

Hello Hope Church,

Well, that certainly was a different Fourth of July weekend, wasn't it? Regardless, we hope it was safe for you and your family.

You may have heard that the Santa Clara County Health Department has recently asked for and received permission by the state to increase indoor gatherings to 20 people (and 60 outdoor) effective July 13. While this is good news, the limit of 20 people indoors does not allow us to wholly gather as a church and, at this time, we do not anticipate doing outdoor services; as such, **Hope Church's facilities remain CLOSED**. That said, the new 20 people limit does allow us to increase our Sunday service participants (mainly the band and the Welcome Team) to practice our new, mandated safety protocols/procedures. We will open up to our entire congregation only after the county increases its people gathering limits and, as a church, we feel comfortable that we can safely have all of you on the premises. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, we continue our Sunday morning worship service, Monday evening bible studies, and other get-togethers via livestream or web-conferencing (see Hope's website for details). As a reminder, Pastor Kevin is hosting a **weekly Old Testament Survey class on Wednesdays (7pm) for the next several weeks** on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/608758790>. Sent. Make it a priority to attend and hang out with your Hope friends and learn more about the Old Testament! (even if you missed the first session last week)

As you get overwhelmed, frustrated, and/or just plain tired during these times, as God reminded the apostle Paul, He also reminds us: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9a) Remember, God is completely sufficient for you to face each day, no matter how troubling, and, if you continue to seek and follow Him, it is in your weakness, your frailty, that the power of God is made perfect in and through you!

In our weakness but in His power,

Hope's Elders and Pastor