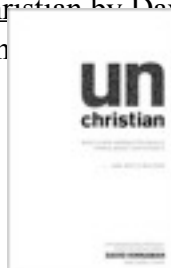
Doctrines by Mark Driscoll
(Theology)



Desiring God by John Piper
(Christianity)



UN Christian by David Kinnaman
(Current Events)



More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell
(Apologetics)



High School

SNL

Sundays

7pm-9pm

HUB

Psych Premier Party, Oct. 12, 8pm @ The Mazzuca's House

Middle School

Wildside

Tuesdays

7pm-8:30pm

HUB

Progressive Dinner, Oct. 22

College

Wednesdays

8:30pm-10pm

Ron & Cathy Newell's house

Sunday School

Jr. and Sr. Doxa

Sundays

9am-10am

HUB

Small Groups

Meet during the week

Contact Nate to get plugged in

ypnathan@hopecc.us

Website

www.hopestudentministry.com

Check out the youth website for tons more!

WOODSHOP UPDATE



The general fund giving through August dropped below budget by \$5,400. Gifts in through the first three week of September are in line with our budget for the month, so it looks like we will remain a little bit short of budget. Expenses through August remain under budget by \$6,750.

Building fund receipts through the first three weeks of September were just over \$21,500. Praise the Lord! So we passed our monthly goal and will make up some of the shortfall from earlier. Please keep the building team and the workers in your prayers.

Thank you for your faithfulness in financially supporting Hope.



As you can see from the pictures, the building is coming right along! The trusses are being set, and the roof will be up in no time! If you haven't seen the construction schedule posted in the downstairs lobby of our current building, check it out! Our contractor, BPCI, is doing a fabulous job and they are still on schedule. Please continue to keep praying for our project.

~Building Team

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

With our short summer fading and fall soon approaching, the “cozy” reading season is upon us. If you missed some Sundays during the summer, what better than to listen to the CD sermon series on Ruth by Pastor Nate over the summer? Or certainly any of the past sermon series by Pastor Karl! They’re all right there in the library, a rich spiritual resource from our own passionate and gifted pastor/teachers. There are also some excellent new resources

on the library shelves - in particular, the books *Shadowed* by Jerry Jenkins, and *Erasing Hell* by Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle. Plus two new DVDs: “*Soul Surfer*,” a major motion picture based on a memorable true story from a few years back, and “*Indescribable*” by Louie Giglio, who continually provides us with the awe-inspiring, grand majestic truths of our God that can sometimes be forgotten in living our day-to-day lives. Every resource mentioned above is

guaranteed to build your faith and your thankful heart in these rapidly-changing, confusing days where peace can sometimes seem elusive. So...don’t forget the library at Hope when you’re seeking excellent media for everyone in the family!



Women’s Ministry

Simplify Your Spiritual Life

Women’s Retreat - October 7-9, Black Lake Bible Camp

Come for a weekend of rest and renewal at Black Lake Bible Camp’s annual women’s retreat. Listen to great speakers, experience beautiful worship, attend informative workshops, and enjoy all the fun things the camp has to offer such as hikes, trails, crafts, and the lake.

It’s not too late! Register ASAP at www.blacklakebiblecamp.com. Contact Sheryl Noble for more information - russ.and.sheryl@gmail.com

This year’s speaker: Elizabeth Inrig



Church Volleyball



Come show us what you’re made of!

Hope Community will have two volleyball teams this year. Pre-season games will start in November on Monday nights. We are looking for about 15 players aged 18 or older. Cost will be \$20 per player. **If you are interested please contact either Ted Halstead (halstead4@hotmail.com) or Jim Ketcham.**

KID'S CONNECTION

1. Because the days are shorter, what is there less of in autumn?



- a. Animals
- b. Rain
- c. Light
- d. Darkness



2. What language does the word "autumn" come from?

- a. German
- b. French
- c. Italian
- d. Russian



3. Why do leaves change colors in autumn?

- a. It is too cold
- b. There is less light
- c. The tree is dying
- d. It is a part of harvesting

4. What do people refer to the moon as in fall?

- a. Blue moon
- b. Yellow moon
- c. Dark moon
- d. Harvest moon



Answers: 1. c, 2. b, 3. b, 4. d

GET CONNECTED

Bible Studies

Hope offers many Bible studies and small groups during the week. What are you waiting for? Join one!

Sunday

Mom2Mom

6pm-7:30pm

Women

Small Group - Gary Bodeutsch

7pm-8:30pm

Mixed

Women of God

7pm-8:30pm

Women



Tuesday

Gospel of Mark

9:30am-11:30am

Women

Mom2Mom

12pm-1pm

Women

E Team

6:30pm-8pm

Men (2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month)

A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place (Beth Moore study)

7pm-8:30pm

Women



Thursday

The Book of Nehemiah

9:30am-11am

Mixed

Contact the church office for more information and to get plugged in.

Fall Family Fun Festival!

Join us on Monday, October 31 for a fun evening of games, prizes, food, inflatables, and so much more! Dress the kids up in their favorite costume and head over to Black Lake Bible Camp. Cost of admission and games is free. 6pm-9pm

And, yes, there will be candy!!!